

Minutes of the 136th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church

Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center
Kansas City, Missouri
June 23-25, 2022

FIRST BUSINESS SESSION

Thursday, June 23, 2022

1:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER & MORNING WORSHIP

Moderator Elizabeth Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., beginning with a land acknowledgment read by Secretary Nilwona Nowlin. The land acknowledgment stated that the gathering takes place on the historical lands of the Kiikaapoi, Washtáge Mozha, Osage, and Ochethi Sakowin nations and peoples and expressed gratitude for the land and those who have stewarded it throughout many generations.

The moderator explained the logistics of this first-ever hybrid Annual Meeting: delegates are participating online and onsite in Kansas City, Missouri. Paul Robinson, executive minister of love mercy and do justice, provided the devotional.

3. GREETING FROM CHURCHES OF THE MIDWEST CONFERENCE

A video was shared with the assembly. It included a greeting from Tammy Swanson-Draheim, superintendent of the Midwest Conference, and an overview of ministry happening in the Midwest Conference.

2. OPENING STATEMENT BY THE MODERATOR

Moderator Elizabeth Jensen explained procedures, issued an opening statement, and introduced the officers on stage.

Erik Anderson, director of events, provided coaching on how delegates will be able to participate in this first-ever hybrid business meeting using the AGM Convene platform. After an instructional video, he facilitated a few rounds of practice voting. During this time, there were brief recesses to address Internet issues and prepare paper ballots for onsite delegates who continued to have difficulties connecting to the AGM Convene platform. To accommodate this, some agenda items will be moved to later business sessions.

Dominique Gilliard, director of racial righteousness and reconciliation, introduced a Sankofa video.

4. REPORT ON CREDENTIALS AND MOTION

The moderator recognized Tiana Coleman, chair of the credentials committee, who presented the following motion on behalf of the credentials committee: “Those persons who have currently been registered and certified as delegates with the committee on credentials together with those who shall subsequently be registered and certified in the course of this Annual Meeting shall constitute the official roster of the 136th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church.”

The motion carried.

Coleman provided the following report:

Total credentialed voting delegates: 278 onsite, 212 online, for a total of 490

Total additional registrants in non-voting categories: 100 onsite, 8 online, for a total of 108
Total registered conference attendance of 378 onsite, 220 online, for a total of 598.

5. ACTION ON THE STANDING RULES

The moderator recognized Rick Lindholtz, vice-moderator, who, on behalf of the agenda committee and with the concurrence of the Executive Board, moved the adoption of the standing rules as modified with the addition of item 3d: Delegates onsite with connectivity issues will vote by paper ballot.

Proposed Standing Rules of Order for the 136th Covenant Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting Agenda Committee recommends the adoption of the following proposed standing rules of order for the 136th Covenant Annual Meeting.

INTRODUCTION

The written documents that govern the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church are the Illinois Not For Profit Act, the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the Evangelical Covenant Church Constitution and Bylaws, the Rules for the Ordered Ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church, the Covenant Pension Plan, and the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order (henceforth will be called Robert's Rules for purposes of this document). Robert's Rules provides that a convention or assembly of delegates such as the Covenant Annual Meeting may adopt its own standing rules to supplement the provisions of Robert's Rules and of its own documents. The Standing Rules provide guidance for this 136th Annual Meeting, setting out how items are dealt with generally. The Standing Rules require a two-thirds majority for adoption or suspension.

That the business of deliberative assemblies may be conducted by electronic means is given sanction in Robert's Rules most recent edition (the 12th ed., published in 2020, see Section 9, paragraphs 30-36). Procedures for establishing delegate credentials, obtaining the floor, discussion, and voting have been devised with due diligence to the spirit and letter of the Evangelical Covenant Church's governing documents, to Robert's Rules, and to the tradition of the Covenant Annual Meeting as a participatory and deliberative assembly.

STANDING RULES OF ORDER 2022 COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Business Meeting Shall Be Conducted in Hybrid Format – both with Online and Onsite capabilities.

- a. All delegates, whether attending online or onsite, are expected to have reliable means for participation and are credentialed according to the principle of "one delegate, one login IP address."
- b. All delegates, whether attending online or onsite, are responsible for their own personal technological connectivity and tools; for elements related to engaging with the voting platform, delegates may pursue assistance with the vendor platform's tech support team; a delegate's personal technology failure does not constitute a point of order, of information, or of privilege to be addressed to the whole meeting.
- c. Quorum is determined by the ratio of the number of delegates attending online who are logged in plus the number of onsite delegates who are logged in to the number of registered delegates.
- d. All individuals called upon to present to the delegates on an agenda item must appear in person or via a prerecorded video.

2. Obtaining the Floor

- a. Only those who have been credentialed as delegates, advisors, or resource persons can request the privilege to address the entire assembly, including on points of order, of information, and of personal privilege.

3. Voting

- a. All voting, whether delegates are attending online or onsite, is conducted electronically for this meeting, and meets the requirements stipulated in Robert's Rules for a secret ballot.
- b. All delegates will need a personal device (desktop, laptop, or mobile device) and an internet connection. For those attending onsite, an internet connection will be provided for you.
- c. Onsite or online delegates who are logged in but who do not vote on a question will be tallied as abstentions.

4. Debate

- a. Recognizing that delegates will be engaging online and onsite, every effort will be made to ensure the experience is similar for a delegate regardless of the mode of participation. Within the limits of technology and/or delegate's connectivity, our hope is that no preference or priority will be given to either category of delegate. Customarily, Annual Meetings have attempted to organize debate alternating between speeches in favor and against, following the mic sequence. Seeking to uphold that custom while recognizing the differences in delegate participation, we will ensure online delegates have similar opportunities to engage as to onsite participants.

5. Time Limits

- a. Reports that contain no proposal for action by the meeting shall be limited to ten (10) minutes, including the question period, with the exception of the president's report, the treasurer's report, and items specified in the agenda to extend beyond the 10-minute time limit.
- b. Debate on any main motion, including its subsidiary motions, shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, except as otherwise specified in these standing rules and the agenda. No amendment or other subsidiary motion to a main motion shall be allowed until debate on the main motion has ceased or ten (10) minutes have passed.
- c. No speech in debate may exceed three (3) minutes unless this period is extended by a majority vote at the request of the speaker.
- d. Time limits may be extended for a specific period by a two-thirds vote.
- e. Unless otherwise indicated on the schedule as a lunch or dinner break, any breaks called by the Moderator will be thirty (30) minutes long.

6. Action on Involuntary Removals

Credentialed ministers have the right to object to his or her removal of credentials as recommended by the Board of Ordered Ministry and approved by the Covenant Ministerium as provided in Section 10.3.e. of the Rules of the Ordered Ministry. At this Annual Meeting, this matter may come before us for action. To address these matters in a fair and sensitive fashion, the Annual Meeting will proceed as follows:

- a. A credentialed minister objecting to his/her removal of credentials from the ordered ministry shall have up to ten (10) minutes to speak on why he or she should not have their credentials removed. The Board of the Ordered Ministry shall have up to ten (10) minutes to respond through its designated representatives.
- b. As these matters pertain to membership, it is appropriate for these matters to be taken up in Executive Session upon the appropriate motion to that effect. Only delegates and approved resource personnel may witness and participate in Executive Session.
- c. On each of these actions, debate that follows the presentations shall proceed according to these Standing Rules, Section 4) Debate, and Section 5) Time Limits b), c), d).

7. Submission of Motions in Writing

All main motions and subsidiary motions shall be submitted electronically via the voting platform

using the “Type a Question” feature and addressing the Annual Meeting secretary or via email (governance@covchurch.org) and addressing the Annual Meeting secretary.

8. Items of Business Not on the Agenda

The Bylaws provide in Section 7.8.a.ii that “Items of business that are not on the agenda may be submitted in writing by a delegate to the moderator. If the item submitted is in order, a majority vote of the delegates present and voting shall be required to place that item on the agenda.” It is further strongly requested that such items be submitted electronically by delegates to the moderator at governance@covchurch.org prior to the start of the 136th Covenant Annual Meeting.

9. Consent Agenda

Items on the Consent Agenda are routine, procedural, informational, self-explanatory non-controversial items that require action but generally do not require discussion or debate. Acting on these items moves the meeting along, allowing for more time for substantive issues.

- a. Items on the Consent Agenda may be removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of any two delegates.
- b. Items removed from the Consent Agenda shall be acted upon by the assembly at a place in the agenda determined by the moderator.
- c. If the Consent Agenda is not adopted as a single motion, then each of the items on the Consent Agenda shall be acted upon by the assembly as a separate motion at a place in the agenda determined by the moderator.

10. Contested Election Procedures for President and Executive Ministers

- a. *Nominations from the Floor.* A nomination from the floor shall be accepted only if the person nominated has agreed to have his or her name placed in nomination.
- b. Delegates desiring to make nominations for a second candidate shall electronically submit to the moderator via the voting platform using the “Type a Question” feature or via email (governance@covchurch.org), the nominator’s name, the church or entity the nominator represents, the name of the potential candidate with an affirmation that the potential candidate satisfies the particular requirements of the office as provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, and descriptive information regarding the potential candidate similar in scope and content to that provided to the Annual Meeting by a nominating board or committee.
- c. If a second candidate is nominated and immediately following the close of nominations, the moderator will provide a sixty (60) minute recess for a candidate forum during which each candidate will have five (5) minutes to make an opening statement. Thereafter for thirty (30) minutes, each candidate will respond to questions relating to their vision for the future of our denomination. For the remaining twenty (20) minutes candidates will answer questions submitted electronically from delegates via the voting platform using the “Type a Question” feature or via email (governance@covchurch.org). Parliamentarian Eric Filkin will moderate the candidate forum.
- d. Following the candidate forum, a motion will be heard to add the second candidate to the ballot. If more than one candidate is nominated from the floor, delegates will determine by ballot which candidate will be added as the second candidate to the ballot. Once the ballot has been approved, delegates will vote.

11. Runoff Elections

In the case of an election with three or more candidates, if no candidate receives a majority of votes after two rounds of voting, then beginning with the third round, the candidate with the lowest number of votes in that round will be eliminated. In the event of a tie among the lowest vote-getters, those tied will not be eliminated in that round. A candidate may withdraw at any point. Voting rounds will continue until one candidate receives a majority of votes.

12. Modification of Agenda Order

The moderator shall have the discretion to revise the order of agenda items to accommodate scheduling needs.

Annual Meeting Officers
Moderator: Elizabeth Jensen
Vice Moderator: Rick Lindholtz
Secretary: Nilwona Nowlin
Parliamentarian: Eric Filkin
President: John Wenrich
Secretary of the Covenant: Rebecca Gonzalez

The motion to adopt the standing rules carried.

6. ACTION ON THE PROPOSED AGENDA AND CONSENT AGENDA

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, who reported that the Executive Board recommended the adoption of the agenda as follows with modified time certain. Updated times will be provided during the Friday morning session for the following items: Service Recognition for Global Personnel, and Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report. The Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award will be presented after the T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award. The 10:30 a.m. Saturday time certain, Removal of Ministerial Credentials, was contingent upon action by the Covenant Ministerium. The Ministerium did not move the item forward to the Annual Meeting, so this time certain is being removed from the agenda. Gonzalez encouraged delegates to remain fully engaged in all sessions to ensure that quorum is maintained.

Per approval of the Annual Meeting Officers, Annual Meeting planning committee, and Covenant Executive Board, the following agenda items are being amended: Agenda item 21.a.7.ii is being redacted; as previously mentioned, this item was contingent upon action by the Ministerium, and the Ministerium did not move the item forward to the Annual Meeting. Agenda item 19 is being amended to include the call of the Dean of the Seminary.

Times Certain

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

2:45 p.m. Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award
3:00 p.m. Service Recognition for Global Personnel

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

11:00 a.m. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report
1:30 p.m. Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition
1:45 p.m. Actions to Be Taken from the Ordered Ministry
3:00 p.m. T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

9:40 a.m. FY2023 Mission and Ministry Budget
10:30 a.m. Removal of Ministerial Credentials


Reports exceeding the ten (10) minute time limit per the Standing Rules are marked with an asterisk.

Materiales traducidos y disponibles en español están marcados con un símbolo de suma azul.

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

1. Morning Worship
2. Opening Statement by the Moderator
3. Greeting from Churches of the Midwest Conference


ORGANIZATION OF THE MEETING

4. Report on Credentials and Motion
 - a. Credentialing Report #1
 - b. Credentialing Report #2
 - c. Credentialing Report #3
 - d. Credentialing Report #4
 - e. Credentialing Report #5
5. Action on the Standing Rules of Order
6. Action on the Proposed Agenda 
7. Approval of Honorary Delegates and Resource Persons
 - a. Honorary Delegates
 - b. Resource Persons

MEMBERSHIP IN THE MISSION

8. Action on Churches Applying for Membership
 - a. Recognition and Prayer
9. Church Planter Commissioning*
 - a. Recognition and Prayer
10. Action on Removal of Churches from the Roster
 - a. Recognition and Prayer

STATE OF THE MISSION

11. Report of the President* 

ORGANIZATION OF THE MISSION

12. Report on Strategic Alignment Team Recommendation
13. Update on the Freedom, Unity, and Responsibility Resource Paper
14. Report and Action on the Covenant Constitution and Bylaw Amendments
 - a. Report on 2021 North Park University Bylaw Amendments
 - b. Presentation of Proposed 2021/2022 Covenant Constitutional Amendments
 - c. 2022 Covenant Bylaw Amendments

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOR THE MISSION

15. Election of President of the Evangelical Covenant Church
 - a. Report from the Presidential Nominating Committee
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
16. Election of Executive Minister of Ordered Ministry and Develop Leaders
 - a. Report from the Ordered Ministry and Develop Leaders Nominating Committee
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
17. Election of Executive Minister of Serve Globally
 - a. Report from the Serve Globally Nominating Committee
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
18. Call of President of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
 - a. Report from the Board of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence

- b. Vote
- c. Results
- 19. Call of North Park Theological Seminary Faculty Members
 - a. Report from North Park Theological Seminary
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
- 20. Board Elections*
 - a. Presentation of 2022 Ballot
 - a.1. Executive Board
 - a.2. Board of the Ordered Ministry
 - a.3. Board of Pensions and Benefits
 - a.4. Board of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
 - a.5. Board of Trustees of North Park University
 - a.6. Annual Meeting Officers
 - a.7. Board of Nominations
 - b. Vote
 - c. Results
- 21. Actions to Be Taken from the Ordered Ministry for 2022* (*Time Certain – 1:45 p.m. on 6/24/22*)
 - a. Changes in Standing
 - a.1. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Active to Inactive
 - a.2. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Leave of Absence to Inactive
 - a.3. Ministerial Credentials Changing from Inactive to Active
 - a.4. Transfer of Ministerial Credentials
 - a.5. Resignation of Ministerial Credentials
 - a.6. Reinstatement of Ministerial Credentials
 - a.7. Removal of Ministerial Credentials (*Time Certain – 10:30 a.m. on 6/25/22*)
 - a.7.i. Uncontested
 - a.7.ii. Contested (*Contingent on Ministerium’s Annual Meeting Discernment*)
 - b. Approval of Licenses
 - c. Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination
 - d. Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning
 - e. Presentation of Candidates for Consecrated Missionary
 - f. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service
 - g. Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament

HONORING FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE MISSION

- 22. Clergy Lifetime Service Recognition (*Time Certain – 1:30 p.m. on 6/24/22*)
- 23. Service Recognition for Global Personnel (*Time Certain – 3:00 p.m. on 6/23/22*)
- 24. Recognition of John Wenrich, President of the Evangelical Covenant Church
- 25. Recognition of Rebecca Gonzalez, Executive Director of Operations
- 26. Recognition of Covenant Executive Board Members Concluding Term of Service
- 27. Recognition of Paul Wilson, Pacific Southwest Conference Superintendent
- 28. Recognition of Mark Stromberg, Northwest Conference Superintendent
- 29. Recognition of Dave Kersten, Dean of the North Park Theological Seminary
- 30. 2022 T.W. Anderson Outstanding Layperson Award (*Time Certain – 3:00 p.m. on 6/24/22*)
- 31. 2022 Irving Lambert Outstanding Urban Ministries Award (*Time Certain – 2:45 p.m. on 6/23/22*)

FUNDING THE MISSION

- 32. Financial Report* (*Time Certain – 11:00 a.m. on 6/24/22*)
 - a. Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report
- 33. Presentation and Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023 Mission and Ministry Budget* (*Time Certain –*

9:40 a.m. on 6/25/22)

34. Report from the Covenant Board of Pensions and Benefits
35. Report on 2021 Mission Advancement

DIMENSIONS OF THE MISSION

36. Mission and Ministry Leadership Report
37. Report from Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET)
38. Report from Covenant Ministries of Benevolence
 - a. Report on Swedish Covenant Hospital Sale Proceeds
39. Report from Covenant Trust Company
40. Report from National Covenant Properties
41. Report from North Park University
 - a. Report of the President of North Park University
 - b. Report of the Dean of North Park Theological Seminary
42. Report from Paul Carlson Partnership
43. Mission and Ministry Leadership Response to Delegate Questions

CONSENT AGENDA

44. Recommendations for Continuation of Commissions
 - a. Commission on Biblical Gender Equality
 - b. Commission on Covenant History
45. Delegate Evaluation
46. Arrangements for 2023 Annual Meeting

PREPARING TO GO FORTH IN MISSION

47. Approval of Minutes of 136th Covenant Annual Meeting
48. Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of the Covenant
49. Report to Congregations
50. Closing Statement
 - a. Resolution of Sympathy
 - b. Resolution of Gratitude
51. Adjournment
52. Benediction

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Delegate Frank Riley moved to add to the agenda the following item: “That our newly elected president return to the 2023 Annual Meeting with a report and recommendations for definitive and concrete actions to bring our divide on human sexuality to resolution, engaging appropriate governance bodies in doing so.” Motion was seconded.

After a time of discussion, delegate Liz VerHage moved to amend the proposed item. However, the moderator declared this motion out of order because the item must be approved as

an agenda item before it can be amended. After further discussion, delegate Julia Stein Sandstrom called the question. The assembly voted to end the debate.

The initial motion to add an agenda item carried. This item will be addressed during the Saturday morning business session at 10:30 a.m.

Delegate Rich Theilen moved to retain item 21.a.7.ii, but it was declared out of order because the 30-minute time limit for debate has ended. Delegate Andy League moved to extend the debate for 15 minutes. Motion was seconded, and it failed.

The motion to adopt the modified agenda carried.

7. APPROVAL OF HONORARY DELEGATES AND RESOURCE PERSONS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, executive director of operations, who recommended the approval of the following persons as resource persons:

Kreig Gammelgard, Keith Carpenter, Prajakta David, Advancement; Cathy Norman Peterson, Marketing and Communications; Karen Ingebretson, Terrance Woodson, Herb Frost, Danielle Ng, Marti Burger, Develop Leaders; Melissa Liew, Christina Kempe, Fredrik Wall, Finance; Dominique Gilliard, Ramelia Williams, Love Mercy Do Justice; Tim Ciccone, Jane Chao, Make and Deepen Disciples; Jill Hall, Rob Hall, Rollin Persson, National Covenant Properties; Randall Jordan, Rita Sheppard, Ryan Thompson, Operations; Erik Anderson, Jordan Myers, President's Office; Eric Filkin, Parliamentarian; Renee Hale, Lana Heinrich, Deborah Masten, Adam Edgerly, Lyndsey Watson, Serve Globally; Mary Hendrickson, Alex Rahill, Start and Strengthen Churches; Scott Hanson, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence; Steve Dawson, chair of presidential nominating committee; Sharon Anderson, chair of executive minister of develop leaders and the ordered ministry nominating committee; Becky Ykema, Natalie Patzan, Melissa Hermosillo, Jaquita Jones, Roland Greene, worship team; Evelyn Johnson, executive minister emeritus of make and deepen disciples; Deborah Blue, executive minister emeritus of love mercy do justice; Gary Walter, Glen Palmberg, president emeritus.

The motion carried. There were no honorary delegates.

8. CHURCHES APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The moderator recognized Paul Lessard, executive minister of start and strengthen churches, to present the churches applying for membership. Churches were presented by conference superintendents and staff. Lessard, upon the recommendation of the respective conferences and regions, and on behalf of the Executive Board, moved that the 136th Annual Meeting accept the following churches into membership in the Evangelical Covenant Church:

CHURCH	APPROXIMATE MEMBERSHIP	APPROXIMATE ATTENDANCE
CENTRAL CONFERENCE		
Core Community Covenant Church Chicago, IL	8	30
EAST COAST CONFERENCE		

Mosaic Covenant Church New York City, NY	15	100
Mestizo Community Covenant Church Providence, RI	45	75
GREAT LAKES CONFERENCE One Church Louisville, Inc. Louisville, KY	100	50
NORTHWEST CONFERENCE Lakeside Covenant Church Victoria, MN	45	100
Midcurrent Covenant Hudson, WI	50	200
PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE Encounter Church Bellevue, WA	100	200

The motion was approved, the churches were accepted into the membership of the Evangelical Covenant Church, and the moderator declared them all to be full members. Mary Hendrickson, director of missional vitality, prayed for the new Covenant congregations.

15. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The moderator recognized Steve Dawson, chair of the presidential nominating committee, who on behalf of the committee presented Tammy Swanson-Draheim as the nominee for the eleventh president of the Evangelical Covenant Church. This is an historic moment because Swanson-Draheim is the first woman nominated for the role of president.

The moderator opened the floor for nominations. No additional candidates were nominated, and the nominations were closed.

The election followed. Swanson-Draheim was elected by a vote of 541 “for” (95 percent), 26 “against” (4 percent), for a total of 567 votes.

The moderator recognized Swanson-Draheim, Juana Nesta, Evelyn Johnson, and Catherine Gilliard. Johnson and Gilliard offered words of encouragement to president-elect Swanson-Draheim in honor of this historic moment, and Nesta prayed for her.

Tammy Swanson-Draheim briefly addressed the delegates.

16. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF DEVELOP LEADERS AND THE ORDERED MINISTRY

The moderator recognized Sharon Anderson, chair of the ordered ministry and develop Leaders nominating committee, who on behalf of the board and in concurrence with the Ministerium, presented Herb Frost as the nominee for executive minister of develop leaders and the ordered ministry.

The moderator opened the floor for nominations. There were none, and the nominations were closed.

The election followed. Frost was elected by a vote of 496 “for” (91 percent) and 47 “against” (8 percent) for a total of 543 votes.

Frost briefly addressed the delegates, and Anderson prayed for him.

17. ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE MINISTER OF SERVE GLOBALLY

The moderator recognized Cindy Wu, chair of the executive minister of serve globally nominating committee, who on behalf of the committee, presented Grace Shim as the nominee for executive minister of serve globally. This is a historic moment because Shim is the first female and active global personnel nominated for the role of executive minister of serve globally.

The moderator opened the floor for nominations. There were none, and the nominations were closed.

The election followed. Shim was elected by a vote of 507 “for” (99 percent) and 5 “against” (0.9 percent) for a total of 512 votes.

Shim briefly addressed the delegates, and Wu prayed for her.

19. CALL OF DEAN OF NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The moderator recognized Mary Surrige, president of North Park University and member of the North Park University and North Park Theological Seminary nominating committee for the dean of the seminary, who on behalf of the committee and in concurrence with the Ministerium, presented Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards as the nominee for dean of the seminary and vice-president of church relations for North Park University. This is a historic moment because Edwards is the first African American nominated for the role of dean of the seminary and vice-president of church relations for North Park University.

The election followed. Edwards was elected by a vote of 499 “for” (99 percent) and 3 “against” (0.5 percent) for a total of 502 votes.

Edwards briefly addressed the delegates, and Dave Kersten, dean of the seminary and vice-president of church relations for North Park University, prayed for him.

The moderator recognized Erik Anderson for closing announcements before recess. The moderator recognized Rick Lindholtz, vice-moderator, who gave final comments. The assembly recessed at 6:39 p.m.

SECOND BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 24, 2022

8:30 a.m.

1. MORNING WORSHIP CONTINUED

Moderator Jensen called the business session to order at 8:30 a.m. (CDT). The moderator recognized Becky Ykema, worship leader, and the speakers for the morning: Greg Yee, superintendent of the Pacific Northwest Conference; Chris Ek, pastor of Bethany Covenant Church; and T.J. Smith, president of the Indigenous Ministers Association.

The moderator recognized Erik Anderson to facilitate a live demo of the AGM Convene platform and provide further instructions for using the platform as well as the wifi network.

36. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP REPORT

The moderator recognized vice-moderator, Rick Lindholtz, who called the delegates' attention to the annual report provided online and in the delegate resource box. He invited delegates to submit any questions they might have of administrators by 4:30 p.m. on Friday for responses from administrators during a Saturday business session. Lindholtz reminded delegates that questions can be submitted via email or the "Ask a Question" feature on the AGM Convene platform.

4b. CREDENTIALING REPORT #2

The moderator recognized Sandy Norris, member of the credentialing committee, for the third report.

Total credentialed voting delegates: 239 onsite, 278 online, for a total of 517.

Total additional registrants in non-voting categories: 100 onsite, 18 online, for a total of 118.

Total registered conference attendance of 339 onsite, 296 online, for a total of 635.

MISSION MOMENT – START AND STRENGTHEN CHURCHES

Prior to the commissioning of church planters, a video shared the story of how one church plant was able to overcome obstacles and experience growth during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic.

9. CHURCH PLANTER COMMISSIONING

The moderator recognized Paul Lessard, executive minister of start and strengthen churches; Alex Rahill, director of church planting; Fil Nesta, director of church planter assessment center; and Mike Brown, director of church planter training. Lessard introduced two new church planters who signed church planter agreements: Valerie Grimes (Radiant Church, Savannah, Georgia) and Eneas Barbarosa (Brazilian Covenant Church, Huntington Beach, California).

Nesta prayed for these two new church planters. Lessard then recognized all church plants that have been commissioned since the last Annual Meeting.

East Coast Conference

Simon Padilla and Rut Ostos Cruz, Expansion Covenant Church Inc. (Corona, NY)

David and Faith Cho, Mosaic Covenant Church of New Jersey (Paramus, NJ)

Great Lakes Conference

Noah Filipiak, Mosaic Covenant Church of Grand Rapids (Grand Rapids, MI)

Midsouth Conference

Darrick Gutting, High Point Covenant Church (Leesville, LA)

Northwest Conference

Cory and Cindy Jones, Catalyst Covenant Church (White Bear Lake, MN)

Seth Lindberg, Local Covenant Church (Minneapolis, MN)

Roger and Anna Ross, Turtle Mountain Epiphany Covenant Church (Belcourt, MN)

Edgar and Alva Ardon, En Su Presencia Ministerios Covenant (Rochester, MN)

Chris Auer, Risen Life Covenant Church (Brooklyn Center, MN)

Pacific Northwest Conference

Phil Moore, The Garden Covenant Church (Spokane Lake, WA)

George Bedlion, Garden City Church (Puyallup, WA)

Pacific Southwest Conference

Anthony Jang, Vessel Covenant Church (Costa Mesa, CA)

Zachary Riley, Radiant Covenant Church (Modesto, CA)

Carlos Molina, Abstractus Covenant Church (Riverside, CA)

Tyronne Gross, Midtown Covenant Church (Sacramento, CA)

Rahill acknowledged church planter Diamond DeYampert of The Freedom Room: An Evangelical Covenant Church (Detroit, MI), who died unexpectedly earlier in the month. Rahill led a time of prayer for all these church planters and their congregations.

38. REPORT FROM COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

The moderator recognized Todd Slechta, president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, who introduced Scott Hanson to provide a report on the Swedish Covenant Hospital sale proceeds. Hanson explained that this report was requested by the 2021 Annual Meeting delegates.

Terri Cunliffe, CEO of Covenant Living Communities and Services, presented ministry highlights of the past year.

18. CALL OF PRESIDENT OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

The moderator recognized Sue Poston, chair of the Board of Benevolence and member of the Executive Board, who on behalf of the Board of Benevolence and with the concurrence of the Executive Board of the Evangelical Covenant Church, presented Todd Slechta as the nominee for president of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence. Slechta has served as the acting president for the past 18 months.

The election followed. Slechta was elected by a vote of 564 “for” (99 percent) and 3 “against” (0.5 percent) for a total of 567 votes.

Slechta briefly addressed the delegates, and Poston prayed for him.

MISSION MOMENT – ANTIRACISM DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

The moderator recognized Dominique Gilliard, director of racial righteousness and reconciliation, to present a mission moment on behalf of Love Mercy and Do Justice. Gilliard provided an update on the creation of a new discipleship resource for Covenant leaders, the Antiracism Discipleship Pathways. They prioritize loving neighbors by learning their stories and lived experiences. Over the first two years, more than 450 Covenant leaders have been served through the pathways. Gilliard shared testimonies from pathway participants and invited Covenant ministers to sign up for future pathways.

41. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

The moderator recognized Mary Surrige, president of North Park University, who presented a report on North Park’s ministry, including the celebration of North Park’s 130th anniversary.

41b. REPORT FROM NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The moderator recognized Dave Kersten, dean of North Park Theological Seminary and North Park University's vice president for church relations, who is also serving as interim executive minister of develop leaders and the ordered ministry. Kersten provided a report on the seminary's ministry. Highlights included the calling of Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards as the dean of the seminary, one of the largest graduating classes (84 graduates), and the historic commencement of the first cohort of Masters in Arts in Restorative Justice students from Stateville Correctional Center. The commencement speaker for the graduation ceremony at Stateville was Kim Foxx, Cook County State's Attorney.

Greg Jao, member of the Executive Board, prayed for Surridge and Kersten and the ministries and communities they lead.

19. CALL OF NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FACULTY MEMBERS AND DEAN OF THE SEMINARY

The moderator recognized Dave Kersten who called Rev. Dr. John Nathan Clayton to the stage. On behalf of the Board of Trustees of North Park University with the concurrence of the Board of the Ordered Ministry, the Ministerium, and the Executive Board of the Covenant, Kersten presented Rev. Dr. John Nathan Clayton to serve as a faculty member of North Park Theological Seminary.

The election followed. Clayton was elected by a vote of 529 "for" (98 percent) and 9 "against" (0.1 percent) for a total of 538 votes.

Clayton briefly addressed the delegates, and Kersten prayed for him.

29. RECOGNITION OF DAVE KERSTEN, DEAN OF NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, Mary Surridge, and Howard Burgoyne, superintendent of the East Coast Conference and member of the Executive Board. After a video overview of Kersten's ministry, Surridge shared that Kersten was the recipient of the David Nyvall Medallion, which was presented at the May 2022 commencement ceremony. Wenrich and Surridge shared remarks, and Wenrich presented Kersten with a citation and gift. Kersten briefly addressed the delegates, and Burgoyne prayed for him.

32. FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year 2020/21 Performance Report

The moderator recognized Steve Klimkowski, chief financial officer and treasurer of the Covenant, who presented a financial report for fiscal year 2021. The FY2021 financial performance was \$73,339 better than budget. Klimkowski also presented a video overview of Covenant Benefits (formerly "Bethany Benefit Service"). In 2023, two new medical plans will be available, a gold plan option and a high-deductible silver plan option. Both 2020 and 2021 audits are being reported to the 136th Annual Meeting.

34. REPORT FROM THE COVENANT BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

During the financial report, Klimkowski provided an update from the Covenant Board of Pensions and Benefits.

The moderator recognized Scott Dennis, who led a prayer of thanksgiving for God's faithfulness and the generosity of Covenant churches and donors who gave sacrificially during the pandemic.

MISSION MOMENT – COVENANT KIDS CONGO 10-YEAR CELEBRATION

After a video celebrating the 10th anniversary of Covenant Kids Congo, the moderator recognized Lyndsey Watson, Covenant Kids Congo ministry specialist, who thanked Covenanters for their support.

39. REPORT FROM COVENANT TRUST COMPANY

The moderator recognized Ann Wiesbrock, president of Covenant Trust Company, who presented a report on the ministry of CTC.

The vice-moderator gave updates on the afternoon schedule and reminded delegates to submit questions for leaders before 4:30 p.m. (CDT). He also gave instructions for lunch.

The assembly recessed at 11:57 a.m.

THIRD BUSINESS SESSION

Friday, June 24, 2022

1:30 p.m.

MISSION MOMENT – NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

A video was shown to highlight North Park University's academic programs.

4c. CREDENTIALING REPORT #3

The moderator recognized Tiana Coleman, chair of the credentialing committee, for the third report.

Total credentialed voting delegates: 239 onsite, 280 online, for a total of 519.

Total additional registrants in non-voting categories: 100 onsite, 7 online, for a total of 107.

Total registered conference attendance: 339 onsite, 287 online, for a total of 626.

22. CLERGY LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

The moderator recognized Dave Kersten, interim executive minister of the ordered ministry and develop leaders, who presented the Lifetime Service Recognition given to credentialed clergy and global personnel when they turn 65. Recipients were presented with certificates of recognition (asterisk indicates those present for the award):

Jeffrey D. Anderson, Adolphe, Manitoba*

Debra R. Auger, Chicago, Illinois

Tim J. Bock, Chicago, Illinois

James K. Bruckner, Kalama, Washington

Christopher L. Carlson, Beloit, Wisconsin

Pauline N. Carlson, Tokyo, Japan

Douglas N. Cederberg, New Bedford, Massachusetts

David J. Chatel, Wixom, Michigan

Edward E. Coleman, Homewood, Illinois

Rose M. Cornelious, Apex, North Carolina*
Laurie A. D. Cornell, Glendale, California
Jeffrey A. Crafton, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
Timothy H. Dally, Altadena, California
Dale A. Dalman, Rockford, Michigan
Robert J. DeYoung, Ogilvie, Minnesota*
Lillian J. Dwight, Taichung, Taiwan
Cynthia L. Ekstrand, Chicago, Illinois
Krisann Jarvis Foss, Charleston, South Carolina
Stanislava Gadeliya, Manchester, Connecticut
Kreig A. Gammelgard, San Marcos, California*
Stephen R. Graham, Coraopolis, Pennsylvania
David T. Green, Des Plaines, Illinois
Terri L. Gunderson, Spicer, Minnesota
Carl E. Hammer, Manitowoc, Wisconsin
Christopher W. Haydon, Waltham, Massachusetts
Douglas E. Johnson, McMinnville, Oregon
Keith B. Johnson, Helena, Montana
Rajkumar Boaz Johnson, Deerfield, Illinois*
Timothy B. Johnson, Bloomington, Minnesota*
Letha J. Kerl, Caluire, France*
Jonathan E. Kramka, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Andrew E. Larsen, Seattle, Washington
Karl B. Larson, Aurora, Nebraska
L. Dawn Lindholm, Mount Hermon, California
Richard J. Lindholtz, Byron, Illinois*
Guy D. McCaslin, Arvada, Colorado
David J. McCowan, Lenexa, Kansas*
Garth McGrath, Plymouth, Michigan*
Sheryl D. Noren, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Randy A. Phillips, Seattle, Washington
Philip E. Print, Cottage Grove, Minnesota*
David G. Robinson, Cannon Beach, Oregon*
Jose Sanchez Rodriguez, Kansas City, Kansas
Albert B. Schoffmann, Wasilla, Alaska*
Marc D. Strobel, Eugene, Oregon
Steven P. Swanson, Malmo, Skane*
Dwain D. Tissell, Happy Valley, Oregon
Brian K. Woodson, El Cerrito, California
Michael J. Zabel, Nome, Alaska

21. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ORDERED MINISTRY CONTINUED

The moderator recognized Dave Kersten, interim executive minister of the ordered ministry and develop leaders.

Change in Standing

Kersten reiterated that agenda item 21.a.1-5 refers to reports on change in standing, transfer of credentials, and resignation of credentials; it requires no action.

Kersten then presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ordination standing of James Keil be reinstated.”

The motion carried.

Kersten presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, recommends to the 136th Annual Meeting the dismissal of the following person from the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church and the removal of his name from the roster of Covenant ministers: Gideon Tsang.”

The motion carried.

The remaining reports were as follows:

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following ministers has been moved from active to inactive: David Chambers (OWSa), Paul Corner (OWSa), Eva Cudmore (OWSa), Neal Herr (OWSa), Kenton Johnson (OWSa), Catherine Kaminski (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following ministers has been moved from leave of absence to inactive: Jennifer Lowe (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following ministers has been moved from inactive to active: E. Kirsten Burdick (OWSa), Craig L. Smith (OWSa/R).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following minister has transferred his ordination standing to the PCUSA: John Bangs (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following minister has transferred her ordination standing to the ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians: Michaile Broadnax (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following minister has transferred her ordination standing to the United Church of Christ: Velda Love (OWSe).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the ministerial standing of the following minister has transferred her ordination standing to The Coalition of Spirit-Filled Churches: Sharon McQueary (OWSa).

“The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the concurrence of the Covenant Ministerium, reports to the 136th Annual Meeting that the following individuals have resigned their ministerial standing and requested that their names be removed from the roster of Covenant ministers: John G. Anderson (OWSa), Scott Austin (OWSa), Todd Bratulich (OWSa), Gavin Dluhosh (OWSa), Matthew Dymont (OWSa), J. Casey Franklin (OWSa), Peter Hawkinson (OWSa), G. Peyton Johnson (OWSa), Phillip Ladd (OWSa), Daniel G. Larson (OWSa), Jason Mach (OWSa), Bethann Rohlfing (OWSa), Nathaniel Sutton (OWSa).”

Kersten led in a time of prayer for those with a change in standing.

21. ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN FROM THE ORDERED MINISTRY CONTINUED

The moderator recognized Dave Kersten, interim executive minister of the ordered ministry and develop leaders, and Danielle Ng, director of credentialing, who presented candidates for credentialing.

Approval of Licenses

Ng referred the assembly to the list of applicants for licensure and presented the following recommendation: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 136th Annual Meeting grant ministerial licenses as listed on agenda item 21.b and on the screen.” The motion carried.

ALASKA

BVL

Hoffbeck, Randall J.	Community Covenant Church	Eagle River	AK
Mastroyanis, S. George	Community Covenant Church	Eagle River	AK
VanAmburg, Stan O.	Community Covenant Church – Fairbanks	Fairbanks	AK
Wells, Lisa A.	New Song Covenant Church	Anchorage	AK

ML

Alverts, Michael G.	Covenant Youth of Alaska (CYAK)	Eagle River	AK
Barefoot, James W.	Mat-Su Covenant Church	Wasilla	AK
Ivanoff, Kristi M.	First Evangelical Covenant Church	Anchorage	AK
Shaw, Tyler D.	Community Covenant Church	Eagle River	AK
Ventress, James C.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Nome	AK
Williams, Andrew D.	Scammon Bay Covenant Church	Scammon Bay	AK

CANADA

BVL

Bayley, Karen R.	Hope Community Covenant Church	Strathmore	AB
Johnson, Kenneth T.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Fort Frances	ON
Mast, Mark D.	One Hope Canada	Rainy River	ON
Ndiom, Michel	Green Timbers Covenant Church	Surrey	BC

ML

Anderson, Erik V.	Faith Covenant Church	Winnipeg	MB
Charles, Jason S.	City Collective	Langley	BC
Dyck, D. Sean	Evangelical Covenant Church	Minnedosa	MB
Filicichia, Michael D. A.	Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada	Strathmore	AB
Friesen, Shannon	Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada	Strathmore	AB
Jensen, Gavin W.	Holy Community Covenant Church	Winnipeg	MB
Kane, Jesse Johnston	Evangelical Fellowship Church	Edmonton	AB
Lerch, Jesse J.	Junction Covenant Church	South Slocan	BC
Penner, Richard F.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Nelson	BC
Song, Alexander	Avenue Community Covenant Church	Markham	ON
Strong, Jeffrey W.G.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Nelson	BC
Tam, Darrick	Avenue Community Covenant Church	Markham	ON
Westerhoud, Natasha B.M.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Norquay	SK

CENTRAL

BVL

Bock, Tim J.	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Chang, Samuel Y.	Christ Covenant Church	Villa Park	IL

Choi, Lin	Lakeview Covenant Church	Northbrook	IL
Cornelius, Cheryl D.	Church of Gary Covenant Church	Gary	IN
Cornelius, Robert L., Sr.	Church of Gary Covenant Church	Gary	IN
Crozier, Thomas M.	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Davis, Phyllis E.	New Zion Covenant Church	Dolton	IL
Espinoza, Ana	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Douglas Park	Chicago	IL
Fisk, Rick K.	DeerGrove Covenant Church	Palatine	IL
Fredrickson, Beth L.	Harbor Point Ministries of the Central	Lake Geneva	WI
Jones, Michael D.	Community Covenant Church	Calumet Park	IL
Kim, Won J.	New Community Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Lizama, Drina B.	Luz de Esperanza	Campton Hills	IL
Ramos, Norma	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Peniel	Chicago	IL
Spicer, Andrea J.	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Strahan, Debra L.	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Sullivan, Sarah D.	Jesus People USA Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Thomas, Anthony R.	Calvary Covenant Church	Chicago	IL
Torres, Gustavo J.	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Peniel	Chicago	IL
Torres, Edgar I.	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Peniel	Chicago	IL

ML

Anderson, Aaron W.	United Evangelical Covenant Church	Gladstone	MI
Barron, Francisco Javier	Iglesia del Pacto Evangelico Renacer	Carpentersville	IL
Boggs, Jessica	Evangelical Covenant Church	Princeton	IL
Cha, Kwang Sun	New Vision Covenant Church	Wilmette	IL
Choi, Min Ho	Peacemakers Korean Covenant Church	Schaumburg	IL
Davis, Phyllis E.	New Zion Covenant Church	Dolton	IL
Hinz, Daniel R.	Bethesda Evangelical Covenant Church	Rockford	IL
Kwak, Sung Ryong	Dodam Covenant Church	Mount Prospect	IL
La, Seung Eun	Lakeview Covenant Church	Northbrook	IL
Pak, William M.	Lakeview Covenant Church	Northbrook	IL
Parker, David M.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Paxton	IL
Raymond, Daniel J.	Batavia Covenant Church	Batavia	IL
Tarro, Laura	Batavia Covenant Church	Batavia	IL
Taylor, Cody Paul	Covenant Harbor	Lake Geneva	WI
Tetrault, Michael R.	Riverside Covenant Church	West Lafayette	IN
Torres, Mario R.	Iglesia Del Pacto Vida Eterna	Rockford	IL

EAST COAST

BVL

Aquije Silencio, Miluska E.	Reconcile Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NY
Armstrong, Jon-Charles W.	Hope Hell's Kitchen	New York	NY
Barrett, Alison Ruth	Highrock North Shore	Salem	MA
Becker, Amy Julia	Salem Covenant Church	Washington Depot	
CT			
Bishop, Kelly Ladd	Newton Covenant Church	West Newton	MA
Carr, Ann E.	The Covenant Church	Thomaston	CT
Ferri, Cristina M.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Attleboro	MA
Fore-Ravelo, Tamara Y.	Salem Covenant Church	Washington Depot	
CT			
Freimuth, Gary G.	The Covenant Church	Thomaston	CT
Mitchell, Laura R.	Central Square Church	Cambridge	MA
Packnick, Deborah E.	Covenant Church of Easton	Easton	CT
Proulx, Dale Anthony	Pilgrim Covenant Church	Lunenburg	MA
Shim, Jean H.	Central Square Church	Cambridge	MA
Spiegel, Tracy J.	Mission Covenant Church	Orange	MA
Whitney, Elizabeth A.	First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield	Fairfield	CT

ML

Bang, Steve	Metro Community Church	Englewood	NJ
Bruce, Catherine Anne	Hope Church Midtown	New York	NY
Carrion, Sixto Michael	Redeemer City to City	New York	NY
Corriveau, Allison E.	Bethany Covenant Church	Berlin	CT
Dennis, James R.	Fellowship Covenant Church	Bronx	NY
Graham, Ian M.	Ecclesia Princeton	Pennington	NJ
Jackson, Drew E.	Hope East Village	New York	NY
Jakubowski, Richard T.	Sanctuary North	Providence	RI
Jarrett, Travis L.	Highrock Covenant Church of Acton	Acton	MA
Kim, Lawrence K.	Central Square Church	Cambridge	MA
Lee, Richard S.	Hope Church Jersey City	Jersey City	NJ
Marcucci, Joseph P.	Highrock Covenant Church	Arlington	MA
Mook, Andrew L.	Sanctuary Church	Providence	RI
Morgan, Cory W.	Reconcile Brooklyn	Brooklyn	NY
Munn, Nicholas S.	Orchard Covenant Church	Indian Orchard	MA
Mury, John L.	Highrock Covenant Church	Arlington	MA
Myung, Phyllis K.	Highrock Covenant Church of Acton	Acton	MA
Nelson, Thomas W., Jr.	Cape Cod Covenant Church	South Dennis	MA
Okpala, Craig O.	Hope Church Jersey City	Jersey City	NJ
Ostos Cruz, Rut Esther	Expansion Covenant Church	Corona	NY
Padilla Castro, Simon A.	Expansion Covenant Church	Corona	NY
Park, Gene	Highrock North Shore	Salem	MA
Sadlier, Amanda J.	Mosaic Covenant Church	New York	NY
Sadlier, Daniel J.	Mosaic Covenant Church	New York	NY
Simpkins, Marlon C.	Regional Hospice And Palliative Care	Danbury	CT
Smith, Garrett R.	Newton Covenant Church	West Newton	MA
Taber, Michael John, III	Highrock Covenant Church	Arlington	MA
Venturini, Elisabeth A.	Bethany Covenant Church	Bedford	NH
Wall, David D.	Bethany Covenant Church	Bedford	NH
Webel, Matthew R.	Highrock North Shore	Salem	MA
Whitney, Elizabeth A.	First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield	Fairfield	CT
Wright, Kimberly R.M.	Church of the Resurrection	New York	NY
Yoon, Daniel J.	Cornerstone Church of Boston	Medford	MA
Yung, Jason Mui	Central Square Church	Cambridge	MA

GREAT LAKES**BVL**

Arakelian, Phillip G.	Crossroads Community Church	South Lyon	MI
Beale, Rita R.	Hope Community Church	Detroit	MI
Dexter, Michael D.	Love of Christ Christian Center	Detroit	MI
Dry, Brendan D.	LifeChurch Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills	MI
Ehrich, Karen Sue	Christ Community Church	Allegan	MI
Ginger, Dawn	Life Covenant Church	Canton	MI
Henderson, Harlan A	Faith Covenant Church	Westerville	OH
Hill, N. David	First Evangelical Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
Homan, Rebecca L.	Covenant Community Church	Fairfield	OH
Kareithi, John M.	Revival Covenant Church	Columbus	OH
Mayer, Katherine M .M.	One Church	Louisville	KY
McClain, Benjamin D.	Crossroads Community Church	South Lyon	MI
Morgan, Micah J.M.	Sanctuary Columbus	Columbus	OH
Niemi, Jennifer L.	Crossroads Community Church	South Lyon	MI
Piper, Jay R., Jr.	Bachelor Evangelical Covenant Church	Fountain	MI
Raju, Azia N.	Citadel of Faith Covenant Church	Detroit	MI
Russ, Brian D.	Christ Covenant Church	Wixom	MI

Stone, Linda Ann	First Evangelical Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
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Barger, Scott R., Sr.	Cran-Hill Ranch	Rodney	MI
Bryde, James Alan	Faith Covenant Church	Farmington Hills	MI
Buckner, Katelyn R.	Life Church Livonia	Livonia	MI
Carey, Harvey F.	Citadel of Faith Covenant Church	Detroit	MI
Connell, Charles A., II	Evangelical Covenant Church	Whitehall	MI
Cozart, Harvey , Jr.	Lighthouse Church	Richmond	KY
Dalman, Dale A.	Esperanza Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
Duren, Arthur L.	Kingdom Embassy Covenant Church	Muskegon	MI
Ek, Peter William	Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
Filipiak, Noah	Mosaic Covenant Church of Grand Rapids	Grand Rapids	MI
Grandy, John E., Jr.	Life Covenant Church	Canton	MI
Hill, Georgia A.	LifeChurch Riverside Detroit	Detroit	MI
Hinken, Joshua W.	First Evangelical Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
Jackson, Laura S.	Faith Covenant Church	Farmington Hills	MI
Johnson, Donearl L.	LifeChurch Auburn Hills	Auburn Hills	MI
Ludge, Michelle L.	First Evangelical Covenant Church	Grand Rapids	MI
Maldonado, Jose	The Movement Church	Nashville	TN
McWherter, Nathaniel D.	Life Covenant Church	Canton	MI
Miyamoto, Shunichi	Faith Covenant Church	Farmington Hills	MI
Nesburg, David K.	First Congregational Church of Otsego	Otsego	MI
Ness, Matthew S.	One Church	Louisville	KY
Rahill, Alexander W., II	Life Church Livonia	Livonia	MI
Reinard, Aaron D.	Scandia Evangelical Covenant Church	Russell	PA
Strabbing, Timothy R.	Beaumont Hospital	Royal Oak	MI
Valentine, Jeanette D.	Journey Covenant Church	Cuyahoga Falls	OH
Van Voorst, Jared R.	Life Covenant Church	Canton	MI
Younger, Leeann R.	Cityview Covenant Church	Pittsburgh	PA

MIDSOUTH

BVL

Brieger, Nancy E.	Restoration Covenant Church	Round Rock	TX
Emerson, Anthony C.	Mosaic Community Covenant	Sugar Land	TX
Lee, Matthew	Mosaic Community Covenant	Sugar Land	TX
Stevenson, Brent L.	Crossroads Covenant Church	DeSoto	TX
Taylor, Christy-Lee Rauch	Sonoma Springs Church	Las Cruces	NM

ML

Carrizo, D. Alejandro	Centro Christiano Las Buenas Nuevas	Houston	TX
Emerson, Melissa L.	Mosaic Community Covenant	Sugar Land	TX
Gadsden, Rodney M.	Crossroads Covenant Church	DeSoto	TX
Lin, John K.	Access Evangelical Covenant Church	Houston	TX
Partain, Stephen T.	Canal Street Church	New Orleans	LA
Wu, David Y.	Leadership Transformations	Lexington	MA

MIDWEST

BVL

Answer, Darryl A.	New Community ECC	Kansas	MO
Burdick, Nathaniel R.	Grace Covenant Church	Lakewood	CO
Houwen, Stephen A.	Life House Covenant Church	Longmont	CO
Kiruhura, Eugene	Shalom Covenant Church	Urbandale	IA
Larson, Kevin J.	Sedalia Community Church	Manhattan	KS
Lundy, Eileen F.	Community Covenant Church	Omaha	NE
Mach, Isaac Duop	South Sudan Evangelical Church	Des Moines	IA

Sandberg, John	Community Covenant Church	Kearney	MO
Thach, Johnson G.	First Sudanese Covenant Church	Omaha	NE
Vega, Jose Ruben	Iglesia Evangelica Casa de Oracion	Wayne	NE
Vogel, John V.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Moran	KS

ML

Anderson, Matthew R.	Arvada Covenant Church	Arvada	CO
Barton, David M.	Trailhead Community Covenant Church	Longmont	CO
Berg, Kara A.	Elevation Hospice	Arvada	CO
Boeschling, Jael B.	Community Covenant Church	Omaha	NE
Bruggeman, Meghan R.	Renew Covenant Church	Carroll	IA
Clerkin, Anthony J.	Hope Covenant Church	El Dorado	KS
Cole, Melvin B.	Freedom Covenant Church	Kansas City	MO
Diller, Dwight A.	Alert Covenant Church	Leonardville	KS
Ferris, Joshua R.	Restoration Church of Northern Colorado	Johnstown	CO
Fisher, Jacob C.	First Covenant Church	Omaha	NE
Flanagan, Jeffrey Lee	Harvest Ridge Covenant Church	Shawnee	KS
Hawke, Elise M.	TRU Community Care	Westminster	CO
Hilts, Tracy C.	Living Hope Covenant Church	Colorado Springs	CO
Lang, Alexia B.	Engage South KC	Kansas City	MO
Leonard, Kayleigh Elizabeth	Arvada Covenant Church	Arvada	CO
Lopez, William E.	Pan y Vino Covenant Church	Prairie Village	KS
Ndegwa, Samuel M.	Imani Restoration Center Church	Aurora	CO
Nickerson, Nicki Renee	Centennial Covenant Church	Littleton	CO
Nunan, Michael R.	Arvada Covenant Church	Arvada	CO
Parry, Daniel E.	New Gottland Evangelical Cov. Church	Mc Pherson	KS
Penn, Austin Daniel	Community Covenant Church	Osage City	KS
Pickering, Chad M.	New Life Wichita Covenant Church	Andover	KS
Redenius, Allan M.	First Covenant Church	Fort Dodge	IA
Rojas, Amadeo Roberto	Renuevo Covenant Church	Arvada	CO
Russell, Susan R.	Renovate Church	Parker	CO
Russell, Gregory A.	Renovate Church	Parker	CO
Sanchez Rodriguez, Jose	Iglesia Evangelica Siloe Covenant Church	Kansas City	KS
Severson, Nathan P.	Hillcrest Covenant Church	Prairie Village	KS
Sivewright, Jason P.	Engage South KC	Kansas City	MO
Stephens, William E.	Ascent Community Church	Louisville	CO
Vair, L. Scott	World Orphans	Castle Rock	CO
Vaughan, Philip A.	Castle Oaks Evangelical Covenant Church	Castle Rock	CO
Williams, David A.	Midwest Conference	Omaha	NE

NORTHWEST

BVL

Burton, Brian A.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Cook	MN
Cassell, James R.	New City Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN
Coronna, Mark S.	Calvary Covenant Church	Stockholm	WI
Freeman, Linda M.	Essentia Health	Virginia	MN
Jacobson, Kristine	Crossroads Evangelical Covenant Church	Forest Lake	MN
King, Jake C.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Braham	MN
Nyhuis, Paul A.	Last City Covenant Church	St. Paul	MN
Renlund, Lisa M.	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN
Todhunter, Paulita Colleen	Epiphany Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN
Wagar-Gilreath, Gayle S.	Community Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN

ML

Anderson, Matthew D.	City of Lakes Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN
Arland, Sophie	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN

Arndt, Michele A.	Crossing Covenant Church	Hudson	WI
Asker, Sandra L.	Crossview Covenant Church	North Mankato	MN
Asker, Brian J.	Crossview Covenant Church	North Mankato	MN
Brown, James W.	Cedarbrook Church	Menomonie	WI
Christian, Adam J.	First Covenant Church	River Falls	WI
Christiansen, Matthew Brent	Evangelical Covenant Church	New London	MN
Delaney, Daniel J.	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN
Dell'Arciprete, Mauricio	Destino Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN
DePalma, John N.	Countryside Covenant Church	Milbank	SD
Finsaas, David C.	Crookston Evangelical Covenant Church	Crookston	MN
Frost, Peter A.	Brookdale Covenant Church	Brooklyn Center	MN
Golnick, Jessie L.	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN
Gunderson, Kyle R.	Cedarbrook Church	Menomonie	WI
Hart, Rachel M.	Linwood Covenant Church	Wyoming	MN
Hoffner, David T.	Minnehaha Academy	Minneapolis	MN
Hovis, Jason S.	Karmel Evangelical Covenant Church	Princeton	MN
Inestroza, Polly E.	Crosstown Covenant Church	Minneapolis	MN
Jackson, Bradley W.	Crossview Covenant Church	North Mankato	MN
Kelly, Christopher J.	Linwood Covenant Church	Wyoming	MN
King, Joseph Donavon	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN
Lassen, John C.	Maywood Covenant Church	Foley	MN
Linna, Georgiana L.	Riverwood Covenant Church	Rockford	MN
Maley, Jonathan P.	Crossroads Church	Woodbury	MN
Mason, Douglas M.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Baudette	MN
Mergens, David R.	Alexandria Covenant Church	Alexandria	MN
Nelson, Nathan L.	Mission Covenant Church	Poplar	WI
Nordin, Galen R.	Covenant Church	Lancaster	MN
Nygaard, Mark L.	Saint Therese of New Hope Senior Services	New Hope	MN
Ortega Romero, Erico V.	Nueva Pacto Fridley dba Iglesia Unidad	Fridley	MN
Pitts, Verna M.	Abbot Northwestern Hospital	Minneapolis	MN
Schanil, Gregory B.	Bethlehem Covenant Church	Wheaton	MN
Staples, Jamison R.	Renew Covenant Church	Eau Claire	WI
Starr, Ryan W.	Lakeview Covenant Church	Duluth	MN
Stenerson, Caitlyn E.	Bethel University	Arden Hills	MN
Swartz, Daniel P.	Emmanuel Covenant Church	Shoreview	MN
Tolbert, Phillip K.	Lake Beauty Bible Camp	Long Prairie	MN
Turrill, Joseph J.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Lake Norden	SD

OM

BVL

Wade, Samantha Y.	Army
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ML

Choi, Hyang Sook	Army
Menne, Paul R.	Army

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

BVL

Bunnel, Laurie A.	Pine Lake Covenant Church	Sammamish	WA
Bustad, Holly R.	Highland Covenant Church	Bellevue	WA
Ernst, Asher B.	Communitas	Spokane	WA
Gaik, Oleg V.	City of Rain Covenant Church	Kent	WA
McAuley, Leslie D.	Immanuel Church	Spokane	WA
McDaniel, Heather	Alive Covenant Church	Poulsbo	WA
Moore, A. Phil	Immanuel Church	Spokane	WA
Segura, Rosa M.	Iglesia Latinoamericana a Covenant Church	Bellevue	WA

Shelton, David K.	Highland Covenant Church	Bellevue	WA
Tzec, Magdiel	Renew Covenant Church	Seattle	WA
VanHoy, Ronald G.	St. Clare Hospital	Lakewood	WA
Worl, Rebecca J.	Pine Lake Covenant Church	Sammamish	WA

ML

Anderson, Timothy J.	Creekside Covenant Church	Redmond	WA
Anderson, Brooke E.	Salem Hospital	Salem	OR
Burnett, Scott A.	Newport Covenant Church	Bellevue	WA
Cheng, Ian	Seattle Chinese Covenant Church	Bellevue	WA
Cramer, Joshua D.	Resurrection Covenant Boise	Boise	ID
Duppenthaler, Troy R.	Countryside Community Church	Sherwood	OR
Duppenthaler, Troy R.	Countryside Community Church	Sherwood	OR
Emmons, Benjamin Lee	Crossroads Community Covenant Church	Yelm	WA
Fairbanks, Robert A	Immanuel Church	Spokane	WA
Finney, Mark D.	Emmaus Church	Spokane	WA
Gothold, Peter A.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Kent	WA
Gough, Rachel	Monroe Covenant Church	Monroe	WA
Grosskopf, Jeff A.	Bellingham Covenant Church	Bellingham	WA
Higgins, Shaun	Midway Community Covenant Church	Des Moines	WA
Huskamp, Michelle	Monroe Covenant Church	Monroe	WA
Keyser, Jeffrey R.	Faith Covenant Church	Sumner	WA
Khilchenko, Andrey Y.	City of Rain Covenant Church	Kent	WA
Kidd, Jeremy	Harbor Covenant Church	Gig Harbor	WA
Knapp, Matthew R.	Harbor Covenant Church	Gig Harbor	WA
Kwon, Sangkil	Tacoma Trinity Church	Tacoma	WA
Matousek, Michael A.	Countryside Community Church	Sherwood	OR
McCann, Angela Mary	Cascade Covenant Church	North Bend	WA
Olson, John M.	Mc Minnville Covenant Church	Mc Minnville	OR
Olson, Karen E.	Mc Minnville Covenant Church	Mc Minnville	OR
Plover, Danae	Eastridge Covenant Church	Clackamas	OR
Ruark, Scott S.	Selah Covenant Church	Selah	WA
Salcedo, Torina M.	Evangelical Covenant Church	Kent	WA
Sanchez, Lynette E.	Countryside Community Church	Sherwood	OR
Smith, Kristi S.	Milwaukie Covenant Church	Milwaukie	OR
Strunk, O. William	Multicare Deaconess Hospital	Spokane	WA
VanderLinda, Richard E.	Praise Covenant Church	Tacoma	WA
Wadsworth, Zahra J. A.	West Hills Covenant Church	Portland	OR
Watson, Lyndsey M.	Covenant Kids Congo		WA
Yadav, Sharad	Bread and Wine	Portland	OR

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

BVL

Betancourt, Paul H.	La Vina Covenant Church	Kerman	CA
Carlson, Lori E.	Come, Learn, Rest Ministries	Oakdale	CA
Carrillo, Leonardo E.	Comunidad Cristiana I.P.E	Los Angeles	CA
De La Roca, Carlos H.	Church of the Redeemer	Los Angeles	CA
Engle, Karyn L.	Edgewater Covenant	Pittsburg	CA
Flores Escalante, William O.	Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico	Porterville	CA
Forrest, Bruce M.	Community Covenant Church	West Point	CA
Gonzales, Jaime	Nueva Esperanza Church	Antioch	CA
Guzman, Edwin O.	Pacific Southwest Conference	Concord	CA
Hong, Albert O.	New Hope Covenant Church	Oakland	CA
Huerta, Rebecca	Iglesia Del Pacto Evangelico	Kingsburg	CA
Klem, Cheryl L.	Mountain View Covenant Church	Mission Viejo	CA
Martinez, M. Fernando	Casa de Pan y Alabanza	Los Angeles	CA

Murphy, Bronwyn	University Covenant Church	Davis	CA
Quinche, Carmen R.	Comunidad Cristiana I.P.E	Los Angeles	CA
Ramos, Jorge A.	La Jornada Covenant Church	Pleasant Hill	CA
Reiher, Aaron F.	First Covenant Church	Eureka	CA
Sorenson, Anita L.	Pasadena Covenant Church	Pasadena	CA
Strait, Mika M.	Rock Harbor Covenant Church	Loomis	CA
Sutton, Roldon P.	Modesto Covenant Church	Modesto	CA
Villela, Sandra L.	Amistad Covenant Church	Las Vegas	NV

ML

Aanderud, Nathan E.	Rolling Hills Covenant Church	Rolling Hills Estates	
CA			
Alessio, Jennifer M.	Heights Church	Citrus Heights	CA
Amaya, Benito	City Gateway Covenant Church	Long Beach	CA
Balian, Robert J.	Bayside Church - Midtown Campus	Roseville	CA
Barboza, David M.	Grace Hills Bible Church	Angels Camp	CA
Barsotti, Catherine M.	CHET	Compton	CA
Bishop, Gregory J.	Grace Covenant Church	Spring Valley	CA
Boies, Judson B.	Bayside Covenant Church - Granite Bay	Granite Bay	CA
Buitrago, Cesar A.	Amigos de Jesus Covenant Church	Patterson	CA
Byron, Caleb M.	Modesto Covenant Church	Modesto	CA
Fair, Jeremiah J.	Community Covenant Church	Santa Cruz	CA
Fishler, Joy A.	Life Community Church	Roseville	CA
Glynn, Douglas	Hope Covenant Church	Chandler	AZ
Groenwald, Joseph E.	Genesis Church	Phoenix	AZ
Hawkins, Jack D.	Canyon Springs Covenant Church	San Diego	CA
Johnson, Bryan W.	River 47: An Evangelical Covenant Church	Orange	CA
Kilgore, Danielle L.	Marin Evangelical Covenant Church	San Rafael	CA
Luna, Rolando	Comunidad Familiar Cristiana of the ECC	Redwood City	CA
Merida, Fredy Amilcar	Vida Abundante	Roseville	CA
Neiderhiser, Haley J.	Stockton Covenant Church	Stockton	CA
Salas, Edmund I.	Newsong Community Church	Irvine	CA
Sanborn, Brianne N.	Desert City Community Church	Phoenix	AZ
Solomon, Israel B.	The Harbor Covenant Church	Los Angeles	CA
Sweeney, Craig E.	Heights Church	Citrus Heights	CA
Terashima, Norifumi	Rolling Hills Covenant Church	Rolling Hills Est.	CA
Tucker, Nicholas	Covenant Grove Church	Modesto	CA
Wesley, David M.	Serving California	Thousand Oaks	CA
Wickstrom, Emily B.	Common Ground Covenant Church	Sacramento	CA
Wysong, Stephen C.	Hillside Covenant Church	Walnut Creek	CA

SOUTHEAST

BVL

Johnson, Darryl R., Sr.	Walk of Faith Church	Mound Bayou	MS
Owens, Mary Ann	Trinity World Christian Center	Douglasville	GA
Reed, Dorean	Trinity World Christian Center	Douglasville	GA
Willocks, Gregory O.	Grace Covenant Ministries	Homestead	FL
Wong-Turner, Sharon A.	Kingdom Covenant Church	Miami	FL

ML

Dean, Kevin M.	Faith Covenant Church	St Petersburg	FL
Miller, Timothy A.	Lakeview Church	Tarpon Springs	FL
Strickland, Brian D.	Grace Spring Covenant Church	Vero Beach	FL

SERVE GLOBALLY

GSL

Duncan, Sheryl L.	Covenant Merge Ministries	Mission	TX
Muniz, Fabio	Serve Globally	Chicago	IL
Nahnychuk, Colleen	Serve Globally	Chicago	IL
Noren, Mary L.	Serve Globally	Chicago	IL
Noren, Karl E.	Serve Globally	Chicago	IL

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for ministerial licenses:

Rachel Gough, by Debbie Montzingo
 Randall Hoffbeck, by Ted Smith

Presentation of Candidates for Transfer of Ordination

Kersten presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 136th Annual Meeting approve the finalization of transfer of ordination to the following persons:”

Mark J. Won, Navy Chaplaincy, Woodbridge, Virginia
 Karen Potter Munn, Orchard Covenant Church, Indian Orchard, New York
 Ieisha D. Hawley, New York City Department of Corrections, East Elmhurst, New York

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for transfer of ordination:

Mark Won, by Barbara Ettinger
 Karen Munn, by Barbara Ettinger, Christina Tinglof, and Linnea Ek
 Ieisha Hawley, by Barbara Ettinger, Christina Tinglof, Debbie Montzingo, and Nilwona Nowlin

The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Commissioning

Kersten presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 136th Annual Meeting grant commissioning to the following person:”

Lynne J. McLaughlin, Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for commissioning:

Lynne McLaughlin, by Andrew Vanover, Jen Vanover, John McLaughlin, and Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence

The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Service

Ng presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 136th Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and service to the following persons:”

Jason M. Baehr, Zion Covenant Church, Jamestown, New York
Diane M. Borden, Council Tree Covenant Church, Fort Collins, Colorado
John E. Chapman, UNIDOS South OC Inc, San Juan Capistrano, California
David J. Chatel, Crossroads Community Church, South Lyon, Michigan
Tanya C. Constanza, Central Conference, Chicago, Illinois
Nancy A. De Jong, Pine Lake Covenant Church, Sammamish, Washington
Troy A. Nichols, Common Ground Covenant Church, Sacramento, California
Christine M. Olfelt, Advocate Aurora Health Systems, Park Ridge, Illinois
Charles D. Potts, Valley Evangelical Covenant Church, Stillman Valley, Illinois
Grace H. Shim, Serve Globally Mission Priority
Chanda L. Winkels, Alexandria Covenant Church, Alexandria, Minnesota
Cindy M. Wu, Houston Welcomes Refugees, Houston, Texas

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for ordination to word and service:

Diane Borden, by Christina Tinglof, Julie Persson
Tanya Constanza, by Eric Hedberg, Joy-Elizabeth Lawrence, Megan Herrold Sinchi, Pete Anderson, and Nilwona Nowlin
Troy Nichols, by Craig Wickstrom, Cheryl Wickstrom, Tammy J. Long
Christine Olfelt, by Libby Piotrowski, Craig Wickstrom, Douglas Thorpe
Charles Potts, by Andrew Sturdy, Todd Slechta, Bill Orris, Rick Lindholtz, Linnea Ek, Pete Anderson, and Travis Randolph
Grace H. Shim, by Stephen N. Wong, Pete Anderson, Andrew Vanover, and Nilwona Nowlin
Chanda L. Winkels, by Roland Mossberg
Cindy Wu, by Susan Poston, Julie Persson, Dennis K. Carlson, and Nilwona Nowlin

The motion carried.

Presentation of Candidates for Ordination to Word and Sacrament

Kersten and Ng presented the following motion: “The Board of the Ordered Ministry, with the approval of the Covenant Ministerium, moves that the 136th Annual Meeting grant ordination to word and sacrament to the following persons:”

Nathan A. Alley, Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado
Michael D. Baker, United Methodist Church, Arlington, Minnesota
Robert A. Benavides, New Community Covenant Church, Elkins, West Virginia
Marty R. Boeschling, Community Covenant Church, Omaha, Nebraska
Josiah J. Cheng, Naperville Evangelical Covenant Church, Naperville, Illinois
Justin Hyoung Jun Choi, Highrock Covenant Church, Arlington, Massachusetts

Rose M. Cornelious, Dorcas Ministries, Cary, North Carolina
Carla M. Cortez, Oasis de Salvacion ECC, Arvada, Colorado
Oscar A. Cortez, Oasis de Salvacion ECC, Arvada, Colorado
Nathan J. Daniels, Cannon Beach Community Church, Cannon Beach, Oregon
Kanyere F. Eaton, Fellowship Covenant Church, Bronx, New York
Tiffany A. Flanagan, Harvest Ridge Covenant Church, Shawnee, Kansas
J. Chad Glazener, First Covenant Church, Portland, Oregon
Walter O. Gomez, Maranatha Covenant Church, Vallejo, California
Michael D. Hill, Marin Evangelical Covenant Church, San Rafael, California
Ihn Joon Hur, Metro Community Church, Fort Lee, New Jersey
Gregory D. Johnson, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Providence, Rhode Island
Sarah M. Keough, UnityPoint Health – Meriter Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin
Taylor J. Kim, San Diego Calvary Korean Church, San Diego, California
Mark C. Knight, Praise Covenant Church, Tacoma, Washington
Evan L. Kolding, Lakeview Covenant Church, Duluth, Minnesota
Grace H. Lin, Access Evangelical Covenant Church, Houston, Texas
R. Scott Lisea, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California
Nicole C. McClurg, Institute for Biblical Gender Equality, Munster, Indiana
William C. Miller, Redeemer Evangelical Covenant Church, Liverpool, New York
Gregory M. Millings, New York Covenant Church, New Rochelle, New York
Marie Bernadette Moore, Bethel Bible Fellowship, Carrollton, Texas
Kurt R.A. Morrill, Simi Covenant Church, Simi Valley, California
Kenneth C. Oliver, Chicago Bible Society, Chicago, Illinois
Olivia Polanco, Primera Iglesia del Pacto, Bell Gardens, California
Nicholas A. Pringle, Cedar Creek Covenant Church, Maple Valley, Washington
Philip J. D. Rushton, Bellingham Covenant Church, Bellingham, Washington
Daniel J. Schmitz, New Hope Covenant Church, Oakland, California
Julio C. Sical, Rolling Hills Covenant Church, Rolling Hills Estates, California
Rici A. Skei, On Ramps Covenant Church, Fresno, California
Benjamin P.B. Wickstrom, Common Ground Covenant Church, Sacramento, California
Theodore Williams Jr., Covenant Community Church, South Bend, Indiana
Stephen S. Wong, Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena, California
Michael S. Yi, Re-Entering Call Process

The moderator made provision for recording in the minutes the names of those delegates who made requests to second the recommendation of specific candidates for ordination to word and sacrament:

Josiah Cheng, by Lawrence Anderson
Justin Choi, by Meghan DeJong, Eric Hedberg, Christina Tinglof
Rose Cornelious, by Catherine Gilliard
Kanyere Eaton, by Catherine Gilliard, Christina Tinglof, and Nilwona Nowlin
Walter Gomez, Louis Estrada
Michael Hill, by Ben Kerns and Nilwona Nowlin
Ihn Joon Hur, by Christina Tinglof
Greg Johnson, by Christina Tinglof, Vann Trapp

Sarah Keogh, by Christina Tinglof
Mark Knight, by Ben Zabel and Mark Safstrom
Evan Kolding, by David E. Hugare and Pete Anderson
Grace Lin, by Dennis K. Carlson
Nicole McClurg, by Cheryl Lynn Cain, Maria Koliantz, Carol Nordstrom, Steven Peterson,
and Pete Anderson
Greg Millings, by Christina Tinglof
Bernadette Moore, by Dennis K. Carlson
Kurt R.A. Morrill, by Joel Scott, Douglas King
Ken Oliver, by Bill Orris
Nick Pringle, by Ben Zabel, Richard Mylander, and Pete Anderson
Philip J.D. Rushton, by Eric Hedberg
Daniel J. Schmitz, by Stephen N. Wong
Rici A. Skei, by Nilwona Nowlin
Benjamin P.B. Wickstrom, by Craig Wickstrom, Cheryl Wickstrom, Boaz Johnson, Linnea
Ek, Pete Anderson, and Nilwona Nowlin
Theodore Williams, by Sheree Arens Van Ausdal, Mark Van Ausdal, Linnea Ek, and
Nilwona Nowlin
Stephen Wong, by Boaz Johnson and Andrew Vanover
Michael Yi, by Christina Tinglof

The motion carried. Dennis Carlson, a member of the Board of Ordered Ministry, prayed for the recently approved credentialing candidates.

MISSION MOMENT – DEVELOP LEADERS

The moderator recognized Marti Burger, director of vocational innovation and support. After a brief video, Burger gave an overview of services available to pastors and churches, including financial coaching and grants for retreats, spiritual direction, sabbatical, and other supports. These services were made possible in part by two Lilly grants. Lilly has offered a phase three \$250,000 matching grant, and Burger encouraged churches and individuals to contribute. Burger also encouraged contributions to the Ministers' Care and Crisis Fund.

37. REPORT FROM CENTRO HISPANO DE ESTUDIO TEOLÓGICOS (CHET)

The moderator recognized Magdalena Sanchez, interim president of Centro Hispano de Estudio Teológicos and encouraged delegates to continue to pray for CHET president, Dr. Juan Martinez, who remains on medical leave. Sanchez provided an overview of CHET's ministry.

The moderator recognized Vicky Reier, Covenant Executive Board member, who prayed for Sanchez and CHET's students, faculty, and staff.

30. T.W. ANDERSON OUTSTANDING LAYPERSON AWARD

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez and John Wenrich. Gonzalez announced the 2022 T.W. Anderson award recipient, Percy Mueda, member of Grace Covenant Church, San Francisco, California. Gonzalez read a citation highlighting various aspects of Mueda's service. Mueda addressed the delegates via video. Wenrich led a time of prayer for Mueda.

31. IRVING LAMBERT OUTSTANDING URBAN MINISTRIES AWARD

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, president, and Paul Robinson, executive minister of Love Mercy and Do Justice. Robinson announce the 2022 Irving C. Lambert award recipient, John (“Big John”) Phillip Perkins, pastor of Common Ground Covenant Church, Jackson, Mississippi. Wenrich and Robinson highlighted various aspects of Perkins’s ministry and contributions in urban and ethnic ministries. This award was presented posthumously and accepted by Catherine Gilliard, superintendent of the Southeast Conference, on behalf of the Perkins family and Southeast Conference. Gilliard addressed the delegates. Wenrich closed with a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and legacy of Perkins.

23. SERVICE RECOGNITION FOR GLOBAL PERSONNEL

The moderator recognized Curtis Peterson, interim executive minister of Serve Globally; Deborah Masten, director of global personnel; and John Wenrich, who recognized the service of retiring global personnel Cheryl Clark, Bob Shim, and Rhonda and Kent Egging.

Shim and Clark addressed the delegates. The Eggings shared remarks via video.

Wenrich prayed for Clark, Shim, and the Eggings.

40. REPORT FROM NATIONAL COVENANT PROPERTIES

The moderator recognized Peter Hedstrom, president of National Covenant Properties, who gave a report on the ministry of NCP. Highlights included testimonies from NCP.

The moderator recognized Mary Ann Owens, member of the Covenant Executive Board, who prayed for Hedstrom.

20. BOARD ELECTIONS, VOTE, AND RESULTS

The moderator recognized Julia Sandstrom, chair of the Board of Nominations, who explained the procedures and task of the board and then presented the ballots. Results were available immediately for all delegates to see. The ballots are as follows with the numbers indicating affirmative votes:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

6-year term

Sam Chang

Eric Palmquist

G. Dany Flores

Justin Noseworthy

Jocelyn Torres

5-year term

Linnea Carnes

4-year term

Barb Coslow

3-year term

Margie Swenson

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

5-year term

Susan Cosio
Dennis Carlson
Kyliah Clarke Villa
Alice Lee

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

5-year term

Barbara Grinbergs

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

3-year term

Donna Harris

1-year term

Jay Carstenbrock
Mary Miller
David Otfinoski

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICER FOR 2023 and 2024

Secretary

2-year term

Norma Ramos

BOARD OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

5-year term

Bill Clark

2-year term

Art DeRooy

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

4-year term

Rick Mylander

3-year term

Toni Schwabe

2-year term

Joe Muzzi

The moderator called for nominations from the floor. There were none. The moderator declared nominations closed.

The following results were announced:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

6-year term

Sam Chang (516 yes, 3 no)
Eric Palmquist (493 yes, 12 no)
G. Dany Flores (499 yes, 11 no)
Justin Noseworthy (500 yes, 12 no)
Jocelyn Torres (509 yes, 13 no)

5-year term

Linnea Carnes (509 yes, 17 no)

4-year term

Barb Coslow (514 yes, 10 no)

3-year term

Margie Swenson (512 yes, 15 no)

BOARD OF THE ORDERED MINISTRY

5-year term

Susan Cosio (509 yes, 17 no)
Dennis Carlson (516 yes, 6 no)
Kyliah Clarke Villa (492 yes, 31 no)
Alice Lee (509 yes, 14 no)

BOARD OF PENSIONS AND BENEFITS

5-year term

Barbara Grinbergs (515 yes, 6 no)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NORTH PARK UNIVERSITY

3-year term

Donna Harris (507 yes, 13 no)

1-year term

Jay Carstenbrock (514 yes, 3 no)
Mary Miller (512 yes, 9 no)
David Otfinoski (506 yes, 10 no)

ANNUAL MEETING OFFICER FOR 2023 and 2024

Secretary

2-year term

Norma Ramos (510 yes, 5 no)

BOARD OF COVENANT MINISTRIES OF BENEVOLENCE

5-year term

Bill Clark (510 yes, 3 no)

2-year term

Art DeRooy (508 yes, 4 no)

BOARD OF NOMINATIONS

4-year term

Rick Mylander (501 yes, 11 no)

3-year term

Toni Schwabe (501 yes, 8 no)

2-year term

Joe Muzzi (508 yes, 11 no)

The moderator declared all of the above duly elected to the positions.
Sandstrom led in a word of prayer for all those who were elected.

27. RECOGNITION OF PAUL WILSON, PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

The moderator recognized John Wenrich and Will Davidson, chair of the Pacific Southwest Conference Executive Board. Wenrich read a citation recognizing Wilson's service, and Davidson accepted it on Wilson's behalf. After a video presentation, Wilson addressed the delegates via Zoom. Davidson prayed for Wilson.

28. RECOGNITION OF MARK STROMBERG, NORTHWEST CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, who read a citation recognizing Stromberg's service. After a video presentation, Stromberg addressed the delegates. Jim Volling, chair of the Northwest Conference Executive Board, prayed for Stromberg.

The moderator recognized vice-moderator, Rick Lindholtz, who gave closing announcements. A delegate reported to the assembly the results of the SCOTUS vote regarding Roe v. Wade. The moderator asked the assembly to silently pray.

The assembly recessed at 5:16 p.m. (CDT).

FOURTH BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 25, 2022

8:30 a.m.

1. MORNING WORSHIP CONTINUED

The morning devotion was provided by Michelle Sanchez, executive minister of Make and Deepen Disciples, and the musical worship was provided by Becky Yakima.

4d. CREDENTIALING REPORT #4

The moderator recognized Tiana Coleman, chair of the credentialing committee, for the fourth report.

Total credentialed voting delegates: 240 onsite, 249 online, for a total of 489.

Total additional registrants in non-voting categories: 85 onsite, 3 online, for a total of 88.
Total registered conference attendance: 325 onsite, 334 online, for a total of 659.

11. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, president, who gave his final report as president. He shared highlights related to this year's theme of "Above All Else." He said that while the pandemic changed our understanding of "normal," our missional impulse has not faltered.

Wenrich shared that this Annual Meeting is particularly poignant as it is his last as president. He served in the role of president the past four years with great gratitude and honor. He asked that the assembly please continue to pray for him and his wife, Julie, as they discern what's next and said that the Covenant will remain in their prayers.

Wenrich encouraged the assembly with these words: The Church was built for a time like this. He urged us to never stop serving, never stop praying, never stop sharing the good news of Jesus with the world so that everyone has the opportunity to meet, know, and follow Jesus. This is the heart of the Covenant.

Wenrich concluded his report with a time of blessing. The moderator recognized Evelyn Perez, Covenant Executive Board member, who prayed for Wenrich.

33. PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023 MISSION AND MINISTRY BUDGET

The moderator recognized Steve Klimkowski, chief financial officer and treasurer of the Covenant, who gave a presentation on the mission and ministry budget for fiscal year 2023 and a proposed mission and ministry budget of \$18,289,248.

Klimkowski presented the following motion: "The Finance Committee, the Covenant Council of Administrators, and the Executive Board recommend the fiscal year 2023 Mission and Ministry Budget in the amount of \$18,289,248 for adoption by the 2022 Covenant Annual Meeting." The mission and ministry expense budget is as follows:

Start and Strengthen Churches	\$1,754,668
Make and Deepen Disciples	\$1,210,572
Develop Leaders	\$1,632,849
Love Mercy and Do Justice	\$ 909,941
Serve Globally	\$1,948,784
Communications	\$1,942,212
Shared Services	\$1,773,529
Other	\$ 175,000

After a time of discussion, the motion carried.

The moderator recognized Karen Stein, chair of the finance committee of the Covenant Executive Board, who prayed for Klimkowski and the 2023 Mission and Ministry operating budget.

53. RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE REGARDING HUMAN SEXUALITY AND UNITY

The moderator recognized vice-moderator, Rick Lindholtz, who read aloud the agenda item proposed by Delegate Frank Riley: "That our newly elected president return to the 2023 Annual

Meeting with a report and recommendations for definitive and concrete actions to bring our divide on human sexuality to resolution, engaging appropriate governance bodies in doing so.”

Delegate Peter Frost moved to amend the original motion to read: “Recommend that our newly elected president return to the 2023 Annual Meeting with a report on the work being done to address our divide on human sexuality, and provide a clear update on the direction and progress that is being made for our path forward as a denomination.” The moderator ruled this motion out of order because the original debate had not gone on for 10 minutes. After reaching the 10-minute threshold Frost presented the motion again. The motion was seconded, and a discussion followed.

After 28 minutes of discussion, delegate Julia Sandstrom motioned to extend the debate for 15 minutes. After being seconded, the motion failed.

The amendment to the original motion carried. The amended motion carried. The moderator recognized vice-moderator, Rick Lindholtz, who prayed.

MISSION MOMENT – START AND STRENGTHEN CHURCHES

The moderator recognized Mary Hendrickson, director of missional vitality. After a video, Hendrickson shared about missional vitality resources that are available to congregations, such as the pH (periodic health) check assessment and “Finding Your Why” workshop.

13. UPDATE ON FREEDOM, UNITY, AND RESPONSIBILITY RESOURCE PAPER

The moderator recognized Howard Burgoyne, superintendent of the East Coast Conference and chair of the Freedom, Unity, and Responsibility resource paper writing team. Burgoyne provided an update on the continued work of the resource paper writing team. The team consists of: Burgoyne, Dr. Hauna Ondrey, Rev. Dr. Stephen Bilynskyj, Rev. Nilwona Nowlin, Rev. Dr. Donn Engbretson, Rev. Angela Yee, and Rev. Dr. John Wenrich. (Prior to resigning as executive minister of Develop Leaders and the ordered ministry, Rev. Lance Davis was also on the team.) The primary writers are Burgoyne and Ondrey. A draft of the paper will soon be translated into Spanish and distributed to readers for feedback. The team expects to bring forth a draft to the Annual Meeting in 2023.

The assembly recessed at 12:06 p.m.

FIFTH BUSINESS SESSION

Saturday, June 25, 2022

1:30 p.m.

4e. CREDENTIALING REPORT #5

The moderator recognized Sandy Norris, member of the credentialing committee, for the fifth report from the credentialing committee, which is as follows:

Total credentialed voting delegates: 155 onsite, 200 online, for a total of 355.

Total additional registrants in non-voting categories: 80 onsite, 10 online, for a total of 90.

Total registered conference attendance of 235 onsite, 210 online, for a total of 445.

The final credentialing report was included in the meeting summary sent to delegates after the meeting concluded.

FINAL CREDENTIALING REPORT

Representing	Delegates	Churches
Conferences		
Alaska	15	6
Canada	2	2
Central	77	35
East Coast	54	27
Great Lakes	33	16
Midsouth	23	9
Midwest	81	36
Northwest	170	70
Pacific Northwest	73	32
Pacific Southwest	80	35
Southeast	10	5
Total of Delegates by Conference	618	276

Delegates in addition to those represented in conferences

General Delegates		
Officers of the Covenant	3	1
Executive Board	31	25
Council of Administrators	12	10
Annual Meeting Officers	3	3
Board of Nominations	1	1
Covenant Ministerium		0
Assoc. of Cov. Camps and Conf. Centers	2	0
Commission Delegates	2	0
Serve Globally Delegates	0	2
Regional Conference Offices	26	0
Total General Delegates	31	31

***TOTAL CREDENTIALLED DELEGATES**

*(sum of Delegates by Conference & General Delegates)

42. REPORT FROM PAUL CARLSON PARTNERSHIP

The moderator recognized Renee Hale, executive director of Paul Carlson Partnership, who presented a report on the ministry of PCP.

The moderator recognized Sally Carlson, a North Park University Board of Trustees member, who prayed for Hale and the ministry of Paul Carlson Partnership.

35. REPORT ON 2020/2021 MISSION ADVANCEMENT

The moderator recognized Gayle Gilreath, executive director of Mission Advancement. After a video, Gilreath provided an overview of Advancement efforts.

The moderator recognized Carl Helfrich, a Covenant Executive Board member, who prayed for Gilreath and the Advancement team.

10. CHURCHES REMOVED FROM THE ROSTER

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who presented the following churches that are being removed from the roster:

Withdrawn

The Church at Hemlock Farms, Lords Valley, Pennsylvania
Artisan Church, Rochester, New York
Gateway Community Church, Powell, Ohio
Nueva Vida, Jamestown, New York
Fellowship Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado
Bethany Evangelical Covenant Church, Miami, Florida

Closed

Immanuel Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois
Brookwood Covenant Church, Topeka, Kansas
Sunset Covenant Church, Portland, Oregon
Convergence Covenant Church, Oakland, California
Jehovah Es Mi Pastor, San Francisco, California
My Father's House, San Marino, California
Bridges Church, Tavares, Florida
Church in Motion, Holly Springs, North Carolina

The motion to remove the churches from the roster carried. The moderator recognized Paul Lessard, executive minister of Start and Strengthen Churches, who prayed for the churches, communities, and congregants navigating these transitions.

14. REPORT AND ACTION ON THE COVENANT CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW AMENDMENTS

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez who presented updates and items for approval.

The following item, Report on North Park University Bylaw Amendments, has been approved by the Annual Meeting Officers and the Covenant Executive Board. The approved language is included below:

Section 12.3. North Park University.

b. The Board of Trustees shall consist of twenty-five to no more than thirty members, comprised of elected members, appointed members, and ex-officio members. Each member of the Board of Trustees shall be a member in good standing of a member congregation of the ECC or another Christian church as

further set below. Each member of the Board of Trustees serves all ECC congregations.

i. Elected Members.

(1) Candidates for the Board of Trustees to be elected by the Annual Meeting shall be slated according to the procedures of the Board of Nominations and elected by the Annual Meeting. The Board of Trustees may recommend candidates to the Board of Nominations.

(2) At least three elected members shall meet the criteria of the ECC policy on ethnic representation.

(3) At least 20 percent of the elected members shall be clergy and at least 20 percent shall be lay.

(4) At least 35 percent of the elected members shall be female. At least 35 percent of the elected members shall be male.

(5) Each elected member shall be a member in good standing of a member congregation of the ECC.

(6) An elected member may be elected up to four consecutive three-year terms

ii. Appointed Members. Up to nine persons shall be recommended by the Board of Trustees and appointed by the Executive Board for up to four terms of three years. Each appointed member shall be a member in good standing of a Christian church and shall be in harmony with the mission of North Park University. Appointed members are not required to be members of ECC congregations. An appointed member may be suspended or removed for cause only if such action is recommended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the other members of the Board of Trustees and approved by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of all the members of the Executive Board. Cause for suspension or removal is failure to perform duties, malfeasance, misfeasance, immorality, indiscretion, unethical behavior, doctrinal error, breach of fiduciary duty owed to the ECC, breach of a duty of confidentiality owed to the ECC, or breach of a duty of loyalty owed to the ECC.

The following items were introduced to the 135th Annual Meeting of the Covenant with action to be taken by the 136th Annual Meeting:

Action on the Proposed 2021/2022 Constitutional Amendments

Section 1.1. The name of this body shall be The Evangelical Covenant Church (the “Covenant” ~~or the “ECC”~~).

Rationale: Move to remove the acronym (ECC) throughout the document and instead utilize “Covenant” throughout our formal communication. We are moving toward standardizing the use of our name, Evangelical Covenant Church, Covenant, or the Evangelical Covenant Church throughout our communication resources.

Section 7.4. Each ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** congregation, each regional conference, and each ~~“ECC” world mission~~ **Covenant global** mission region is entitled to send one or more delegates to the Annual Meeting, as provided in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for

additional delegates and advisors. Each delegate shall serve for a term that expires at the convening of the next Annual Meeting as provided in the Bylaws. Each delegate shall be a corporate member of the ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** for the duration of that delegate’s term.

Rationale: Move to replace the word “world” with “global.”

Section 16.2. At least ninety days before the Annual Meeting when final action is to be taken on a proposed amendment to the Constitution, the corporate secretary of the ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** shall send a copy of each proposed amendment to each ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** congregation and shall cause the text of each proposed amendment to be published in the ~~official print publication~~ **communication channels** of the ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** and in the electronic media that the ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** regularly uses for communication with ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** congregations and members of ~~“ECC”~~ **Covenant** congregations.

Rationale: Move to replace the word “print publication of the ‘ECC’” with “communication channels of the Covenant” to capture our growing reliance on electronic media.

The motion carried.

Presentation on 2022 Covenant Bylaws Amendments

Section 7.2. The Executive Board shall designate the time, **place, and medium** of each Annual Meeting.

Rationale: After the pandemic, and with the growing fiscal/social demands evolving in our society, this modification allows for the Covenant Executive Board to define the means for Annual Meeting engagements. They presently select the place and time. This increases the flexibility to elect in-person, virtual, or hybrid modes of engagements. The director of events, the president of the Covenant, and the Council of Administrators will continue to serve as advisors in this decision-making process.

Section 7.8.a.iii. Copies of the proposed agenda and accompanying materials shall be available to delegates electronically or in writing **sixty days** ~~thirty days~~ prior to the meeting.

Rationale: This modification aligns the timeline of notification with the expectation stipulated in Article XVI, Section 16.2 and ensures delegates and their respective congregations receive Annual Meeting material in a timely manner, regardless of the meeting’s setting or medium.

Section 7.9. Elections and Calls.

a. ECC President.

ii. One candidate for president of the ECC shall be nominated by a Presidential Nominating Committee consisting of the following: twelve persons elected by the Executive Board from its elected members so as to reflect the composition of the Executive Board as a whole; one person each elected by and from the elected members of the Board of Directors of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, the Board of the Ordered Ministry, the Board of Pensions and Benefits, ~~and~~ the Board of Trustees of North Park University, ~~and the chairs of one member of each of the Executive Boards of the Regional Conferences.~~ **The Presidential Nominating Committee**

shall have at least one member from every ethnic group that has an established ethnic association within the Covenant.

Rationale: With input from the Presidential Nominating Committee (PNC), the Covenant Executive Board sought to provide greater flexibility on the representatives from the conferences' Executive Boards, while also continuing to advance the multiethnic mosaic of which we are all a part. A member from a Conference Executive Board may be elected by their peers to represent the conference on the PNC. The PNC membership will have a minimum of one member from the Covenant Ethnic Associations. This modifies representation on the PNC, not the total number of members on the PNC.

Section 8.2. Composition and Selection of the Executive Board.

b. **Ex-officio Members.** The Executive Board shall have the following ex-officio members: the president of the ECC, a conference superintendent designated by the Council of Superintendents who serves as liaison from that council, an elected member of the Board of Directors of Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, **and Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos del Pacto Evangélico**, and ~~an elected member of the~~ Board of Trustees of North Park University who serves as a liaison from these boards to the Executive Board. An ex-officio member of the Executive Board who serves as a liaison from another board shall not be an employee of the ECC, any ECC institution, any regional conference, any conference institution, or any regional mission organization.

Rationale: This aligns the bylaws to the collaborative efforts that have been happening since 2016 when CHET transitioned under the umbrella of Covenant Organizations.

A delegate motioned that the items be voted on separately. After a second, the assembly voted. The motion failed. The motion to approve the amendments as listed carried.

The following item is being introduced to the 136th Annual Meeting of the Covenant with action to be taken by the 137th Annual Meeting:

Report and Action on 2022/23 Covenant Constitutional Amendments

Section 7.4. Each ECC congregation, each regional conference, and each ECC ~~world mission~~ **serve globally** region is entitled to send one or more delegates to the Annual Meeting, as provided in the Bylaws. The Bylaws may provide for additional delegates and advisors. Each delegate shall serve for a term that expires at the convening of the next Annual Meeting as provided in the Bylaws. Each delegate shall be a corporate member of the ECC for the duration of that delegate's term.

Rationale: This is a minor cleanup from when we modified our language in 2014 from "world mission" to "serve globally." This edit brings the sentence into alignment with our mission priority language and its usage throughout the governance documents.

MISSION MOMENT – CRESCENDO

The moderator recognized Tim Ciccone, director of youth ministry. After a video, Ciccone introduced Pastor Steve Wong who gave a good news report on the ministry being done through Crescendo and efforts to better address concerns of mosaic churches. Crescendo is working with the Marketing and Communications team to capture legacy stories from Latino, African American, and Indigenous Covenanters.

43. MISSION AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP RESPONSE TO DELEGATE QUESTIONS

The moderator recognized vice moderator, Rick Lindholtz, who invited the following leaders on stage to respond to delegate questions that had been presented in writing: Erik Anderson, Dave Kersten, Sharon Anderson, Mary Surridge, and Tammy Swanson-Draheim. Parliamentarian, Eric Filkin, also responded to questions.

12. REPORT ON STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT TEAM RECOMMENDATION

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who provided a brief report on the Strategic Alignment Team recommendation. Last October, the Covenant Executive Board, with the concurrence of the Covenant Offices Leadership Team, voted to rescind all recommendations of the Strategic Alignment Team to allow president-elect Tammy Swanson-Draheim to have a voice in strategic planning.

24. RECOGNITION OF JOHN WENRICH, PRESIDENT OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

The moderator recognized John Wenrich and Covenant Executive Board officers Jon Bonkoski (chair), Valerie Weyand (secretary), and Cindy Wu (vice-secretary). They presented President Wenrich with a citation and gift. After a video presentation, Wenrich addressed the delegates, and Weyand prayed for Wenrich and his family.

26. RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS CONCLUDING TERM OF SERVICE

The moderator recognized John Wenrich and Rebecca Gonzalez. Gonzalez expressed appreciation on behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church to Roberto Ghione, Dwain Tissell, and Cindy Wu for their service to the Executive Board and presented them with gifts on behalf of the Executive Board. Evelyn Perez, Erick Marquez, Doris Granberry, and David Holder were honored in their absence. Wenrich prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for the board members.

25. RECOGNITION OF REBECCA GONZALEZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

The moderator recognized John Wenrich, who presented Gonzalez with a citation and gift. After a video presentation, Gonzalez addressed the delegates, and John Bonkoski prayed for her.

50. CLOSING STATEMENT

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who moved the following resolution of sympathy:

We are grateful to God for the following pastors, global personnel, and pastors' spouses whose deaths have been reported to us since we last met in 2021. We will remember these partners in ministry with gratitude at the Ordination and Commissioning Service.

RESOLVED, that the 136th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church expresses its sympathy to the families of the Covenant pastors, global personnel, and pastors' spouses who have gone to be with the Lord, and that those families be presented with a program of the worship service in which there will be a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for their lives and ministry.

Pastors

Joseph M. Olafson, November 6, 2020, North Charleston, South Carolina
Clifford Axel Smith, April 25, 2021, Corvallis, Oregon
Bruce Johnson, May 4, 2021, Turlock, California
Edward M. Lee, May 27, 2021, Missouri City, Texas
Forrest Dahl, June 2, 2021, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Richard Lundgren, June 9, 2021, Turner, Oregon
David C. Hagen, June 19, 2021, Gladstone, Michigan
David H. Vennberg, June 28, 2021, Jamestown, New York
Paul E. Springer, July 3, 2021, Turlock, California
Philip M. Rohler, July 15, 2021, Jamestown, New York
Robert P. Peterson, July 31, 2021, Salem, Oregon
William Salo, August 7, 2021, Santa Barbara, California
Jonathan Espinosa Parreno, September 16, 2021, Tacoma, Washington
Dennis C. Olson, September 18, 2021, Stockton, California
Gerald V. Sternberg, October 26, 2021, St. Adolphe, Manitoba
Richard Allen Erickson, October 28, 2021, Rancho Cucamonga, California
Joe Elick, November 5, 2021, Roseau, Minnesota
Charles Ray Vaughan, November 12, 2021, Reidsville, North Carolina
David R. Coryell, December 6, 2021, Pennington Gap, Virginia
Steven Evans, December 18, 2021, Syracuse, New York
Larry Gardner, December 21, 2021, Carrollton, Texas
Herbert Hedstrom, December 27, 2021, Elgin, Illinois
Brian J. Alnes, January 4, 2022, St. Cloud, Minnesota
Paul A. Peterson, January 14, 2022, Sauk Rapids, Minnesota
Everett Jackson, January 25, 2022, Wilmette, Illinois
Donald E. Lindman, January 27, 2022, Batavia, Illinois
D. James Tait II, March 1, 2022, Belmont, Michigan
Carl Taylor, March 7, 2022, Wayzata, Minnesota

Global Personnel

Joan Gustafson, August 12, 2021, Santa Cruz, California
Ruth Elaine Christiansen, September 18, 2021, Bremerton, Washington
Vivian L. Edstrom, December 14, 2021, Northbrook, Illinois
Erma Bergstrom, January 26, 2022, Milaca, Minnesota

Pastors' Spouses

Bonnie Nyerges (Bill), March 22, 2020, Newbury, Ohio
Nancy A. Magnuson (James), May 16, 2020, St. Louis, Missouri
Harriet Louise Olson (K. Wesley), April 12, 2021, Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Harriet Johnson (Eldon), June 22, 2021, Northbrook, Illinois
Marilyn Hjelm (Robert), June 27, 2021, Batavia, Illinois
Helen Olson (Roy), July 22, 2021, Northbrook, Illinois
Twyla Lundell (James), August 7, 2021, Davenport, Iowa
Annette Anderson (Jim), August 28, 2021, Portland, Oregon

Dorothy Danielson (Phillip), September 4, 2021, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Alayne H. Johnson (Clifford), September 18, 2021, Northbrook, Illinois
Hazel E. Jennings (J. Curtis), September 25, 2021, Kyle, Texas
Ingrid B. Anderson (Loren), October 7, 2021
Lynda Collins (Tom), October 13, 2021, Madison, Wisconsin
Gregory J. Gilreath (Gayle), October 20, 2021, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Virginia Cervin (Russell), November 25, 2021, Oakland, California
Alice M.J. Wiens (John), January 14, 2022
Laura Lou Sandstrom (Bill), January 27, 2022, Golden Valley, Minnesota
Carol Dahlberg (David), January 29, 2022, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Nancy Merritt (John T. Carlson), February 28, 2022, Cambridge, Massachusetts

The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who presented the following resolution of gratitude:

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 of 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 Jorden 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 McEntyre, 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 of 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 Catherine 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:

The East Coast Conference who sponsored the T.W. Anderson award.

National Covenant Properties, Covenant Living Communities and Services, North Park University, North Park Theological Seminary, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, Covenant Benefits, and Covenant Trust Company. Without them, we wouldn’t have had lunch vouchers; coffee breaks; wireless internet, streaming, and production support; delegate notebooks, and personal power banks.

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.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Gonzalez requested a point of privilege to express personal appreciation to Rita Sheppard, operations manager, who took on unexpected extra duties with grace.

47. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 136TH COVENANT ANNUAL MEETING

The moderator recognized Rebecca Gonzalez, who recommended that the minutes of the 136th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church shall be reviewed and corrected by the Annual Meeting Officers and approved by the Covenant Executive Board.

The motion was seconded and carried.

49. REPORT TO CONGREGATIONS

The moderator recognized Jennifer McIntyre, executive director of marketing and communications, who invited attendees to share their stories with marketing and communications via email. McIntyre also reported that the summary report will be available on CovChurch.org and via CovChurch Now. She gave instructions on how to sign up for the CovChurch Now updates.

48. PRAYER FOR THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF THE COVENANT

The moderator prayed for the mission and ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

51. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was seconded and carried.

52. BENEDICTION

Moderator, Elizabeth Jensen, gave the benediction alongside the other officers and declared the 136th Covenant Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The motion carried.