134th Annual Meeting

April 20th, 2024 – Milwaukee Covenant Church and Online

### PacNWC Vision:

To be 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 at First Covenant, Portland, on April 18th for continuing education and on April 19th to cover business in supporting our pastors, staff and their families. A greater emphasis on interacting, praying and celebrating with each other marked the time. Rev. Corey Johnsrud (Kent Cov) was elected to be the new president of the conference ministerium. 43 licenses and 7 temporary licenses were approved for recommendation at the ECC Annual Meeting in June. 3 candidates for ordination:

**Kyle Harmon** – Pine Lake Covenant

**Rebecca Worl** – Pine Lake Covenant

**Lynette Sanchez** – Countryside Community

Highlights from the Annual Business Meeting

The 134th Annual Meeting was attended by 92 delegates from 42 churches along with others totaling 145 delegates and conferees. Milwaukie Covenant showed incredible hospitality to those in person. Online delegates participated through Zoom.

**Superintendent Greg Yee** reflected on a challenging and fruitful year of ministry. He reviewed highlights from our three mission priorities. Please see his slides and accompanying links to access video highlights and access resources. [pacnwc.org/annualcelebration](https://pacnwc.org/annualcelebration)

**Grace Covenant**, Bremerton, WA and **Hope Covenant**, Tacoma, WA were recommended for removal from the ECC roster of member churches due to conclusion of ministry. **St. Thomas Covenant**, Salem, OR, was recommended for removal from the ECC roster of churches due to voluntary removal. **Quest**, Seattle, WA was reported as having been removed from ECC rosters at the 2023 ECC Annual Meeting.

**Garden City Covenant**, Puyallup, WA was recommended for membership in the ECC roster of churches.

**Tim Davis**, PacNWC Executive Board Secretary, proposed a revised $1,068,511 budget for 2024 and the proposed budget of $925,084 for 2025 be adopted. Both unanimously approved. A challenge was made to move closer to our shared mission tithe commitments of 6 1/2 % to the ECC and 3 ½% to the conference. If you are giving a fixed amount, please consider moving to percentage giving and begin moving closer to a tithe by starting with a ½% increase this year. We are deeply grateful for your faithful financial support to our shared mission!

Elections for new and continuing board and commission members were all passed with unanimous approval. **Diane Leavit**t of Pine Lake Covenant, **Mark Lindberg** of Highland Covenant, **Michael Thomas** of Radiant Covenant, **Asher Ernst** of City Covenant, **David Greenidge** of Tigard Covenant, and **Cindy Reed** of Highland Covenant were elected to the Executive Board. **Thomas Sudbury** of Yakima Covenant was elected to the Youth Commission. **Anna Carlson** of Grace Community Covenant, **Nancy de Jong** of Pine Lake Covenant, **Angela McCann** of Cascade Covenant, **Amber Lauber** of McMinnville Covenant, and **Torina Salcedo** of Kent Covenant were elected to the Children and Family Commission. **Jelani Greenidge** of Access Covenant and **Kenneth Morse** of McMinnville Covenant were elected to the Nominating Commission. **Rebecca Worl** of Pine Lake was elected the moderator of the 135th Pacific Northwest Annual Meeting. **Rebecca Worl** of Pine Lake Covenant and **Gustavo Sandrigo** of Iglesia Latino Americana were elected as delegates to the ECC Annual Meeting with **Laurie Roberts** of First Covenant as an alternate.

**Rob Mohrweis** shared a report from Cascades Camp & Conference Center expressing their gratitude for the support the camp has received from PacNWC congregations. He shared a survey that showed campers felt like they belonged and learned more about God. New projects include Sunrise Ranch, supporting conference events, developing their master plan, and continuing to steward the camp for the future.

Greetings and updates were brought by **Tammy Swanson-Draheim**, President, Evangelical Covenant Church, **Rick Mylander**, ECC Board of Nominations, **Tim Hedberg**, Financial Services Representative, Covenant Trust Company, **Rollie Persson**, Vice President, Real Estate Services, National Covenant Properties.

**Pastor Phil Rushton** extended an invitation to the 135th Annual Meeting May 1-3, 2025 at Bellingham Covenant Church, WA.

We ended our 134th Annual Celebration praying together and confessing our belief that nothing is possible without prayer and seeking the Lord together.

Please help connect people in your church to the Pacific Northwest Conference website, our monthly e-newsletter called The Catch, and our social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter. The full Annual Report, Ministry Fair link and all media links (including Greg Yee’s report slides and all ECC promotional videos) are available at [pacnwc.org/annualcelebration](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Cerikc%5CDownloads%5Cpacnwc.org%5Cannualcelebration).

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