

Recognition of Paul Wilson, Pacific Southwest Conference Superintendent

THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH PRESENTS THIS CITATION OF APPRECIATION TO REV. PAUL WILSON

For outstanding service and dedicated leadership as superintendent of the Pacific Southwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church from 2014 to 2022.

For his long history of building, developing, and unleashing gifted staff teams, beginning at Alaska Christian College; continuing at First Covenant Church in Oakland, California; and as is clearly evident in the Pacific Southwest Conference, where the staff reflects the beautiful mosaic and diversity in our context and Paul has equipped leaders to fully live into how God has gifted them for ministry.

For his visionary leadership, as he has advanced and supported the mission of the Pacific Southwest Conference through the creation of IGNITE, the youth initiative, advancement of English speaking and Latino church planting, and RGR (Rooted, Growing, Resilient), always in close partnership with the conference staff.

For seeking to help others "see God, see people, and grow people." Untold numbers of people have experienced God and more fully embraced their personal and pastoral callings as a result of their interactions with Paul.

For making space for all to participate in important conference gatherings, regardless of their financial resources, from pastoral retreats, to gatherings of middle or high school youth, to the Annual Celebration; for insuring that "everyone gets to do everything we do."

For his obedience in following Jesus to reach out and care for the marginalized, whatever the reason for their marginalization.

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For excellence exhibited in exegeting a culture, including always its historical roots.

For his wisdom in listening, then leading.

For being a courageous risk taker.

Presented in the city of Kansas City, Missouri, on the 15th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand twenty-two.

John S. Wenrich, President