



Proposed Resolution of Gratitude for Gather 2022

RESOLVED, that the 136th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church express its gratitude to all who diligently worked to make this hybrid experience possible. With constituents engaging onsite and online, able to witness God's continual faithfulness to the Evangelical Covenant Church, above all else:

- To Covenant churches in North America for their continual support and prayers. We are all part of the Covenant's multiethnic mosaic and as a mosaic of mission friends, we continue to bear fruit for God's glory and neighbor's good.
- To our moderator, Elizabeth Jensen; vice-moderator, Rick Lindholtz; secretary, Nilwona Nowlin, and parliamentarian, Eric Filkin; who with joy and the utmost level of integrity, served and led this deliberative body through its first-ever hybrid experience.
- To all the delegates, general conferees, and guests who collectively responded and lived out our congregational polity, representing their communities to communally discern God's will for our shared mission and uniting their voices in praise to our God for fruit-bearing efforts that continue to make disciples who make disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.
- To the Council of Superintendents, the Council of Administrators, and Ethnic Association presidents and their respective teams for their partnership in ministry and their support in this year's gathering. Your prayers and support made this event possible.
- To our denominational team and global personnel for their continual commitment to God's mission, a small but gifted army who bathed this event in prayer and stepped beyond their daily work routines to collaborate and ensure no Gather detail was left unattended and that guests were cared for.
- To the Credentials Committee, who verified and certified attendees' credentials.
- To our Sergeants-at-Arms and Tellers, for their care of the meeting and for delegates; and for providing guidance to delegates with agenda items and meeting resources.

- To Erik Anderson, Director of Covenant Events, and Jordan Meyers, Director of Ministry Services for the President’s Office, for tending to every logistical and programming detail and ensuring Gather 2022 appeared seamless to participants.
- To the Operations team members, with special recognition to Jacqueline Sugihara, Director of Ministry Operations; Rita Sheppard, Operations Manager; Ryan Thompson, Virtual Culture and Learning Specialist; Karl Haukom Anderson, Operational Manager; and Rhoderick Gonzales, Data Manager; for holding the administrative and technical dimensions of this gathering closely for the past six months to ensure the table was adequately prepared and set for this convening.
- To our Marketing and Communications team, Jennifer McIntyre, Cathy Norman Peterson, Kristi Schild, Paul Stewart, Jelani Greenidge, Linda Sladkey, Kevin Kempe, Jenna Wilson, Nathan Nicholson, Jeremy White, and Joy Frierson; creative storytellers who with excellence crafted all our digital and print resources guaranteeing that constituents were informed and engaged in this historic Annual Meeting.
- To all the volunteers and ministry partners collaborating and supporting our production and programming efforts. Your hospitality, specialized gifts, and generosity made us “shine” and were a vital piece of the success we experienced this week.
- To our worship leaders, guest artists, and speakers who helped us come before the throne of grace as one body and hear God’s heart for this present season of ministry, Above All Else, the Covenant is three strands strong.
- To Dominique Gilliard, who in loving memory received the Irving J. Lambert Award in honor of “Big John” Perkins, and to T.W. Anderson Award recipient Percy Mueda for embodying what it means to be true disciples of Christ, to love God, and to love others as yourself;
- To Covenant ministries who were generous in their support of various dimensions of our Gather 2022 experience, including:
 - T.W. Anderson sponsored by the East Coast Conference
 - All our Covenant Affiliates who generously support the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Covenant, and who have contributed to make Gather 2022 possible; and
- To Pia Restrepo for coordinating our translation team and ensuring key documents for the business meeting and the business sessions were translated into Spanish.

RESOLVED, that the Covenant Annual Meeting express its appreciation to those who with distinction offered Christian witness, service, support, and hospitality to this 136th Covenant Annual Meeting.