



# *Living Our Affirmations*

## *Registration Materials*

**Central Conference Ministerial Association  
Annual Meeting  
April 22-23, 2010**

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April 23-24, 2010**

**Hope Covenant Church  
Indianapolis, IN**

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## Executive Board of the Central Conference

March 2010

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Greetings to you as we gather for our 124<sup>th</sup> Central Conference Annual Meeting. We meet this year in one of our southern-most churches, Hope Evangelical Covenant of Indianapolis, IN. We are grateful for their hospitality and for welcoming us to the largest capital city east of the Mississippi River, home of the Indianapolis Colts and Pacers, the Indy 500, and scores of other attractions that make this a world class city.

As we gather to reflect and to look ahead, we are mindful of the state of our economy and how fragile this world of ours really is. But in the midst of it all, we have a great and awesome God who is still on the throne, who remains sovereign, and who has blessed us with great abundance of his grace.

We gather to celebrate the good work that continues in our conference under the good work of our conference staff. Please continue to pray for them as they continue in this good work. I ask for your prayers as well, as I follow on the heels of Peggy Peryam, who did such a fine job as conference chair the past three years.

Please take time to enjoy our coming together, our fellowship, greeting old friends and the discovery of new ones. Let us worship together and be encouraged by the great things that characterize the work of the Central Conference.

Welcome to you all.

Rev. J Peter Erickson, Conference Chair  
Central Conference Executive Board

*...The Lord is good and his love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations. Psalm 100:5*

| <b>Delegates per Church</b> |                  |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Church Members</b>       | <b>Delegates</b> |
| Up to 250                   | 2                |
| 251-499                     | 3                |
| 500 or more                 | 4                |



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April, 2010

Dear Delegates:

On behalf of the Hope Covenant Congregation, it is a privilege for me to welcome you to the 2010 Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church!

Hope Covenant Church began in 1980 by five families who had a desire to have a Covenant presence in the Indianapolis community. Since that time, the people of Hope have impacted their city and neighborhood through a Hispanic church plant, collecting food and other basic essentials for Wheeler Mission (a ministry for the homeless), and reaching out to adults with special needs through the Hollis Adams foundation. Hope has also taken an active part in global missions in Los Brasiles, Nicaragua; Alaska Christian College; and supporting other mission programs through Covenant World Missions. Even though Hope Covenant is a small congregation, it extends support to God's work and ministry wherever there is a need.

As you worship and conduct the business of the Central Conference, our hope is that you experience the presence, warmth and love of Jesus Christ as we serve you as our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Sincerely,

Rev. Tom Miller  
Pastor

## Central Conference Ministerial Association

February 15, 2010

God's grace and His marvelous blessings to each of God's great servants. We want to give you both greetings and inform you of vital information in regard to the upcoming activities of the Central Conference Ministerium. Our Annual Meeting of the Central Conference Ministerial Association (CCMA) will be held at Hope Covenant Church in Indianapolis, IN. where Rev. Tom Miller and congregation will serve as our host. Our meetings will take place on Thursday and Friday, April 22-23, 2010.

*Welcome!* If you are a minister with credentials in the Covenant, you are a member of the CCMA, and your attendance at this meeting of your professional organization is specified in the Bylaws. The Bylaws also specify that if you are unable to attend the business session, you must send greetings to the Ministerium Secretary: Jonathan Wilson, 17 North Commonwealth Avenue, Elgin, IL 60123 email: manoftheword@hotmail.com

*Welcome!* If you are serving a Covenant Church or institution but do not have credentials in the Covenant, we hope that you will join us in the worship and fellowship opportunities and observe the business session. Since we do not have an authoritative list of all such people, we must rely on church office staffs to make sure that this information and registration forms are copied for you.

*And a special Welcome!* If you are new to the Central Conference or to the Evangelical Covenant Church!

In the packet each church is receiving there will be registration and housing information, as well as other pertinent information. If it is not attached to this form, you can find and download everything from <http://www.centralconf.org/> PASTORS, please make all credentialed folk in your congregation aware of this information.

### **THURSDAY APRIL 22**

5:00 pm. Registration begins at Hope Covenant Church. This is your one-stop shop: You can register for the CCMA Annual Meeting and, if registered, for the Conference Annual Meeting AND pay your Ministerium Dues.

7:00 pm. We worship together. We will take the opportunity to hear from a number of candidates for ordination, transfer of ordination and commissioning during this time. We will once again provide candidates an opportunity to share their testimony and call to ministry and fellowship time will follow!

### **FRIDAY APRIL 23**

8:00 am. Coffee and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am. Business Session of the CCMA Annual Meeting

We look forward to seeing you at Hope Covenant Church! This will be a good time of meeting and greeting new and old colleagues. Although we are meeting, we expect the presence of God and His care for each of you as we attend to the business of our Ministerium. God's peace and see you there!

Gratefully serving,

Central Conference Ministerial Association Executive Committee

Marva Watts, Vice-Secretary

Jonathan Wilson, Secretary

Bob Poor, Treasurer

Don Nelson, Vice-Chair

Dr. M. Randolph Thompson, Chair

## Central Conference Silent Auction for Covenant World Relief



Many of you have already given for the relief efforts in Haiti following the disastrous earthquake recently. The assistance in Haiti will be an ongoing relief effort for some time, and we have a perfect opportunity as a large group to make a special donation to CWR.

A SILENT AUCTION will be held during the Central Conference on Friday, which will give you the unique opportunity to give a gift and receive a gift in return. There will be numerous exciting items to appeal to each and every one! And, all the proceeds will go directly to Covenant World Relief. Remember, CWR has been able for several years to place about 95 cents of every donated dollar directly into their ministry. Let's give them all the assistance we can.

It is a WIN-WIN situation, so pad your wallets with some extra cash or blank checks and be prepared to join in on the fun. We want our gift to CWR to be really special!



### **Sign Up for the Central Conference Electronic Newsletter!**

**Did you know that the Central Conference has an electronic newsletter that you can have delivered right into your email mailbox? Published at least monthly (more frequently if needed), this newsletter can keep you informed of the latest news and events going on within the Central Conference. And it's FREE!**

**To sign up, just go to our website at [www.centralconf.org](http://www.centralconf.org) and enter your email address into the sign up box in the upper right-hand corner of our homepage. That's all you need to do to receive this publication automatically. So sign up now – and be the first to know the latest news! We'll also be publishing updates about the Annual Meeting there, too.**

**124<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church**  
**Hope Covenant Church**  
**Indianapolis, IN**  
**April 23-24, 2010**

**Tentative Schedule**  
**Opening Session**  
**Friday, April 23, 2010**

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>10:30</b>                              | <b>Central Conference Executive Board Meeting</b>  |
| <b>12:00</b>                              | <b>Opening Lunch &amp; Fellowship</b>  |
| <b>1:30-4:15</b>                          | <b>Workshops - Covenant Affirmations</b>   |
| <b>1:30-2:45</b><br>&<br><b>3:00-4:15</b> | <b>Prof. Robert Hubbard</b><br>-The centrality of the word of God<br>-The necessity of the new birth<br>-A commitment to the whole mission of the church   |
| <b>1:30-2:45</b><br>&<br><b>3:00-4:15</b> | <b>Prof. Richard Carlson</b><br>-The church as a fellowship of believers<br>-A conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit<br>-The reality of freedom in christ  |
| <b>4:30-5:30</b>                          | <b>Special Meetings</b><br>New Delegate Orientation - Rev. Peter Erickson,<br>Executive Board Chairperson<br>Church Planters - Rev. Jolene Bergstrom Carlson<br>Other affinity groups to be determined |
| <b>6:00</b>                               | <b>Dinner</b>  |
| <b>7:30</b>                               | <b>Evening Worship Service</b><br>Worship & Praise<br>What's your ONE step<br>Speaker<br>Communion<br>Hope Covenant Church<br>Rev. Jerome Nelson<br>Rev. Dr. David Kersten<br>Conference Staff         |
| <b>9:00</b>                               | <b>Dessert and Networking Time</b>   |

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Tentative Agenda**  
**Saturday, April 24, 2010**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**7:30**            **Continental Breakfast**

**8:30**            **We gather to worship**

Devotional

Hymns & Songs of Praise

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tom Miller

Hope Covenant

Pastor Tom Miller

**9:00-11:45**    **Business Session**

Presiding:

Rev. Peter Erickson - Conference Chairperson

Rev. Kevin Brintnall - Conference Secretary

1. Call to Order
2. Greetings:
  - a. Host Church - Pastor Tom Miller
  - b. Response
  - c. Acknowledgement of Letters Received
3. Organization of the Meeting
  - a. Adoptions of Standing Rules
  - b. Adoption of Agenda
  - c. Appointment of Annual Meeting Committees and Officers
    - Credentials Committee
    - Sergeants at Arms
    - Tellers
    - Parliamentarian
4. Report of the Credentials Committee
5. Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting
6. Nomination Commission - Presentation & Voting
  - Bylaws Amendments
  - Presentation & Voting
7. State of the Conference Report - Superintendent
8. Recommendations on Churches - Superintendent
9. Ministry Celebration - Conference Staff
10. Reports from Conference Ministries & Institutions
11. Ministry Celebration - Conference Staff
12. Reports of the Conference Treasurer - John Bethancourt
  - Financial Report
  - Presentation of 2010 revised and 2011 Budgets
13. Ministry Celebration - Conference Staff

## 14. Final Credentials Report

**12:00-1:15**

### **Lunch**

**1:30**

### **Annual Meeting of Harbor Point Ministries**

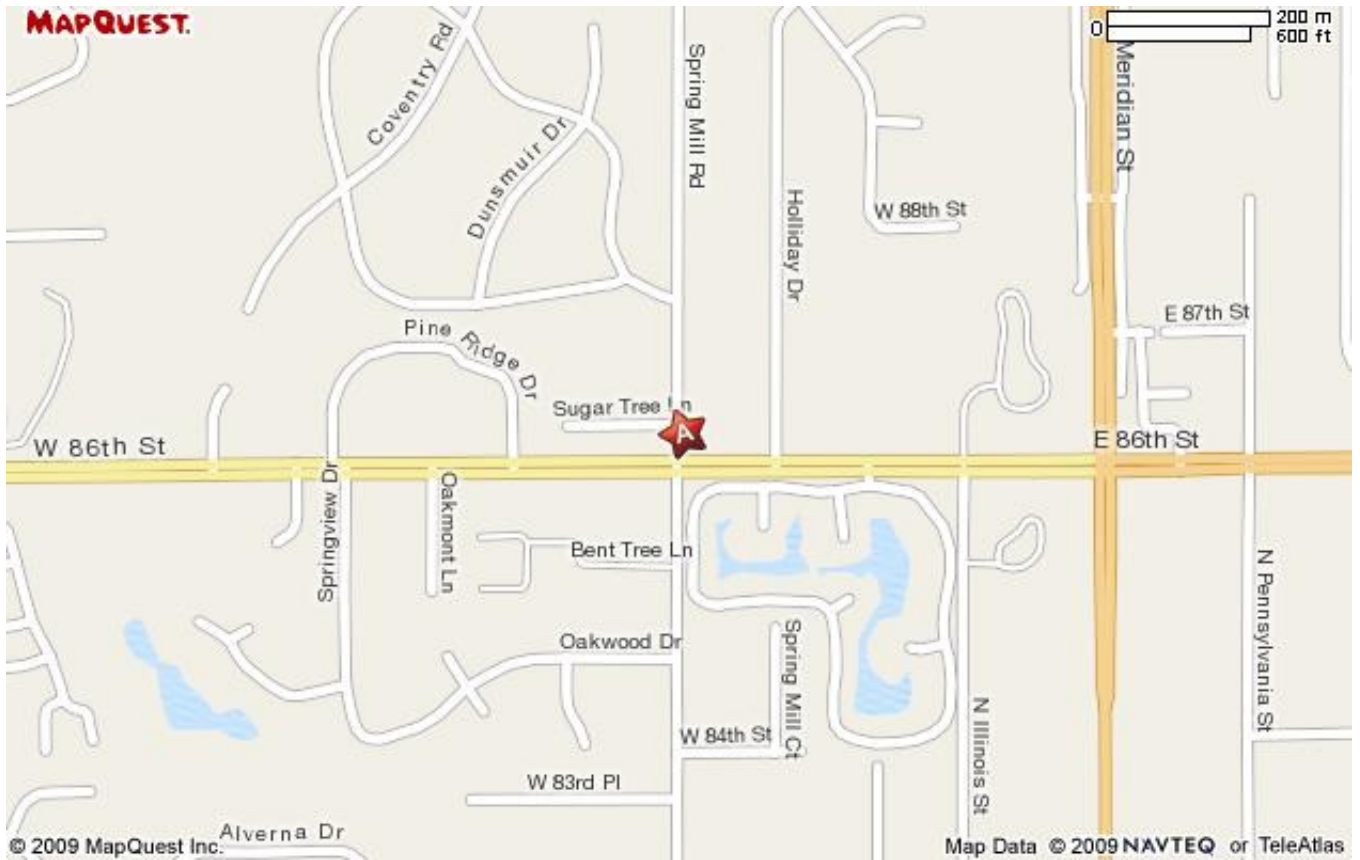
- a. Call to Order
- b. Report of Executive Directors
  - Ray Warren, Covenant Harbor
  - Charles Frazier, Covenant Point
- c. Financial Report
- d. Other Business
- e. Adjournment

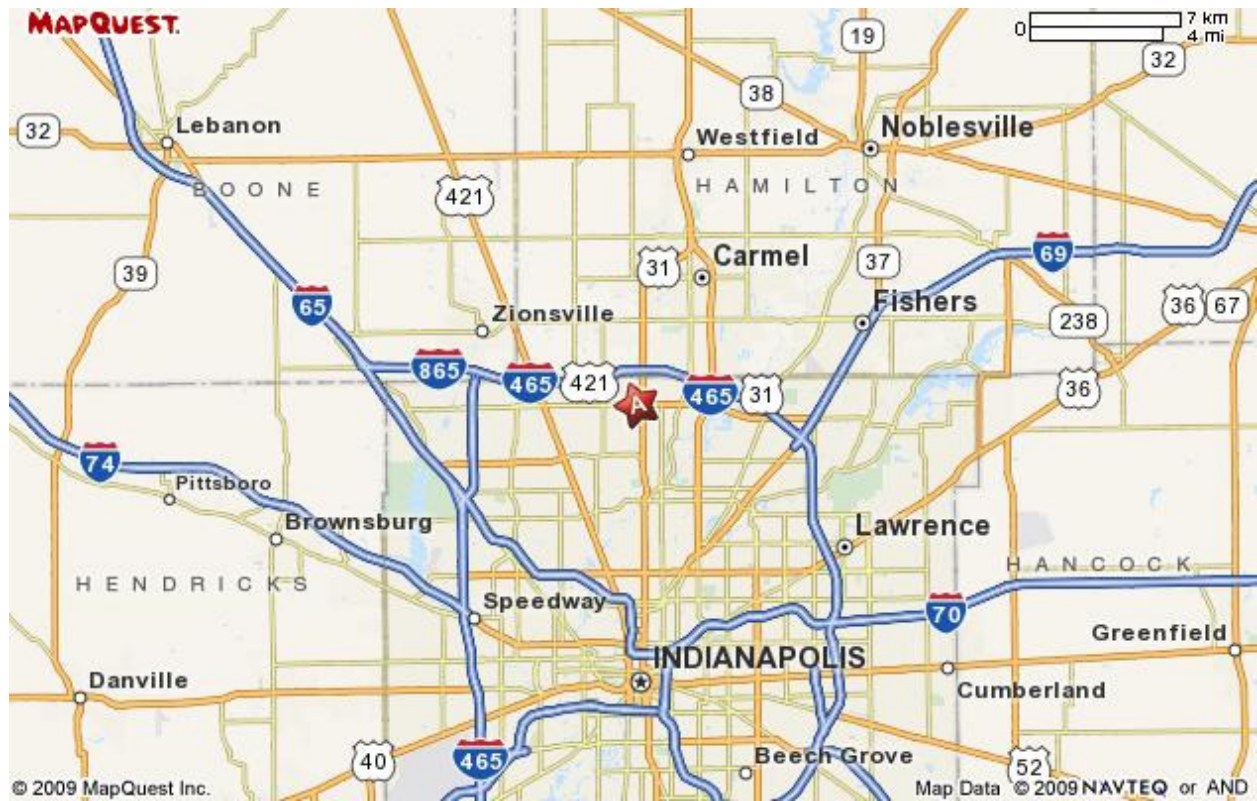
**2:30**

### **Afternoon Business Session**

15. Report on the Election Results
16. Report from the Evangelical Covenant Church
  - a. General Report - Rev. Curt Peterson, Covenant World Mission
  - b. North Park Theological Seminary
  - c. Covenant Trust Company – Pete Heintzelman
  - d. Covenant World Relief
  - e.
17. Approval of Ordinands, Transfer of Ordination, Licensees
18. Recognition & Acknowledgements
  - a. Award Recipients
  - b. Executive Board Members
  - c. Recognition of Retirees
19. Presentation of Resolutions & Resource Paper
20. Appointment of Conference Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church, St. Paul, MN - June 24-27, 2010
21. Old Business
22. New Business
23. 2011 Annual Meeting: April 29-30, 2011 -- Announcement
24. Resolution of Appreciation to Hope ECC, Indianapolis, IN
25. Adjournment

**Maps for  
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## Websites and Places of Interest for Indianapolis

**The best website to get an overview of Indianapolis is: <http://www.visitindy.com>**

### **Museums** (listed from downtown moving north)

Indiana State Museum  
650 W. Washington St  
<http://www.indianamuseum.org>

Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian and Western Art  
500 W. Washington St.  
<http://www.eiteljorg.org>

NCAA Hall of Champions  
700 W. Washington St.  
<http://www.ncaahallofchampions.org>

Children's Museum of Indianapolis  
3000N. Meridian St.  
<http://www.childrensmuseum.org>

Indianapolis Museum of Art  
4000 Michigan Rd.  
<http://www.imamuseum.org>

Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum (west of downtown)  
4790 W. 16th St.  
<http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com>

### **Other attractions**

Indianapolis Zoo  
1200 W. Washington St.  
<http://www.indyzoo.com>

Conner Prairie (living history)  
13400 Allisonville Rd.  
Fishers, IN  
<http://www.connerprairie.org>

### **Shopping**

Circle Center Mall (downtown)  
49 W. Maryland St

The Fashion Mall (north, closest to church)  
8702 Keystone Crossing

Castleton Square Mall (northeast)  
6020 E. 86th St.

Clay Terrace Mall (north)  
143rd and Meridian St.

**Close to church and hotels (all of this shopping is on 86th St. east or west of church)**

East of church

CVS pharmacy

- Walgreens pharmacy
- Target
- Marsh grocery
- Kroger grocery
- Whole Foods
- Starbuck's

West of church

- CVS pharmacy
- Walgreens pharmacy
- Walmart
- Marsh grocery
- Kroger grocery
- Trader Joe's
- Starbuck's

We want to offer warm Hoosier hospitality to all those traveling to Indy!

## Housing Arrangements

**Please call to make your own arrangements as soon as possible**

Accommodation options available for Thursday, Friday, and/or Saturday:

***Those wanting non-smoking rooms need to make their reservations early!***

### **Courtyard Marriott**

10290 North Meridian St.

Indianapolis, IN 46290

**Phone:** 317-571-1110

**Website:** [www.marriott.com/INDCM](http://www.marriott.com/INDCM)

**Rate:** \$89.00 per night/per room

**Rooms on hold until 04/01/10.** Please ask for rooms held for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

### **Sheraton Four Points**

251 East Pennsylvania Parkway

Indianapolis, IN 46280

**Phone:** 317-574-4603

**Website:** [www.fourpoints.com](http://www.fourpoints.com)

**Rate:** \$ 79 per night/per room for Thursday and Friday nights

**Rooms on hold until 04/01/10.** Please ask for rooms held for the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

### **Super 8**

9251 Wesleyan Road

Indianapolis, IN 46268

**Phone:** 317-980-0016

**Website:** [www.super8.com](http://www.super8.com)

**Rate:** \$45 per room for double/double room, \$42 per night for single king room. **Rooms on hold until 04/01/10.** Please ask for rooms held for the Evangelical Covenant Church.

### **Best Western Country Suites – Indianapolis NW**

3871 W. 92<sup>nd</sup> St.

Indianapolis, IN 46268

**Phone:** 317-879-1700

**Website:** [www.bwcountrysuites.com](http://www.bwcountrysuites.com)

**Rate:** \$59 per night for a suite with king bed in bedroom and queen sofa sleeper, and small kitchenette with microwave, refrigerator, and sink. Can accommodate up to 4 people. **Rooms on hold until 04/01/10.** Please ask for rooms held for Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

***Hope Covenant Church welcomes you to Indianapolis and would like to extend our "Hoosier Hospitality" to you during the conference. If you prefer a homestay instead of hotel accommodations, several in our church family have opened their homes for this purpose. We invite you to email Ann Carlson at [alcindpls@aol.com](mailto:alcindpls@aol.com) or Janet Ashman at [bentwoodtree@att.net](mailto:bentwoodtree@att.net) and we can arrange these first come, first served opportunities. We will need to know the number of guests (several families can take more than one person,) type of bed you prefer, and whether pets/allergies are a concern. We will do our best to match you with a comfortable situation.***

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**Please duplicate as necessary for attendees and delegates**  
**124<sup>th</sup> Central Conference Annual Meeting – Living Our Affirmations Registration Form**

Forms and payment are due **NO LATER THAN APRIL 5, 2010** and should be sent to the Central Conference Office, 4055 W. Peterson Ave., Suite 106 Chicago, IL 60646  
Checks should be made out to Central Conference

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

*As it will appear on badge*

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH/ORGANIZATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Please choose 1 category below. And remember to select your workshop**

| Check desired option(s) | Category – Select all that apply   | Early Bird (before 04/05/10) | Late (after 04/05/10) |
|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                         | I am attending the workshops and worship service on Friday<br><i>(includes lunch/dinner/dessert on Fri.)</i>   | \$30                         | \$55                  |
|                         | I am attending the <b>Ministerial Association meeting ONLY</b><br><i>(includes Thursday dessert/ Fri. breakfast, lunch)</i>  | \$30                         | \$55                  |
|                         | I am attending the <b>Ministerial Association meeting PLUS Central Conference Fri. dinner and worship service</b><br><i>(includes Thurs. dessert &amp; Fri. breakfast, lunch, dinner, dessert)</i> | \$50                         | \$75                  |
|                         | I am attending the <b>Ministerial Association meeting PLUS Central Conference annual meeting</b> <i>(includes dessert Thurs .and all meals on Fri. and Sat.)</i>                                   | \$105                        | \$130                 |
|                         | I am attending the <b>Central Conference annual meeting</b><br><i>(includes Fri. lunch/dinner/dessert &amp; Sat. breakfast and lunch)</i>  | \$75                         | \$100                 |
|                         | <b>TOTAL:</b>  |                              |                       |

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are a delegate, the Church Chairperson’s signature required — indicates this person is an elected delegate of the church listed above and has voting privileges.**

**CHURCH CHAIRPERSON’S SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE LIST ANY FOOD SENSITIVITIES/ALLERGIES ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO ACCOMMODATE YOU.**