



The Evangelical Covenant Church

2022 MISSION AND MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT



### The Center for World Christian Studies

Training 214 individuals at North Park Theological Seminary

**\$960,000 to people of Ukraine**

To assist with housing, food, clothing, medical care, transportation, trauma counseling, and immigration services

### Global church short-term learning and service

328 participants in Merge/Global Engagements

### Medical ambassadors

Serving 4 hospitals and 115 regional medical clinics in DR Congo

### 10 bridges completed for pedestrians, bicycles, motorcycles, and vehicles

Increase in daily crossings by 200% from previous year in DR Congo between Bogose, Nubea, and Karawa

### \$2.6 million to support community development and disaster relief

121 projects in 52 countries through our partners

### FREE: Anti-Sex Trafficking initiative

- 8 grants to domestic and global partners
- 112 survivor children received intervention and rehabilitative services
- 300 individuals benefited from preventative efforts through our partners

The mission and ministry of the Covenant is a collective and collaborative work we are called into together—local church, conferences, and Covenant in mutual partnership—3StrandStrong.

**Deeply rooted and built up in Christ we are woven together—to God and one another.**

*Thank you for your partnership!*

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## Celebrating Covenant Mission and Ministry Together

Gifts to the Covenant Mission and Ministry Fund provide support to all five mission priorities of the Evangelical Covenant Church—Make & Deepen Disciples, Start & Strengthen Churches, Love Mercy Do Justice, Develop Leaders, and Serve Globally. The five mission priorities guide our kingdom work so that together we are able to join God in God's mission to see more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.

**As we reflect on this past year of mission and ministry, we are overflowing with thankfulness to God for all he accomplished through the Evangelical Covenant Church in 2022.**

### 860 Covenant Churches

Serving a variety of communities

### 33% of Covenant congregations are ethnic or multiethnic

Reflecting our roots as an immigrant church

### 26% of Covenant churches serve town and country or rural settings

150 town and country leaders receive support through the Covenant's Rural Impact Leadership Conference and Covenant-sponsored webinars

### 1,200+ leaders from 39 congregations participated in the new phCheck missional health survey

Congregational health checkups

### 57% of Covenant church plants are led by persons of color

Spanish-language leadership training conference

### \$1,030,000 in consumer aid grants awarded to 100 pastors

Covenant Financial Leadership Initiative

### 56 church plants received coaching, training, and financial resourcing

Coaching extended for five years to each pastor/plant

### Raising Up New Leaders

A record 476 first-year students enrolled at North Park University. 227 Ministry Leaders at North Park Theological Seminary on campus and regional satellite centers, and School of Restorative Arts



*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7



### \$90,000 in grants toward sustaining pastoral excellence

150 clergy received spiritual direction, coaching, sabbatical grants, and personal retreats

### 270 students currently enrolled in CHET—Spanish-language theological training center

71 graduates in 2022

### 460 women serving in pastoral ministry

### Serving 1,750 Covenant ministers

Credentialed pastors, chaplains, global personnel, and congregational leaders

### 55 individuals received ordination credentials

Serving as Covenant pastors, chaplains, global personnel, and ministry staff

### \$100,000 for critical needs from the Ministers' Care and Crisis Fund

Assistance to 47 pastors and families in 2022

### 150+ serving in vibrant bivocational ministry

Often in under-resourced settings

### Mobilizing the 60+ age group

100+ participants attended the virtual Crescendo Conference

### 1,567 baptisms

3,441 first-time decisions / recommitments to Christ

*As reported by 437 churches completing 2022 ASR*

### 130 participants in the BLESS Evangelism Conference

### 18 camps re-open after Covid

Serving thousands of individuals and families

### Embrace webinars

- 150 participants
- 5 new human sexuality discipleship resources

### God moving in the next generation

Regional conferences hosted 2,118 high school students at 5 regional Unite events

### Addressing food desert after grocery store closed

Aftermath of mass shooting in Buffalo, New York

### 19 flood-damaged homes restored in 176 days

28 volunteers in Mound Bayou, Mississippi

### Bottled water for Jackson, Mississippi residents

Responding to failed water filtration plant

### \$74,000 in ministry development grants

Educational justice, youth development, immigrant shalom, food insecurity, post-incarceration services, support to the unhoused

### 69% increase in cross-cultural competency testing scores

Antiracism discipleship pathway participants

### 92 global personnel serving alongside local partners

- 23 countries
- 5 continents

### 25th Anniversary Evangelical Covenant Church of South Sudan and Ethiopia

- 435 churches
- 75,000 members
- 68 ordained ministers
- 3 churches constructed
- 12,501 baptisms
- 102 leaders sent on 5 ECCSSE mission trips