



The Evangelical Covenant Church

100 COVENANT CHURCHES ARE CURRENTLY IN THE CHURCH PLANTING PROCESS.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS TO REACH NEW GENERATIONS OF PEOPLE FOR CHRIST.



Domestic disaster relief to Typhoon Merbok, which devastated the small Alaskan village of Elim, enabled the rebuilding of local fishing rack structures needed for preserving salmon, a food staple for the village.



WE ARE COMMITTED TO SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL. 1,521 COVENANTERS PARTICIPATED IN EVANGELISM RESOURCING EFFORTS.



The Ministers' Care and Crisis Fund distributed

\$82,319

to help 35 families through devastating experiences.



OUR GLOBAL PARTNER

The Covenant Church of Congo

(CEUM)

2,000 CONGREGATIONS

APPROXIMATELY

800,000 MEMBERS

In November 2023, the CEUM celebrated 100 years of the gospel in Congo. More than 700 people were baptized at the centennial celebration, which was attended by more than 9,000 people.



2023 Mission and Impact Report

This year President Tammy Swanson-Draheim called us to an intentional focus on prayer. We know that through prayer, God speaks and we listen. So we joined together through gatherings and other resources to help us seek God in prayer.

In this impact report we celebrate God's faithfulness to each congregation, conference, and the Covenant denomination—3StrandStrong—and give thanks to God for the transformational good that has been accomplished through Covenant ministries and partners around the world.



- Our 816 Covenant churches reported 10,883 baptisms and commitments to Christ with 1,306 faith commitments reported by our church plants.
- All church planters received monthly coaching.
- 3,500 leaders and congregants accessed **Missional Vitality tools** to strengthen missional leadership and congregational life.
- 34 pastors seeking to enhance their leadership and pastoral skills received 204 hours of Missional Vitality coaching.

Holistic disciple-making resources brought together Covenanters seeking to share the story of the transformative love of Christ.

- 174 at the **BLESS Evangelism Conference**
- 6 **Embrace webinars**—315 attendees
- **Lunchbox** online children's ministry community—267 members
- **CovYouth.com** youth ministry connection resources—378 youth leaders.
- 31 on-site **Crescendo** workshops in Spanish with 325 participants.
- To date, 450 Covenant leaders have completed **Antiracism Discipleship Pathways** to enhance their ability to understand, minister to, and faithfully love our neighbors across lines of racial and ethnic difference.
- 150 Covenanters participated in **cultural mosaic immersive learning experiences**: Sankofa, Journey to Mosaic, and Indigenous and Immigration experiences.
- **Justice Journey for Kids** curriculum was downloaded 1,041 times by congregations, organizations, and families discipling children.



There are 2,522 Covenant pastors, global personnel, chaplains, and ministry leaders.

- 1,711 are active Covenant clergy men and women.
- 1,285 are permanent credential holders.
- 426 are licensed.
- 28% of our active clergy are women, our highest percentage to date.
- \$208,906 was granted to care for pastors to be restored through sabbaticals, Sustaining Pastoral Excellence retreats, and personal counseling.
- Three major **Lilly grants** awarded, totaling \$2.5 million, including a new grant for \$1.5 million designed to equip and support Covenant clergy.
- **Covenant World Relief and Development** distributed \$517,000 through 19 disaster response grants to India, Nepal, Japan, Morocco, Libya, Lebanon, Kenya, and Haiti including \$250,000 for Ukraine refugees and \$80,000 to earthquake response in Turkey/Syria.
- \$1.1 million to 28 partners in 18 countries including South Sudan/Ethiopia, DR Congo, India, Laos, Colombia, Ecuador, Haiti, Cameroon, Nepal, Philippines, Mexico, Honduras, South Africa, and China for 39 community development projects, including clean water initiatives, community health, anti-trafficking, refugee care, food security and nutrition, agriculture, women empowerment, and peacemaking.



National Memorial for Peace and Justice





More than 250 volunteers offered leadership to the Covenant on approximately 20 boards, commissions, and committees, donating an average of 20 hours per year, equivalent to nearly \$150,000 in donated work hours.

We are grateful for the gifts of their time and talent to the denomination to provide guidance and expertise to governing boards.

- **Paul Carlson Partnership** assisted the CEUM medical facilities and personnel to see infant deaths decrease by 50% and maternal deaths by 78%.
- **Covenant Kids Congo (CKC)** sponsored nearly 700 children in 2023.
- Because of the CKC work on the ground in Congo, stunted growth in children has been reduced from 46% to 13% since 2018.
- The number of households using basic sanitation facilities increased from 11% to 36% since 2017.
- Households using basic drinking water facilities increased from 16% to 59%.
- The number of community members reporting diarrheal illnesses decreased 26%.
- 83 global personnel are serving in 25 countries.
- Four new global personnel are now serving in Sweden, France, and Israel/Palestine.
- 497 people participated in 33 ministry trips to nine different countries to serve and build deeper relationships.

SHARING THE COVENANT STORY

We continue to tell the stories of how God is moving in and through the Covenant Church in our print publications—the award-winning *Covenant Companion* magazine and the *Home Altar* devotional guide—with a combined circulation of 9,000.

CovChurch Now, our weekly email, has over 22,000 readers. And more than 283,000 visitors came to CovChurch.org, our denominational website, last year—approximately 22,000 per month.

