

# ADVOCATE

## Visibility, Presence, Partnerships, Alignment, Communication

- Two delegates allowed at the Covenant Annual Meeting
- Representation & visibility at MidWinter, CHIC, Triennial and other national events
- Annual Camp Sunday the first Sunday of March
- Annual Spiritual Decisions Survey results shared with denominational offices and entities
- Partnerships with North Park University (summer staff recruiting and the Camp Grant program) and Seminary (staff recruiting and theological resources)
- Spring meetings of the ACCCC Board with Covenant Offices resulting in collaborative ministry partnerships and increased awareness
- Articles and coverage in Covenant Communications venues such as the Companion, Newswire (online), The Reporter (at Conference annual meetings)
- Dedicated page on the Covenant website, [www.covenant-camps.org](http://www.covenant-camps.org)
- A regular presence on the Organizing for Mission's Leadership Center advisory team (OFM stated that "Camps are one of the covenant's most effective leadership development engines.")
- Working partnerships with camps in Covenant mission fields, through the Department of World Missions

*The mission of the ACCCC is to support, equip, and advocate for it's members and their partners.*

## Benefits of Membership

The value of belonging to the ACCCC goes beyond the benefits listed here. True, these benefits have proven themselves over three decades of supporting, equipping and advocating for its members. Of deeper value are the relationships which develop between camping leaders and those working alongside them.

In true Covenant fashion, membership in the ACCCC provides a personal network of relationships and resources which offer a steadfast alternative to "going it alone." The current members of the ACCCC invite you into a reality in which we are "in it together."

Membership in the association is open to all Covenant camps and conference centers as well as individuals actively sharing in or supportive of the ministry of Covenant camping and/or the association.

**For more information about ACCCC Benefits contact Jim Codnap, President, [jim@pilgrimpines.org](mailto:jim@pilgrimpines.org).**

# SUPPORT

## Member Care, Relationships, Encouragement, Mentoring

- Fall Fellowship (an annual gathering for networking, fellowship, and spiritual formation, in conjunction with the national conference of the Christian Camp and Conference Association)
- Member Care Initiatives (conversations, prayer and tangible support for members in crisis or facing a significant challenge)
- New Director welcomes, connections and resources
- Networking at association gatherings, video conferences, in between gatherings and throughout the year
- North Park University Camp Grant for students who work at ACCCC member camps grant available for camp staff transferring into NorthPark University
- Assistance for boards recruiting a new camp director.
- Annual and bi-annual surveys for providing data useful in operations, development and programming:
  - Spiritual Decisions
  - Salary and Statistics
  - Others intermittently
- Association Board comprised of volunteers from member camps its work focuses on ensuring all member benefits and new initiatives are relevant, timely and of value
- Summer Staff Recruiting Days at North Park University along with case-by-case individual assistance
- Assistance in promoting and communicating job openings

# EQUIP

## Education, Training, Spiritual Formation, Resources

- MidWinter Renewal event (education, training, spiritual formation, best practices, fellowship, fun)
- Program Summits (gathering of and for program directors for the same purposes as the MidWinter Renewal)
- Annual missions offering projects for spiritual formation opportunities
- Targeted Resources in the areas of: theology, operations, marketing, mentoring, programming, internships and more
- Assessing and aligning with the markers of a Healthy, Missional Camp
- Covenant Speakers available from: North Park University, North Park Seminary, Youth Workers Network, Women Ministries, regional Conference Offices
- Professional Services available from: Covenant Solutions (master and operational planning) Covenant Trust Company (financial and estate planning) National Covenant Properties (investments, loans, mortgages) Legal and Insurance Resources (contact Covenant Offices)
- Covenant Offices leadership and staff provide counsel, referrals and resources (i.e. the Covenant Affirmations DVD and books)
- Ministerial Credentialing opportunities through the Department of Ordered Ministry (Commissioned Staff Minister, etc.)
- A standing invitation to participate in the classes offered by the Axelson Center for Non-Profit Management, with financial assistance available for those classes offered at Association gatherings