



## Recognition of John Wenrich, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church

**THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH PRESENTS  
THIS CITATION OF APPRECIATION TO  
REV. JOHN S. WENRICH**

For faithful service as president from 2018 to 2022.

We give thanks to God for you and for your leadership of the Evangelical Covenant Church, for your deep dedication to Christ and his Church, and your commitment to live that out in all things as a passionate servant.

As a former church planter, pastor of a historic established church, and director of congregational vitality, as president you have valued the life and mission of our congregations first and foremost;

You have championed the whole mission of the church, concretely underscoring our commitment to join God in God's mission to see more disciples, among more populations, in a more caring and just world;

Your commitment to advancing the Covenant's multiethnic mosaic, as well as gender equality, has helped us continue to strive to better reflect the kingdom of God;

Your interest in younger leader development reminds us of the importance of investing to raise up new generations of gifted and godly leaders;

Your personal engagement with the Covenant's global partnerships has brought encouragement to national leaders and their countries all around God's beloved world;

You have ventured to examine important matters of our common life, often at times when they would have been personally easier to pass over;

You have reminded us that it is the Holy Spirit who animates our faith, guides our service, and sustains us as the blazing center;

And through it all, you have modeled for us a devout life with Jesus, and demonstrated the ways of a tender spouse to Julie, loving father to Jonathan, Joel, and Jordan, and affectionate grandfather to Sloane and Brooklyn.

For all of this, we give thanks to you and praise to the Triune God in whom we live and move and have our being.

Presented in the city of Kansas City, Missouri, on the 25th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

Thanks be to God.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Bonkoski". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jon Bonkoski

Chair, Covenant Executive Board