

Necrology

The following is a listing of Covenant ministers, global personnel, and ministers' spouses whose deaths have been reported between the 2022 and 2023 Annual Meetings.

MINISTERS

Robert Liljegren. *Born:* October 4, 1924. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* Osage City, Kansas; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Stambaugh, Michigan; Worcester, Massachusetts; Paxton, Illinois; Chicago, Illinois; Glen Ellyn, Illinois. *Spouse:* Mary Louise Larson (Deceased April 2022). *Children:* Joy Hennig, Joanne Csaplár, Steven Liljegren (Robert Scott, deceased in infancy). *Died:* May 10, 2022.

James Werner Schwalm. *Born:* July 2, 1945. *Education:* B.S. in Animal Science, Pennsylvania State University, 1967; M.S. in Dairy Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1969; Ph.D. in Nutritional Science and Biochemistry, 1975; M.Div., Bethel Theological Seminary, 1991. *Service:* Evergreen Covenant Church, Rockford, IL; Christian Education Director, St. Paul, MN. *Spouse:* Laurie Miller (married November 28, 1970). *Children:* Matt (Dawn) Schwalm, Beth (Jason) Krominga, Nate (Amanda) Schwalm. *Died:* May 14, 2022.

Cislin Williams. *Born:* October 16, 1951, Jamaica. *Education:* Teacher's certification, Shortwood Teachers' College, 1971; B.S. in Mathematics Education, University of Miami, 1983; M.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science, Nova Southeastern University, 1991; Ph.D., Trinity Seminary and School of Practical Ministry, 2000. *Service:* Co-founder and lead pastor, Faith Christian Center Evangelical Covenant Church, Miami, FL; Educator in Jamaica, Philadelphia, and Miami. *Spouse:* Winston Wilford Williams. *Children:* Nicole, Winston. *Died:* May 18, 2022.

Bruce Kallenberg. *Born:* September 28, 1946, Minneapolis, MN. *Education:* Began in Aeronautical Engineering at the University of Minnesota; redirected to Bethany Global University, Bloomington, degree in Biblical Studies; M.Div. and M.Th., Bethel Theological Seminary. *Service:* Pastored in Foster City, MI; Viking, MI; Arden Hills, MN; Minneapolis, MN at Park Avenue and Crosstown Covenant Churches; adjunct faculty roles at Bethany School of Global Missions and Bethel University. *Spouse:* Nancy Johnson (married during college years). *Children:* Lisa (deceased), Matthew. *Died:* June 4, 2022.

Daniel Edwards. *Born:* September 10, 1952, Wadena, MN. *Education:* North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD; earned a Master of Divinity. *Service:* Weather forecaster, U.S. Air Force, 1973; served in Turkey, Germany, and various U.S. locations; Pastored at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Tru-fant, MI; River of Life Church, Oshkosh, WI; Evangelical Covenant Church, Park Falls, WI; First Covenant Church, Bessemer, PA; Evangelical Pastor and hospice chaplain at Aspirus Hospital, Wausau, WI. *Spouse:* Adrienne Edwards. *Died:* June 18, 2022.

William A. Goodwin. *Born:* December 27, 1948, Quincy, MA. Education: BA and M.Div., Bethel College; Doctoral program in Marriage & Family, Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church. *Service:* Pastored in Modesto, CA; Edina, MN; Kalamazoo, MI; Gig Harbor, WA; Lakebay, WA; Everett, WA; Sumner, WA; Clear Lake, WA; Counseling practice in Tacoma and Kent, WA; Professor at Trinity Lutheran College, Issaquah, WA. *Spouse:* Donna. *Children:* Dawn Jodi, Doug (Jill) Goodwin. *Died:* June 29, 2022.

Arnold R. Bolin. *Born:* Chicago, IL. Education: Northern Michigan University; North Park Theological Seminary. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church, 1960. *Service:* Pastored in Negaunee, MI; Boulder Junction, WI; Harbert, MI; Minneapolis, MN; Executive Director, Berrien County Council of Churches; Chaplain at Hope Rescue Mission, South Bend, IN; Community activism in Minneapolis City Council and Benton Harbor City Commission, rising to Mayor Pro-Tem; Bed and breakfast operator in Smethport, PA; Interim pastor across the country. *Spouse:* Marilyn. *Children:* Bradley; preceded in death by Brian, Bruce, and Gayle. *Died:* July 2, 2022.

D. Bruce Lake. *Born:* March 7, 1933, Kewanee, IL. Education: BA, Wheaton College; M.Div., North Park Theological Seminary; D.Min., Wesley Theological Seminary. Ordained: Word and Sacrament in 1961. *Service:* Pastored in Rockford, IL (First); Plainfield, NJ; Cadillac, MI; Springfield, VA; Joliet, IL; interim pastor at Harbert Community Church, Harbert, MI. *Spouse:* Dorothy Ann Mulholland (married March 20, 1954; deceased). *Children:* Linda Camp (Gary), Patricia DeBord (Mark), Sarah Warner (Joe). *Died:* August 2022.

Richard H. Petersen. *Born:* May 25, 1928, New Haven, CT. Education: Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, BA in liberal arts focusing on music and languages, 1950; Doctorate in Biblical Studies, Duke University. Ordained: Methodist Church. *Service:* First pastorate in North Carolina; Chaplain and Professor of Religion, Pfeiffer College; founded Christchurch Evangelical Covenant Church, Portland, ME; Executive Director, Bible Society of Maine; interim pastor in Maine, CT, and Florida; Chaplain on Holland American Line cruises. *Spouse:* Barbara Lois Bradley (married December 1950). *Children:* Richard Bradley Petersen, John Winslow Petersen (Carlene), David Willard Petersen (Cindie), Susan Elizabeth Burger (Peter). *Died:* August 16, 2022.

Jorge E. Maldonado. *Born:* July 19, 1944, Quito, Ecuador. Education: Seminario Biblico Latinoamericano, BA in Theology, 1966; Central University of Ecuador, MA in Sociology; United Theological Seminary, Master of Theological Studies; Fuller Theological Seminary, Master of Theology and Doctor of Ministry. *Service:* Second President of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teologicos (CHET), 1993-2005; Pastor at Primera Iglesia del Pacto, Bell Gardens, CA; First Covenant Church of Los Angeles. *Spouse:* Noris Araque. *Children:* *Died:* August 26, 2022.

Daniel R. Seagren. *Born:* October 31, 1927, Chicago, Illinois. Education: North Park College; University of Minnesota; Bethel and North Park Theological Seminaries; University of Southern California. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church, 1956. *Service:* Pastor in Michigan, Minnesota, California, Sweden, and Mexico; Chaplain at Covenant Living at the Samarkand, Santa Barbara, CA; Professor at Azusa College and North Park College; instrumental in creating the Alpine Covenant Conference Center. *Spouse:* Barbara Anne Johnson (married 1959). *Children:* Laurie (Gary) Holmquist, Scott (Edel). *Died:* August 27, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

James C. Ressegieu. *Born:* July 24, 1943, Sioux City, Iowa. Education: Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Communication from the University of Nebraska – Omaha. *Service:* United States Army, stationed in New Jersey and Pennsylvania; Director of Educational Television, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Director of Training at People's Natural Gas/UtiliCorp. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church, 2007. Pastor at Faith Covenant Church, Essex, Iowa, 2005-2017. Continued preaching in various churches and retirement centers post-retirement. *Spouse:* Karen Holen (married June 18, 1966). *Died:* October 15, 2022.

Robert E. Hirsch. *Born:* March 23, 1931, Blue Island, Illinois. Education: Master of Divinity, North Park Theological Seminary; Master of Education, North Illinois University. *Service:* Pastored in Alabama, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, Connecticut, California, and Massachusetts; served at Covenant Point Bible Camp, Michigan and Mission Springs Bible Camp, California; Chaplain at Covenant Living, Turlock, California. *Spouse:* Lois Englund (married at 21, deceased). *Children:* Paul Hirsch, Sheryl Noren, Beth Walker, Allyse Morgan; son Douglas (deceased). *Died:* December 25, 2022.

Craig W. Nelson. *Born:* March 8, 1932, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Education: Bachelor's and Master's degrees from North Park College and Northwestern University; North Park Theological Seminary. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church. *Service:* Pastored in Villa Park, Illinois; Red Wing, Minnesota; Dearborn, Michigan; Bloomington, Minnesota. President of Minnehaha Academy, 1977-1994. Volunteer chaplain with Minneapolis and Bloomington Police Departments. Served on Minnesota Independent School Forum, trustee, and consultant for Providence Academy. *Spouse:* Betty McLouth (married 1956, deceased 2007). *Children:* Jon Nelson (Beth Olfelt), Cynthia Nelson Meyer (Bill). *Died:* January 5, 2023.

Robert W. Anderson. *Born:* July 31, 1926, Kennedy, Minnesota. Education: University of Minnesota; North Park Theological Seminary. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church, 1956. *Service:* Salem Covenant Church (internship/1950-1951), Salem, So, Dakota; Swedona Covenant Church (internship/1950-1951), Brandon, So. Dakota; Pastor at Mission Covenant Church, South Bend, Indiana (1953-1960); First Covenant Church, Fresno, California (1960-1966); First Covenant Church, Jamestown, California (1966-1970); First Covenant Church, Sacramento, California (1970-1980); College Center Cov-

enant (1980); *Spouse*: Shirley Gustafson (married 1950, deceased 2023). *Children*: Kenton Robert Anderson, Jeffry Mark Anderson. *Died*: February 5, 2023.

Leslie Pearson. *Born*: December 22, 1930, Chicago, Illinois. Education: St. Philips Lutheran Elementary School; Taft High School; Wright Junior College; Wheaton College; North Park Seminary; Doctorate of Ministry, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, SD. Ordained: 1957, First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, MN. *Service*: Senior pastor at First Covenant Church, River Falls, WI; Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, MN; Sioux Falls Covenant Church, SD; Montecito Covenant Church, Santa Barbara, CA; Good Shepherd Covenant Church, Minneapolis (Blaine), MN; Salem Road Covenant Church, Rochester (SRCC), MN; Chaplain, South Dakota State Penitentiary; Radio ministry, KNWC. Pastor Emeritus, SRCC, 2012. *Spouse*: Rozella “Roz” Hofer (married April 24, 1976). *Died*: February 14, 2023.

J. David Wood. *Born*: December 12, 1929, Ismay, Montana. Education: BA from Wheaton College, 1954; North Park Theological Seminary, 1958; MA from Northwestern University’s Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary, 1966. Ordained: 1958. *Service*: Missionary in the Belgian Congo (later Democratic Republic of the Congo), 1958-2003; taught in Equateur province and at Protestant seminary in Kinshasa; Pastor of Zion Covenant Church, Ellsworth, Wisconsin, 1979-1987; Visitation pastor for Bethesda Covenant Church, Rockford, Illinois; Director of Love, Inc.; volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. *Spouse*: Rachel Carlson (married 1958, deceased 2009). *Children*: Naomi Wood (Dean Hall), Judy Edstrom (James), John (Diane). *Died*: February 14, 2023.

Joel Jueckstock. *Born*: December 24, 1982. Education: Bachelor’s degree from Bethel University, St. Paul, Minnesota; MDiv from Bethel Seminary; Doctoral degree from Luther Seminary. Ordained: Evangelical Covenant Church 2014. *Service*: Chaplain for Allina Health and other hospital settings; Adjunct professor of personal and spiritual formation and pastoral care at Bethel Theological Seminary. Member of Salem Covenant Church, New

Brighton, Minnesota. *Spouse*: Kristen (married July 29, 2006). *Children*: Kyle, Audrey, Samuel. *Died*: March 2, 2023.

Roger Nelson. *Born*: December 24, 1933, Duluth, Minnesota. Education: University of Minnesota Duluth, 1955; North Park Theological Seminary, 1960. Ordained: while serving at Fraserview Community Covenant Church, Vancouver, British Columbia. *Service*: Chaplain and later Director of Pastoral Care at Swedish Covenant Hospital. Retired: 1998. Member of various Covenant churches during his ministry. *Spouse*: Marilyn Peterson (married August 3, 1957, deceased 2019). *Children*: Susan Guttormsen (Kevin), Mark Nelson (Lisa). *Died*: March 18, 2023.

Deborah Power. *Born*: October 25, 1951, Newport, Rhode Island. Education: BSN, Illinois Wesleyan University, 1973; M.N. in Gerontological Nursing, University of Washington School of Nursing, 1981. Ordained: 1987. *Service*: Nurse in Seattle, Washington; Lecturer at Western Washington State Hospital and University of Washington; Nurse at Swedish Covenant Hospital, Chicago; Joint

internship as dean of women at Covenant Bible College and associate pastor at Gateway Covenant Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. Pastor at Shaktoolik Covenant Church, Shaktoolik, Alaska. *Died:* April 1, 2023.

Lloyd F. Alex. *Born:* 1929. Education: Masters of Divinity, North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago. *Service:* Pastor for the Evangelical Covenant Church in Camrose, AB; Prince Albert, SK; Melfort, SK; Breton, AB. *Spouse:* Therese, 1961 (deceased). *Children:* Wendell, Rene, and. *Died:* April 5, 2023.

GLOBAL PERSONNEL

Joann LeVahn. *Born:* June 22, 1931, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Education: North Park Junior College, 1951; BS and RN from the University of Minnesota; studied religious education at North Park. *Service:* Called to missionary service in 1956 by the Covenant; served as a nurse, midwife, and anesthetist in DR Congo for 40 years. Notable assignments included Wasolo, Karawa Hospital, and Imeloko. Evacuated during violent unrest, contributed significantly to local health education and hospital operations. Retired: 1996. Returned to Minnesota in 1997, involved in Brookdale Covenant Church, Brooklyn Center, Minnesota. Awards: Received the first-ever Paul Carlson Award in 2004 for her service and commitment to Christ. *Died:* May 27, 2022.

Helen F. Bergquist. *Born:* November 25, 1929, Youngstown, Ohio. Education: North Park College; Northwestern University; Northwestern Medical School; degrees in public health and tropical medicine from Tulane University. *Service:* Medical doctor with the Evangelical Covenant Church in Congo from 1959 until retirement in 1994. Conducted research on iodine deficiency diseases and was part of the international team during the first Ebola crisis, receiving the Medal of Civic Merit from the Republic of Zaire. *Died:* August 13, 2022.

Glennis Heikes. *Born:* February 7, 1929, George, Iowa. Education: Certificate in Rural School Education, Sioux Falls College, 1948; degrees in math and physics, Augustana College (Sioux Falls), 1957; further graduate studies at Kansas State University and University of California Los Angeles; Masters of Divinity from North Park Theological Seminary. *Service:* Air traffic controller, United States Air Force during the Korean War; worked in missile testing and development for the U.S. Air Force and Navy; missionary in Ecuador for 20 years, where he planted four churches with his wife Anna. Ordained: 1980. Retired: Moved to Lindsborg, Kansas, and later to Covenant Living in Northbrook, Illinois. *Spouse:* Anna Osborn (married June 22, 1958). *Children:* Johna Magnuson (Dean), Morene Fisher (Kevin), Walter Heikes; preceded in death by son Joseph. *Died:* March 19, 2023.

MINISTERS' SPOUSES

Genevieve A. Lovgren (John). No obituary information found.

Ruth E. Elia (George). *Born:* April 3, 1932, Chicago, Illinois. Education: North Park Academy, Chicago, graduated 1949; AA, Trinity Bible College, 1951; Swedish Covenant Hospital School of Nursing, graduated 1954, Registered Nurse certification. *Service:* Nursing profession until retirement in 1998. Evelyn enjoyed knitting and playing the piano. *Spouse:* George Elia, they served Covenant churches in Flossmoor, Illinois; West Peabody, Massachusetts; Rockford, Illinois (Broadway); Livingston, New Jersey. George also served as superintendent of the East Coast Conference for eleven years. Children Kevin (Robyn), Kimberly (Robert Travers), Kurt (Catrina). *Died:* May 22, 2022.

Mary Louise Liljegen (Robert). *Born:* May 31, 1926, Joliet, Illinois. Education: Joliet schools; American Academy of Art, Chicago. *Service:* Mary Lou viewed her true calling as sharing in the parish ministry with her husband, Reverend Robert Liljegen (deceased May 2022), serving congregations in Kansas, Michigan, Illinois, and Massachusetts. *Children:* Joy Hennig, Joanne Csaplar, Steven Liljegen (Robert Scott, deceased in infancy). *Died:* April 16, 2022.

Wayne W. Hansen (Carolyn). *Born:* June 7, 1942, Clintonville, Wisconsin. Education: University of Wisconsin, Madison, majored in business; Law School at the University of Wisconsin. *Service:* Worked for the National Labor Relations Board in Minneapolis, Minnesota; practiced general law in Merrill, Wisconsin; specialized in labor and employment law as a partner at Lane Powell in Seattle and later opened the Seattle office of Jackson Lewis. *Spouse:* Carolyn Lemke (married 1969 in Bellevue, Washington). Celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019. *Children:* Drew and Janna. *Died:* June 12, 2022.

Delores E. Staurseth (Stephen). *Born:* January 19, 1936, Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. Education: Graduated high school in Cable, Wisconsin, 1954; attended the University of Wisconsin-Superior. *Spouse:* Stephen. *Children:* Philip (Kerry). *Died:* June 12, 2022.

Kathleen Osgood (F. Daniel). *Born:* March 3, 1953, Burlington, Vermont. Education: Graduated from Burlington High School in 1971. *Spouse:* Rev. Dan Osgood (married February 2, 1973). The Osgoods moved to Windsor to begin dairy farming and later to Bangor, Maine, where Dan attended Bangor Theological Seminary. *Service:* Kathy devoted 35 years to service at Greenfield Covenant Church and was a beloved member of the community. *Children:* Megan Elizabeth Osgood. *Died:* July 4, 2022.

Christie Peterson (Alton). *Born:* August 23, 1930, Kingsburg, California. Education: Nursing program at Stanford University, graduated 1953. *Service:* Christie worked as a school nurse at North Park College while Alton completed seminary. Christie also worked as a public health nurse focusing on women's health and served as a Christian education consultant for the Evangelical Covenant Church. *Spouse:* Alton Peterson (preceded her in death). Together, they served churches in South Dakota, New York, Michigan, California, and Or-

egon. *Children*: Marcia(deceased), Kurt (deceased), Sarah Svendsen and Daniel Peterson. *Died*: July 23, 2022.

Richard Steel (Julie). *Born*: June 1, 1945, Grass Valley, California. Education: Graduated from Placer High School, Auburn, California; undergraduate degree from Chico State, 1968; Master's in Counseling from Cal State University Sacramento. *Service*: Barry began his career as a teacher in California, teaching art, photography, speech, and English. He transitioned to full-time photography after moving to North Bend, Washington in 1978, where he opened Steel & Sun photography studio in Gilman Village. *Spouse*: Julie (married February 1, 1981). *Children*: Adam (Kendra) and Ben (Elise). *Died*: August 25, 2022.

Velma Lagerstrom (Ron). *Born*: September 15, 1932, Kansas. *Service*: Vocationally, Velma was an educator, serving first as a teacher and then as a principal at Birch Lane Elementary School. She became an activist and advocate for breast cancer awareness after her own diagnosis, contributing to the creation of the Breast Cancer Research Stamp which raised over \$100 million for research. *Spouse*: Ron Lagerstrom (married June 12, 1954; preceded her in death). Together, they served churches in East Hampton, Connecticut; Princeton, Illinois; and Davis, California, where they spent 42 years. In 2012, Velma and Ron moved to the Covenant Living retirement community at the Samarkand, where she continued to share her musical gifts. *Children*: Larry (Lori) and Glen (Dave). *Died*: September 29, 2022.

Bernice Anderson (Wendell). No obituary information found.

Lorraine Pratt (Wallace). *Born*: June 10, 1927, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Education: Graduated from Minnehaha Academy, 1945. *Service*: She organized the Young Women's Bible Study program in Dassel and led the after-school youth program, AWANA. *Spouse*: Wallace Pratt (married March 19, 1948, at Salem Covenant Church; preceded her in death). Together, they served in ministry at Red Wing Covenant Church in Red Wing, Minnesota; Mount Miguel Covenant Church in Spring Valley, California; and Dassel Covenant Church in Dassel, Minnesota. Lorraine was known for her dedication to Sunday school teaching, piano playing, choir singing, and a deep commitment to community care and service. In 2015, Lorraine and Wallace moved to St. Andrews Retirement Community in Mahtomedi, Minnesota, *Children*: Len (Ellen), Lowell (Wendy), Joyce Carlson (Tom), Sharon Lee (Dan), and Warren (Lisa). *Died*: October 19, 2022.

Harvetha Woodson (Terrance). *Born*: October 5, 1955, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Ve grew up in a musical family, playing organ at her father's church and excelling as a vocalist. *Spouse*: Terrance (married December 23, 1987). They moved to Dallas, Texas, where Terrance was attending seminary. *Service*: Ve worked as an elementary school teacher and was actively involved in the music ministry at Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship. The couple later moved to Houston, where Terrance pastored Friendship Community Bible Church, and Ve served as the director of music. They lived there for 15 years. Ve later worked as a music teacher at Fairmeadows Elementary School in Dallas

for nearly 20 years. *Children:* Terrance (Danielle), Thomas (Karyne), Timothy (Nicole), and Titus (Syreeta). *Died:* November 22, 2022.

Connie R. McCain (Mike). *Born:* July 20, 1952, Bertha, Minnesota. Education: She earned her degree as a licensed practical nurse from Meeker County Hospital School of Practical Nursing. *Service:* Connie co-founded the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group at New London Evangelical Covenant Church. She also served as president of the Willmar Area Christian Women's Club. *Spouse:* Mike McCain (married December 6, 1975, in Springfield, Minnesota). They served together in various ministries across Colorado, Texas, and Minnesota, including Lake Union Covenant Church in South Haven, Salem Mission Covenant Church in Pennock, and Maywood Covenant Church in Foley. *Children:* Erika Hixon (Buddy), Marci (Beau Golberg), Garrett (Amanda), and Lori. *Died:* December 22, 2022.

Kay Johnson (David W.). *Born:* June 27, 1943, Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Education: Graduated from Renovo High School in 1961 and Cambria-Rowe Business College. *Spouse:* Rev. David Johnson (married August 18, 1962). *Service:* Kay was a dedicated partner in ministry alongside her husband, Dave, serving in various church communities. *Children:* Sheri Myers of Daytona Beach, Kurt Johnson of San Diego. *Died:* December 29, 2022.

Alan Roth (Carol). *Born:* August 22, 1935, Newton, Kansas. Education: Graduated from Berean Academy, 1953; Grace Bible Institute, Omaha; Wheaton College, 1958; KU Medical School, 1962. *Service:* Pathologist in Wyandotte County, first at Bethany Medical Center, then at Providence; Deputy Coroner for Wyandotte County; Board member of Community Blood Center. Served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam War, 1965-1969, stationed in Texas and Colorado. Active in his church, sang in the choir, and participated in several community projects including a community garden at The Journey Church. Known for his sense of humor, love of storytelling, and deep faith, Alan was a mentor, and participated in medical missions to Oaxaca, Mexico. *Spouse:* Carol Turner (married August 18, 1958). *Children:* Natalie Sollo (David), Colleen Bolthouse (David), Heather Perkins (Glen), Gretchen Harro (Ted). *Died:* February 20, 2023.

Shirley Anderson (Robert W.). *Born:* July 22, 1930, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Education: Attended Sanford Jr. High and Roosevelt High School in Minneapolis. *Service:* Shirley was deeply rooted in her faith, actively involved in every church she belonged to, including receiving a Sodality of Our Blessed Lady Diploma from St. Helena's parish and volunteering extensively at Nativity of Mary and St. Edwards parishes. Professionally, she worked at the Bloomington offices of B. Dalton Booksellers, a community volunteer participating in Girl Scouts, Jr. Great Books, and school activities. Shirley spent her final years at Founders Ridge in Bloomington, embraced by a community of residents, aides, and staff. *Spouse:* H. Robert (Bob) Anderson (married May 13, 1950; preceded in death). *Children:* Catherine (Tom) Buzzard, Lynn Anne (David) Groebner Ray, Dennis (Laura) Anderson, Theresa (Jody) Anderson. *Died:* March 18, 2023.

Bonnie Jean Nelson (Chester). *Born:* October 5, 1932, Seattle, Washington. *Education:* Graduated from Highland High School. *Service:* Bonnie worked as a baker for the local school district until her retirement in 1981. She volunteered extensively, including with Meals on Wheels, and served as a deacon at her church. Bonnie was an avid painter, ceramist, baker, reader, and enjoyed solving word puzzles. *Spouse:* Chester “Chet” Nelson (married on February 11, 2006, preceded her in death). *Children:* Lori Finley (deceased), Kimberly Simpson, and Marcella Rader (Ryan), Craig Finley (son-in-law). *Died:* April 8, 2023.

Ordinands and Commissioned Staff Ministers

FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

Ira A. Carty *Serving:* Avenue Community Covenant Church, Toronto, ON
Ordaining body: Pentecostal Holiness Church of Canada

John C. Lassen *Serving:* Maywood Covenant Church, Foley, MN
Ordaining body: Lake Sarah Baptist Church, Slayton, MN

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SERVICE

Rebecca L. Homan *Serving:* Covenant Community Church, Fairfield, OH
Specialization: Children, youth, and family ministries

Kristi M. Ivanoff *Serving:* First Evangelical Covenant Church, Anchorage, AK
Specialization: Christian formation (all ages)

Christopher J. Kelly *Serving:* Linwood Covenant Church, Wyoming, MN
Specialization: Christian formation (all ages)

Bronwyn L. Murphy *Serving:* University Covenant Church, Davis, CA
Specialization: Christian formation (all ages)

Kristi S. Smith *Serving:* Milwaukie Covenant Church, Milwaukie, OR
Specialization: Christian formation (all ages)

Mika M. Strait *Serving:* Rock Harbor Covenant Church, Loomis, CA
Specialization: Christian formation (all ages)

Melanie Kay Viana *Serving:* Serve Globally personnel, Mozambique
Specialization: Leadership

Theo J. Wilson *Serving:* Hilmar Covenant Church, Hilmar, CA
Specialization: Youth ministries

Sarah C. Winter *Serving:* Northwest Covenant Church, Mount Prospect, IL
Specialization: Children and family ministries

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

Aaron W. Anderson
Serving: United Evangelical Covenant Church, Gladstone, MI

Robert J. Balian
Serving: Midtown Covenant Church, Sacramento, CA

Kara A. Berg
Serving: Elevation Hospice, Arvada, CO

Paul H. Betancourt
Serving: La Viña Covenant Church, Kerman, CA

Kelly Ladd Bishop

Serving: Newton Covenant Church, West Newton, MA

Scott A. Burnett

Serving: Newport Covenant Church, Bellevue, WA

Christina P. Burrows

Serving: North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL

Jacqui L. Crumrine

Serving: Selah Covenant Church, Selah, WA

John N. DePalma

Serving: Countryside Covenant Church, Milbank, SD

Anthony C. Emerson

Serving: Mosaic Community Covenant, Sugar Land, TX

Melissa L. Emerson

Serving: Mosaic Community Covenant, Sugar Land, TX

Annie D. Espinoza

Serving: Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico Douglas Park, Chicago, IL

Jeremiah J. Fair

Serving: Community Covenant Church, Santa Cruz, CA

Peter A. Frost

Serving: Brookdale Covenant Church, Brooklyn Center, MN

Rachel M. Gough

Serving: Monroe Covenant Church, Monroe, WA

Shaun C. Higgins

Serving: Midway Community Covenant Church, Des Moines, WA

Joshua W. Hinken

Serving: First Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Erin M. Johnson

Serving: Newton Medical Center, Newton, KS

Dani Kilgore

Serving: Marin Evangelical Covenant Church, San Rafael, CA

Lawrence K. Kim

Serving: Central Square Church, Cambridge, MA

Seung Evelyn La

Serving: Lakeview Covenant Church, Northbrook, IL

William E. Lopez

Serving: Pan y Vino Covenant Church, Prairie Village, KS

Andrew J. Mark

Serving: Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena, CA

Leslie D. McAuley

Serving: Immanuel Church, Spokane, WA

Criss William Mitchell

Serving: First Evangelical Covenant Church, Anchorage, AK

Nicholas S. Munn

Serving: Orchard Covenant Church, Indian Orchard, MA

Matthew S. Ness

Serving: One Church, Louisville, KY

Michael R. Nunan

Serving: Flatirons Community Church, Lafayette, CO

Erico V. Ortega Romero

Serving: Nueva Pacto Church of Fridley, Fridley, MN

Taylor M. Sexton

Serving: DeerGrove Covenant Church, Palatine, IL

Jean H. Shim

Serving: Central Square Church, Cambridge, MA

Garrett R. Smith

Serving: Newton Covenant Church, West Newton, MA

Alexander Song

Serving: RE/ACT, Windsor, ON

Phillip K. Tolbert

Serving: Lake Beauty Bible Camp, Long Prairie, MN

Dianira P. Ulin

Serving: Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico Belen, Chicago, IL

Elizabeth A. Whitney

Serving: First Presbyterian Church of Fairfield, Fairfield, CT

Emily B. Wickstrom

Serving: Common Ground Covenant Church, Sacramento, CA

Sharad Yadav

Serving: Re-entering call process

Daniel J. Yoon

Serving: Cornerstone Church of Boston, MA