



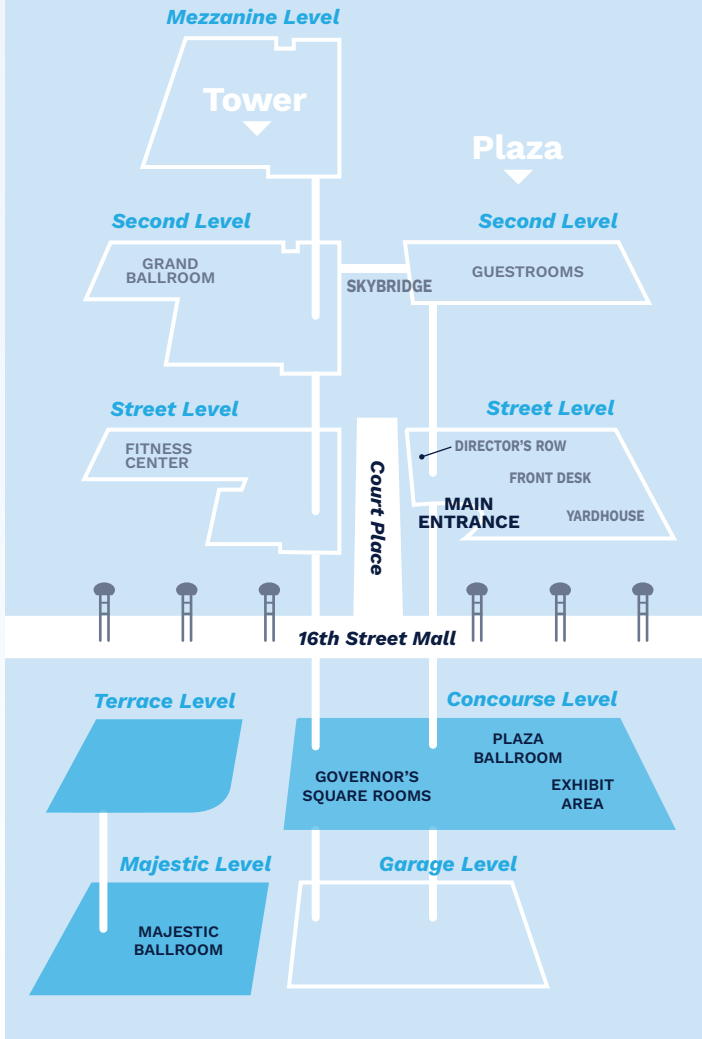
MIDWINTER CONFERENCE 2025 GUIDE

As Covenanters we seek to follow Jesus and to point those with whom he has entrusted us toward eternal hope.

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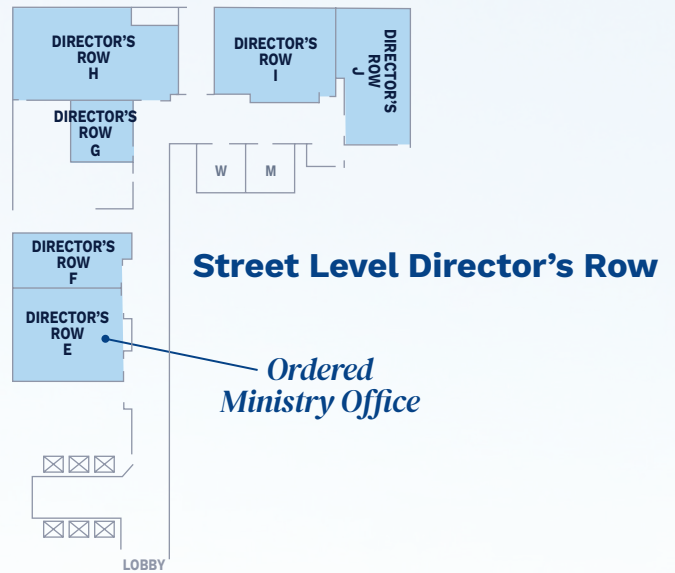
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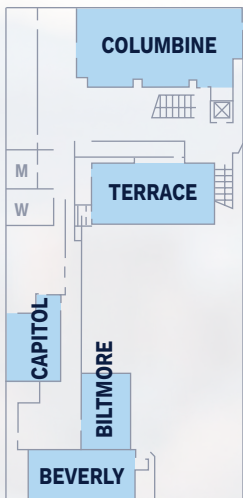
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Plaza Building

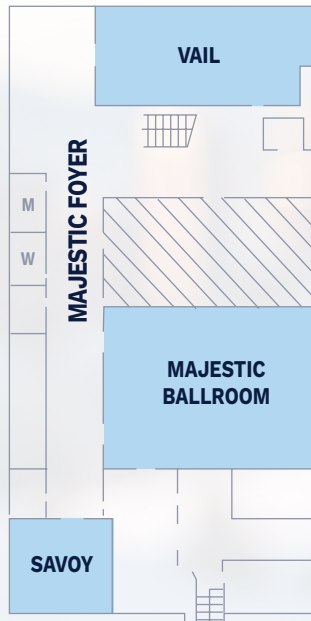


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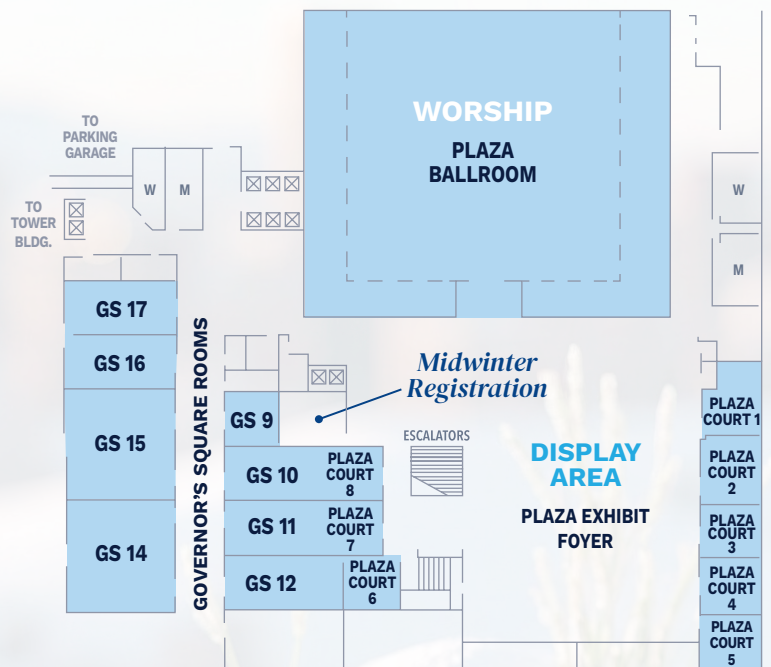
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Majestic Level



Concourse Level



Monday

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM REGISTRATION OPEN — [Plaza Foyer](#)

8:00 AM NORTH PARK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY:

Covenant Orientation/IGNITE/EQUIP Classes

[Terrace Level of the Tower Building](#)

- Vocational Excellence — [Capitol](#)
- Old Testament 2 — [Biltmore](#)
- History and Theology of the Covenant — [Columbine](#)
- History of the Covenant — [Columbine](#)
- Theology of the Covenant — [Terrace](#)
- Mission and Ministry in the Covenant — [Beverly](#)

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING

[Majestic Level of the Tower Building](#) — [Vail](#)

Pre-registration required. A one-day intensive training equipping you to pastorally support those who have experienced trauma from the injustice of abuse.

9:45 - 11:00 AM WOMEN OF COLOR CLERGY

GATHERING — [Governor's Square 17](#)

Join your fellow women of color clergy sisters for a restorative time of holistic care for your body, mind, and soul.

11:15 - 12:45 PM ADVOCATES FOR COVENANT CLERGY WOMEN (ACCW) LUNCHEON

— [Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11](#)

Pre-registration requested. Cost: \$15 Hear updates from ACCW and share ideas and insights as we continue our collective journey forward. *Men and women welcome.*

1:00 - 4:00 PM WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

— [Plaza Court 8/Governor's Square 10](#)

Be celebrated and encouraged in our shared calling to lead, preach, and advocate for a more just and flourishing society. *All women are welcome!*

1:00 - 4:00 PM COMS TRAINING — [Governor's Square 12](#)

Train, resource, and equip members of conference committees on ministerial standing to be more effective interviewers of credentialing candidates.

1:00 - 4:00 PM COMPELLING PREACHING COHORTS

— [Governor's Square 16](#)

Monday 1:00 - 4:00 PM and Wednesday 11:15 AM - 4:30 PM

Three tracks, all focused on nurturing the inner life of the preacher.

4:00 - 7:30 PM MEAL STATIONS — [Plaza Foyer](#)

[Seating in Governor's Square 14 and 15](#)

7:00 PM Opening Worship/Communion

[Plaza Ballroom](#)

Opening worship & communion service honoring the life, ministry, and influence of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



SANETTA PONTON



TONY MCNEILL

9:00 PM CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

Alaska — [Plaza Court 1](#)

Canada — [Governor's Square 9](#)

Central — [Governor's Square 17](#)

East Coast — [Plaza Court 2/3](#)

Great Lakes — [Governor's Square 12](#)

Midsouth — [Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11](#)

Midwest — [Plaza Court 8/Governor's Square 10](#)

Northwest — [Governor's Square 16](#)

Pacific Northwest — [Governor's Square 15](#)

Pacific Southwest — [Governor's Square 14](#)

Southeast — [Plaza Court 6](#)

Serve Globally — [Director's Row H](#)

Tuesday

7:30 - 9:00 AM HOSTED BREAKFAST

Crescendo Breakfast — [Director's Row H](#)

RSVP requested during registration. Cost \$18. Help mobilize adults 60+ to live lives of lasting purpose as disciples of Jesus Christ



TAMMY SWANSON-DRAHEIM

9:30 AM Morning Worship

[Plaza Ballroom](#)

President's Update: Come Tuesday morning as we gather together for worship and to hear President Tammy Swanson-Draheim's missional update.

11:15 - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK/HOSTED MEALS

• **Church Planters Luncheon** — [Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11](#)

Pre-registration was requested. Join us for a time of connection, celebration, and vision casting.

• **Covenant Chaplains Association Annual Meeting Luncheon** — [Governor's Square 12](#)

All Covenant chaplains are invited to attend the CCA annual meeting immediately following the morning session. Break for lunch after the meeting.

• **Serve Globally Luncheon** — [Plaza Court 8/Governor's Square 10](#)

Pre-registration was requested. We will highlight key opportunities to help equip churches to strengthen their missional engagement.

2:00 - 4:00 PM All Midwinter Breakout

[Plaza Ballroom](#)

Harris will show us how the truth of the gospel offers freedom from deception, inviting us into a life of awe, wonder, and purpose in Christ.



HARRIS III

4:00 - 5:00 PM ACCW RECEPTION — [Plaza Ballroom](#)

Join us to celebrate the growing number of credentialed clergywomen in the Covenant and acknowledge the ongoing need for cultural change in our churches to fully reflect our denominational ethos.

5:00 - 6:30 PM DINNER BREAK

7:00 PM Evening Worship

[Plaza Ballroom](#)

Faithfully following Jesus's call even when that leads us into seasons of uncertainty and difficulty.



MICHAEL CARRION

9:00 PM ANTIRACISM DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY RECEPTION

(Past and present participants. \$15 paid during registration) — [Governor's Square 14](#)

Wednesday

7:30 - 9:00 AM HOSTED BREAKFASTS

Racial Righteousness Breakfast — [Governor's Square 14](#)

Pre-registration was requested. Cost: \$20.

Janette H. Ok, associate professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary and co-architect of *The New Testament in Color*, will be our featured speaker.

9:30 AM Morning Worship

[Plaza Ballroom](#)

Former NFL player Jason Brown will share why he decided to step out in faith and walk away from his career in the NFL. How might we reconsider our own calling in ministry?



JASON BROWN

Wednesday continued

11:15 - 12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK/HOSTED MEALS

Pre-registration was requested

- **Paul Carlson Partnership Luncheon — Director's Row J**
Updates on our latest initiatives. Cost: \$15
- **Becoming a Spiritual Director — Governor's Square 9**
Come learn about North Park Theological Seminary's spiritual direction certificate.
- **Missional Vitality Luncheon — Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11**
Discover key resources to strengthen your church's health and vitality and hear inspiring testimonies from pastors.

Breakout Sessions

- **Compelling Preaching Cohorts**
(single session starts early at 11:15 AM and runs to 4:30 PM)
All Tracks start in — **Governor's Square 16**
TRACK 1: Preaching Every Week
TRACK 2: Preaching Refresh
TRACK 3: Preaching from the Second Chair
- **JumpStart Workshop**
(single session starts at 1:00 PM and runs to 4:30 PM)
ENGLISH: Karen and Ben Ingebretson — **Director's Row F**
SPANISH: Dany Flores — **Director's Row G**

1:00 - 2:30 PM — SESSION ONE | 3:00 - 4:30 PM — SESSION TWO

OFFERED TWICE (REPEATED)

- **Honest Conversations on the Unique Place of the Mosaic in God's Mission (Grace Shim and Panel) — Governor's Square 12**
- **Healthy (Relational) Systems in the Church (Dawn Taloyo) — Governor's Square 14**
- **Cultivating Leadership Resilience (Jean Cheng Gorman) — Plaza Court 8/Governor's Square 10**
- **Welcoming the Stranger: Connecting with and Loving Your Immigrant Neighbors (Ramelia Williams) — Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11**
- **Yes She Can: Women in Leadership in the Church (John Jenks) — Director's Row I**
- **Partnership & Generosity: Key Elements in Discipleship — Governor's Square 15**
- **Reaching and Unleashing One of the Largest Generations (Amy Hanson) — Director's Row H**
- **Undercover Visits: Are Visitors Seeing What You Think They Are Seeing? (Rob Hall, Rollie Persson, Paul Kruit) — Governor's Square 17**
- **Flipping the Script on Equipping the Rural Church (Jon Dietrich, Tim Shekleton) — Plaza Court 1**
- **Community, Communion, and Art: A Time to Reflect, Refresh, and Restore (Adrienne Reedy & Barbara Sartorius Bjelland) — Plaza Court 2/3**
Part 1: (1-2:30 PM): Reflection & Communion in the Old Testament
Part 2: (3-4:30 PM): Restoration & Communion Today

EN ESPAÑOL

1:00 - 2:30 PM

- **Generaciones Unidas: Abriendo Camino para los Líderes del Futuro (Abraham Zuniga, Erasmo Zuniga) — Plaza Court 4/5**

3:00 - 4:30 PM

- **Construyendo el Futuro: Impulsando a los Líderes del Mañana (Abraham Zuniga) — Plaza Court 4/5**

Wednesday continued

5 - 6:30 PM ETHNIC ASSOCIATIONS/DINNER BREAK

RSVP REQUIRED

- African American Ministers Association (AAMA) \$25
— **Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11**
- Asociación Latina de la Iglesia Del Pacto Evangélico (ALIFE) \$30
— **Governor's Square 15**
- Covenant Asian Pastors Association (CAPA) \$25
— **Plaza Court 8/Governor's Square 10**
- Indigenous Ministers Association (IMA) — **Governor's Square 9**

7:00 PM ALIFE Service/Reception

Plaza Ballroom

(Open to All) Asociación Latina de la Iglesia Del Pacto Evangélico service with reception to follow in **Governor's Square 15**



JOB GONZALEZ

Thursday

7:30 AM COVENANT KIDS CONGO WALK FOR WATER

Your \$25 registration supplies clean water for one person in DR Congo. Pick up your T-shirt and race bib at the Midwinter registration desk. Meet out front on 16th Street.



SERVE GLOBALLY TEAM

9:30 AM Morning Worship

Plaza Ballroom

Our Serve Globally regional coordinators will share how they're witnessing discipleship around the world.

11:15 - 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK/HOSTED MEALS

Pre-registration was requested

- **Political and Hospitable: Pastoring Congregations Through Partisanship** How can Covenant pastors guide their congregations with integrity, grace, and wisdom in politically charged times? — **Director's Row I**
- **Association of Covenant Spiritual Directors Lunch** All spiritual directors, including those in training and those who are interested in learning more, are welcome. — **Director's Row H**
- **Town & Country Lunch** Join us in honor of all pastors serving in town and country settings, recognizing how much your ministry matters to God. — **Plaza Court 7/Governor's Square 11**

2:00 - 4:00 PM All Midwinter Breakout

Plaza Ballroom

John will help us seek ways to promote thoughtful Christianity in doubting times.



JOHN DICKSON

5:00 - 6:30 PM DINNER BREAK

7:00 PM Evening Worship

Plaza Ballroom

Discipleship trends from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. We'll consider how these findings might impact our ministry practices.



GREG JAO

Friday

9:30 - 11:30 AM Closing Worship

Plaza Ballroom

Ieisha and the YouVersion team will unpack the topic "Beyond the Walls: Expanding Your Church's Reach Through Digital Ministry."



IEISHA HAWLEY



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Throughout the Conference

Financial Conversations

Come with financial questions, concerns, and goals. Bring any statements or documents pertinent to this confidential conversation with a financial professional from Covenant Trust Company. You will receive tools and ideas to move forward with confidence and a clearer vision for the future. Appointments needed. Stop by the Covenant Trust Company display to see if any openings are available.

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is a ministry of listening, discernment, and prayer in a confidential setting of encouragement and compassion.

Trained spiritual directors are available at Midwinter for a 50-minute session. Appointments needed. Stop by registration to see if any openings are available.

Conversation Hour with President Tammy Swanson-Draheim

An opportunity to meet, ask questions, and have casual conversations with President Tammy Swanson-Draheim in a small group setting. Sign-ups required. Stop by registration to see if any openings are available.

Meet with Superintendents and Conference Staff

Conference superintendents or staff will be available for conversations throughout Midwinter in the Plaza Foyer. Appointments appreciated.

Meet with Ministerium Leadership

If you would like to make an appointment with an officer from the denominational Ministerium, please contact them prior to the event at eccministerium@gmail.org. Meeting space found in the Plaza Foyer.

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