

127TH ANNUAL MEETING

April 29, 2017

Grace Community Covenant Church, Olympia, WA



PACNWC VISION:

A mosaic of churches working interdependently together to transform lives and communities.

PACNWC MISSION PRIORITIES:

1) Start New Churches 2) Strengthen Churches
3) Support Pastors.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

Our **Ministerial Association** met in the afternoon of April 28th to cover business in supporting our pastors, staff and their families. Nine candidates for ordination were approved for recommendation at the ECC Annual Meeting in June.

- Leo Anderson, Desert Springs Covenant
- G. Coby Cagle, Quest
- Jeannette Conner, Kent Covenant
- Mat Hollen, St. Thomas Covenant
- Bohyon Lim, Seattle Pacific University
- Steve Pace, The Rock Covenant
- Jessica Ronhaar, Arlington United
- Janet Russell, Bellingham Covenant
- Ann Snowberger, St. Joseph Medical
- Brent Strobel, Evergreen Covenant

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Al Tizon, ECC Executive Minister for Serve Globally, shared from Luke 13:10-19 on the topic "Conspiracy of the Insignificant: Thoughts on Mustard Seed Living. We welcomed new member and adopted churches; Immanuel Church, Radiant Covenant Church and Renew Covenant Church. The offering went to Seattle Rescue Mission after Chitra Hanstad shared about this ministry.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 127th Annual Meeting was attended by 139 delegates and attendees. This Annual Meeting featured live Spanish translation of spoken words through the spf.io app. It also featured a bilingual Annual Meeting Report. We were blessed by the hospitality of Grace Community Covenant Church.

Superintendent Greg Yee's report covered many topics as he encouraged us to go forward with a spirit of gratitude. Some highlights:

- We have 13,364 people in average attendance in our churches. Giving is up 8.6%. Please consider increasing your giving by 1/2% this year.
- We have finished our first year with staff team: Cris Back, (Director of Ministries), Keith Tungseth (Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry), Dawn Taloyo (Director of Pastoral and Congregational Care), and Erik Cave (Coordinator for Communications and Family Ministries).
- The PacCast and 651 Clergy Conversations are two new ministries to help pastors be connected.

- Our Hispanic ministry continues to grow numerically and in influence. We are currently in more than 9 exploratory conversations connected to new Hispanic congregations.
- Encouraged to access resources: [Congregational Vitality pathway](#), [BLESS](#), [Community Bible Experience](#), [Journey to Mosaic](#), [MissionInsite](#).
- Please help connect people in your church to the "[Pacific Northwest Conference](#)" Facebook page and/or subscribe to our months e-newsletter called The Catch.

Elections for new members of the Executive Board, Youth Commission, and Nominating Commission were held. All elections were unanimously approved. For a list of boards and commissions go to [pacnwc.org](#) and click on 2017 Annual Meeting.

Rev. Carol Lawson, Director of Ministry Services, Ordered Ministry, Develop Leaders, Evangelical Covenant Church, brought a report. She shared greetings from the denomination and expressed gratitude for our conferences ministry and mission. She shared the new Mission and Ministry emphasis, Three Strand Strong, focusing the relationship between Covenant, Conference and Church.

Rev. Tim Hedberg reported from [Covenant Trust Company](#).

Rev. Timothy Johnson, Professor of Ministry and Director of Field Education at [North Park University](#), shared about the universities advances in connection with church and denomination, serving the community.

Rev. Rebekah Strobel, PacNWC CHIC Liaison updated us on plans for [CHIC 2018](#). The time to start preparing for CHIC is now!

Rob Mohrweis from [Cascades Camp & Conference Center](#) shared report about their summer programs asking for prayer on Friday nights which is when most commitments are made.

Joe Wolfe from [Women Ministry](#) reported on their retreats, and Faith and Outreach Grants

Jim Milton from [Covenant Men](#) highlighted their support of Cascades Camp and Alaska missions. **Rolf Hammersborg** announced the new date for the Covenant Men's Retreat: March 2-4, 2018.

Rebekah Strobel from the [Youth Commission](#) reported record numbers for MUD and Thunder. **Dan MeyerPeter** reported on supporting youth workers and work of our Racial Righteousness Cohort.

Erik Cave reported on the formation of the new Kids/Family Ministry Special Commission and the new initiatives for [Emerge Young Adult Ministry](#).

Other business included **Brian Whitaker** proposing a new budget which was approved. **Don Robinson, Thomas Robinson** were elected as delegates and **Cris Back** as the alternate delegate to the ECC [Annual Meeting](#) in June 22 – 24, 2017, Detroit, MI.

Representative from **Newport Covenant Church** extended invitation to the 128th Annual Meeting April 27th– 28th 2018 Bellevue, WA.

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