



Unite 2027—The “Why”

Unite 2027 is quickly approaching! We will all be back together in one location for one Covenant [Unite, at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln, July 18-23, 2027](#). The Unite lead team is busy planning, recruiting, and preparing for an exciting time of worship, discipleship, and communion with one another.



UNITE
INTEREST
FORM

You can find dates, costs, timelines, and a robust FAQ page at covchurch.org/unite. You’ll also find a link to the [youth group interest form](#) that will help us better plan and support you as you plan to attend Unite. **Scan the QR code to go directly to that form. We’re asking everyone to fill this out.** Whether you plan to attend Unite 2027 or not, your answers will be helpful.

For some youth leaders and churches, Unite is uncharted territory. **We often hear these leaders ask, “Why should I bring my youth group to Unite?”** This is a great question. Unite may seem far away, expensive, and a lot of work. With many other options for youth groups available, why make the trek to Lincoln? Because Unite is doing something special.

The Uniqueness of Unite

Here is what makes Unite a unique opportunity to shape the lives of this generation: Unite is the formative Covenant gathering that invites thousands of high school students into deeper faith, shared life, and God’s work in the world. It’s five days of powerful worship, dynamic teaching, immersive discipleship, high-energy afternoon activities, and meaningful service. Rooted in Scripture and shaped by the life of the church, this movement has catalyzed significant spiritual moments in the lives of tens of thousands of teenagers since its 1956 origins as CHIC (Covenant High In Christ). **The vision for Unite is every Covenant church present and represented, and every student transformed.** It calls students not only to belong, but to be sent out in Jesus’s name.

Here are a few things about Unite that excite and inspire us.

Identity and Theology in Action

First, Unite is where our students will see a bigger vision of the Covenant in action and be disciplined into Covenant identity. This isn’t a generic conference experience. Students will see our Covenant Affirmations in action, and we will explore how God is at work through our mission priorities.

Students will be taught by Covenant leaders, as well as influential voices who are aligned with our Covenant identity. We will spend quality time in the word of God, discuss the necessity of new birth in Christ, explore our denomination’s commitment to the whole mission of the Church, and worship as a fellowship of believers. Students will be led by men and women, serving side by side, unpacking what it means to develop a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit and understand our freedom in Christ. Together we will catch a vision of what unites followers of Jesus Christ all around the world as one, big, loving, family of God.

Unite is where being Covenant becomes an experience students feel in their bones. It will ethically form and morally shape our students. It will inspire them to live boldly for Jesus and be assured that they are not alone.



A Multiethnic Kingdom Mosaic

Second, Unite helps us see what it means to be an interconnected body of Christ, a beautiful mosaic of disciples pursuing our common mission of making God's name known and love shown to the ends of the earth. Unite is a multiethnic kingdom experience that many of our students don't get at home. In a time of increasing echo chambers, polarization, and silos, Unite is an opportunity to see people from a variety of backgrounds pursue unity amid our difference. Students will engage with thousands from a range of backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives, coming together, bound by one Spirit. Unite creates space for students and leaders to learn to live distinctively for Christ while navigating an increasingly diverse world together. We will learn from different cultures and grow as a denominational family, with a faith informed by the global church.

Rebuilding the Leadership Pipeline

Third, we are intentional about leadership development and building lifelong community. Alongside North Park University, Covenant camps, and other denominational discipleship spaces, Unite has been a primary engine for building Covenant bonds that last a lifetime. Unite has become an increasingly important space where our future leaders are identified, invested in, and sent out on mission. It has endured as a hallmark experience for the Covenant, which many denominational leaders point back to as the space where they first heard God's call upon their lives. Unite is a place where God shows up, and we form relationships with sisters and brothers who will walk with us in faith for a lifetime!

But it's not just for the students; it's leaders too. This is a unique chance to be nurtured and shaped by amazing pastors, peers, and leaders from across our eleven conferences. You're building a network of support that will sustain your ministry long after the buses leave Nebraska.

The Strategic Investment

We recognize that the cost and time commitment are significant. We invite you to consider Unite as a strategic investment. Whether your church has been raising funds for three years or you're just starting to plan now, there's still time to partner with your students and families to make Unite a reality. The impact on a student's spiritual foundation and their sense of belonging is a value you won't find anywhere else.

We are here for you. Whether it's planning, fundraising, logistics, or just talking it through, our team wants to partner with you and your church to help your students get to Lincoln. We are excited for this big family reunion. **We hope to see you in Lincoln!**

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