



The Evangelical Covenant Church

COVENANT MISSION AND MINISTRY

2023 Directed Ministry Opportunities

Directed ministry projects offer opportunities to direct your support to the area of Covenant mission and ministry that most closely aligns with your heart's passions and commitment as part of our collective ministry together.



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



Support the Mission and Ministry of the Covenant through our Five Mission Priorities



Directed Giving Opportunities



The mission and ministry of the Covenant is a collaborative work we are called into together—local church, regional conference, and Covenant in mutual partnership—3StrandStrong. **Deeply rooted and built up in Christ, we are woven together to God and one another.** We come together in ministry to do more than we can do alone, for God's glory and neighbor's good.

START AND STRENGTHEN CHURCHES

CHURCH PLANTING

New churches are one of the most effective means by which people come to know Christ and by which unchurched people enter Christian community and renew their faith. We seek to plant at least 20 churches in 2023, and host three assessment centers and two church planter events.

GOAL: \$150,000 will support one church plant for three years in an under-resourced, highly missional setting.

MISSIONAL VITALITY

Our new online congregational survey, pHCheck, opens a gateway to a wide range of resources that support the health and effectiveness of our churches. Available in both English and Spanish, nine new resources, including tools for conflict transformation along with leading and managing change, are now available.

GOAL: \$10,000 to facilitate training additional workshop leaders in the new tools as demand for resources and coaching increases.

MAKE AND DEEPEN DISCIPLES

EVANGELISM

We intend to keep raising the temperature for evangelism across the Covenant using BLESS Rhythms, an annual calendar inviting churches to live into a rhythm of beginning with prayer, finding ways to serve our communities with love, and developing relationships as we share the good news.

GOAL: \$10,000 for production and distribution costs of BLESS Rhythms.

CRESCENDO

In most Covenant churches, Boomers are an untapped resource for significant missional impact. Crescendo coaches are being trained to equip lay leaders in every church to prepare and unleash this age demographic for kingdom impact across the mosaic of our multiethnic denomination.

GOAL: \$10,000 will train additional Crescendo coaches in 40 more congregations in 2023.

DEVELOP LEADERS

THRIVING IN MINISTRY COHORTS

We're committed to investing in and caring for the well-being of 1,750 active ministers called to serve the body of Christ. We seek to offer our clergy transformational experiences that encourage them toward dynamic learning, curiosity, an open mindset, and listening to the Spirit's leading, enabling them to develop personal and vocational vibrancy.

GOAL: \$75,000 (\$15,000 per cohort focusing on preaching, leading, or ministry).

MINISTERS' CARE AND CRISIS FUND

This compassionate fund exists to support ministers in times of crisis and need. Financial assistance addresses basic economic needs, health care, and restorative treatment for marriages and families. Relieving financial stress helps pastors attend to emotional and relational well-being.

GOAL: \$100,000 provides 34 pastoral grants per year.

LOVE MERCY TO JUSTICE

THE ANTIRACISM DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY (ADP)

This initiative fosters learning, growth, and racial righteousness discipleship while building community through diverse gender, multiethnic, multi-racial engagement. Your support will help grow the ADP community and strengthen our multiethnic mosaic of churches.

GOAL: \$15,000 for training additional presenters.

THE ADVOCACY FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE INITIATIVE

This historically important Covenant ministry is developing new interactive, in-person training to help clergy and lay leaders create safe sanctuaries that address intimate-partner violence and sexual assault.

GOAL: \$25,000 for training facilitators, scholarships, and curriculum.

SHALOM CIRCLES

Justice is God's brand and God's signature (Psalm 9:16)! We can make God known by pursuing communities of completeness, soundness, welfare, justice, and peace—communities of shalom. LMDJ is seeking to develop a cadre of leaders across the Covenant to host a Shalom Circle in each conference, providing support for those in need in rural, town and country, and urban settings.

GOAL: \$15,000 for Shalom Circle projects, and to recruit and train presenters.

SERVE GLOBALLY

GLOBAL PERSONNEL

Our global personnel raise 100% of their expenses, relying on partnerships with churches and

donors. In 2023, their budget goals increased by \$3,000 to address inflation and increased ministry costs. Consider partnering with our global representatives to meet their goals as they serve God and his purposes in the world.

GOAL: \$200,000 to provide support for all personnel and their ministries in Latin America, Asia, MENA, Europe, and Africa.

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Our partners around the world bear witness to the good news through ministries of word and deed that have a transformative impact. We invest in the local leaders of historic partners in the DR Congo, South Sudan and Ethiopia, and Latin America as they plant and strengthen missional churches, develop culturally relevant resources, and engage in sustainable and transformative community development work. With our support, our global partners are making a significant difference where they live and serve!

GOAL: \$125,000 for partners on the two continents mentioned above to complete their work.

GLOBAL PERSONNEL AND PARTNER CRISIS FUND

In recent years, our global personnel and partners have navigated ministry creatively and steadfastly. Several have experienced hardships of health and family loss, which result in emergency expenses for travel, medical, and emotional care. The Crisis Fund enables these servants to get physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual care when they need it most.

GOAL: \$100,000 to assist our personnel and partners when unexpected tragedy or illness occurs.



How can I support God's mission through the Covenant?

Gifts are needed for general mission, directed mission, and designated mission to support God's whole mission to the whole world through the Evangelical Covenant Church.

Which types of giving are right for you?

GIFTS TO

Directed Mission

Support specific, directed ministry projects. Once a project is complete, any remaining funds may be used to support another ministry in that mission priority.

- Global Personnel (Covenant Missionaries)
- FREE: Anti Sex-Trafficking Initiative
- Covenant Partnerships with Global Churches
- AVA
- Crescendo
- Evangelism
- Church Planting
- Missional Health
- Coaching/Training
- Sankofa
- Intercultural Agility
- Ministerial Care
- Anti-Racism Development Pathways
- Shalom Circles
- Congregational Thriving

GIFTS TO

Designated Mission

Support specific ministry projects. Funds remain restricted even when project is complete.

- Covenant World Relief and Development
- Covenant Kids Congo
- Paul Carlson Partnership
- Lilly Financial Initiative
- Sustaining Pastoral Excellence

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General Mission

Supports general mission and ministry through our five mission priorities.

- Church planting throughout the US and Canada
- International partnerships in 59 countries
- Equipping and supporting pastors
- Ordered Ministry
- Resources for evangelism and discipleship
- Gospel demonstration through resourcing and equipping to serve alongside marginalized populations for community transformation