



Nominee for President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence: Todd Slechta



Todd Slechta has been named as the nominee for president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence. After previous president Roger Oxendale retired in August 2020, an interim team of three individuals led CMB. This team included Todd Slechta, president of Covenant Initiatives for Care. He was named as executive vice president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence in November 2021 and has served as the executive leader of CMB until a president could be called by the denomination at this year's Annual Meeting.

Slechta brings broad executive and ministerial experience, including serving as an executive in a healthcare company where he guided the growth of a small, five-county rural healthcare agency into a statewide entity with the mission of serving children with special needs in rural and remote-rural areas. He has also served as a Covenant pastor and as executive director of Covenant Bible College in Canada and Ecuador. He was principal of Vanguard Classical School, which serves students with a range of disabilities, social, and emotional needs, as well as those with gifted and talented capacities. Following his time at Vanguard, he was vice president of personnel development for PeopleCare Health Services, an in-home healthcare company, where he designed and guided operational efficiencies via technological enhancements and staff training.

Todd and his wife, Sheryl, live in Chicago, where they attend Uptown Church, a Covenant church plant serving one of the most ethnically and socioeconomically diverse neighborhoods in the city. They have two daughters and sons-in-law, and one grandchild. Slechta is a teacher, author, percussionist, consultant, soccer fanatic, duffer, preacher, enjoyer of classical jazz, skier, coffee enthusiast, hiker, and novice kayaker who loves thrill rides.