



Proposed Resolution of Gratitude for Gather 2024

RESOLVED, that the 138th Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church express its gratitude to all who diligently worked to make this event possible:

- 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, Julia Sandstrom; vice-moderator, Carolyn Poterek; secretary, Norma Ramos, and parliamentarian, Clarence Chan; who with joy and the utmost level of integrity, served and led this deliberative body.
- To all the delegates, general conferees, and guests who collectively responded and lived out our congregational polity, representing their communities to communally discern God's will for our shared mission and uniting their voices in praise to our God for fruit-bearing efforts that continue to make disciples who make disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world.
- To the Council of Superintendents and ethnic association presidents and their respective teams for their partnership in ministry and their support in this year's gathering. Your prayers and support made this event possible.
- To our denominational team and global personnel for their continual commitment to God's mission, a small but gifted army who bathed this event in prayer and stepped beyond their daily work routines to collaborate and ensure no Gather detail was left unattended and that guests were cared for.
- To the Credentials Committee, who verified and certified attendees' credentials.
- To our sergeants-at-arms and tellers, for their care of the meeting and for delegates; and for providing guidance to delegates with agenda items and meeting resources.
- To Erik Anderson, director of Covenant events, and Jordan Meyers, assistant corporate secretary, for tending to every logistical and programming detail and ensuring Gather 2024 appeared seamless to participants.
- To Jill Ulven, Covenant registrar, for ensuring that every attendee, whether in person or online, had the information they needed to participate fully in Gather 2024.
- To the Operations team members, Jonathan Basa and Karl Haukom Anderson, 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, Cathy Norman Peterson, Kristi Schild, Paul Stewart, Joy Frierson, Jelani Greenidge, Kevin Kempe, Nathan Nicholson, and Jenna Wilson; creative storytellers who with excellence crafted all our digital and print resources, guaranteeing that constituents were informed and engaged in this historic Annual Meeting.
- To all the volunteers and ministry partners collaborating and supporting our production and programming efforts. Your hospitality, grace, and dedication helped to make sure all of God's people could serve.
- To our worship leaders, guest artists, and speakers, who helped us come before the throne of grace as one body to hear God's heart for this present season of ministry, moving faithfully forward.
- To Evelyn M.R. Johnson, who received the Irving C. Lambert Award, and to the T.W. Anderson Award recipient, Scott Peterson, for embodying what it means to be true disciples of Christ, to love God, and to love others as yourself.
- To the Covenant ministries who were generous in their support of various dimensions of our Gather 2024 experience, including:
 - Covenant Living Communities and Services for generously subsidizing this year's worship team
 - National Covenant Properties for generously providing lunch vouchers for all attendees
 - Covenant Ministries of Benevolence for generously subsidizing the virtual voting platform and livestream
 - Covenant Trust Company for generously renting the Freedom Center for our opening night
 - Covenant Benefits for generously providing coffee for our meeting
 - Paul Carlson Partnership and the Karawa Coffee Project for providing coffee for our meeting
 - North Park University for providing financial support for the Gather event
 - meetNKY for providing transportation support for our Thursday night outing to the Freedom Center
- 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 138th Covenant Annual Meeting.