



# CENTRAL CONFERENCE CELEBRATION 2019

At **Celebration 2019**, we rejoiced in the many ways God is moving among local Covenant churches that make up the Central Conference. Here are some highlights from the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC).

Over **200** registered attendees over the three day event, including over **75** delegates from Covenant churches and ministries.

Thursday, **Reverend Lance Davis**, ECC Executive Minister for Develop Leaders preached at evening worship. Associate Superintendent Peter Sjoblom was also honored as he prepares to retire in December 2019.

Friday, **Superintendent Danny Martinez** spoke on how God is calling us to invest in the land. God has big plans for the Central Conference. This sermon was based on Jeremiah 29:11.

The Central Conference **church planters** were introduced, and prayed for, at the Friday evening service:

- **Jay Catanus**, Garden City, Chicago, IL
- **Alberto Galvan**, Iglesia del Pacto Evangélico Jerusalén (Jerusalem CC), Streamwood, IL
- **Jeremy Falk**, Uptown Church, Chicago, IL
- **Gregorio Martinez**, El Buen Pastor (The Good Shepherd) CC, Lake Geneva, WI
- **Andrew Morrell**, REAL Community CC., Marion, IN
- **David Washington**, Kingdom CC, Chicago, IL

Churches **being adopted into the ECC** in the Central Conference are: Dodam Church, Mt. Prospect, IL; New Vision CC, Glenview, IL; Peacemakers CC, Schaumburg, IL; and New Abbey, Gurnee, IL. We praise God for these new Covenant churches.

The **2019 Compassion, Mercy and Justice Award** was presented to **Ronda Ooms** from the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) in Lafayette, IN, for selflessly helping and assisting others through her work at ECC-Lafayette.

On Saturday morning, **Reverend Al Tizon, ECC Serve Globally Executive Minister**, brought a greeting and presentation from the Evangelical Covenant Church.

**The Central Conference Treasurer, Keith Perkins**, presented the fiscal 2018 results, and a 2019 revised income and expenses reports, as well as the projected 2020 budget.

There are **eight candidates for Ordination** from the Central Conference:

- **Karen Brewer**, Atonement CC, Chicago, IL
- **Jeremy Falk**, Uptown Church, Chicago, IL
- **Bum Y. Kim**, Outpour ECC, St. Louis, MO
- **Leo Kim**, New Life CC, Palatine, IL
- **Eric G. Landin**, Batavia CC, Batavia, IL
- **Michaile Murray-Broadnax**, Institute for Biblical Gender Equality, Munster, IN
- **Tammy Roach**, Alleluia! Lutheran Ch, Naperville, IL
- **Megan Sizemore**, Journeycare Hospice and Palliative Care, Barrington, IL

Elected to the **Central Conference Executive Board**:

- **Rebecca Nakamura\*** – Chair. (Christ CC, Villa Park, IL)
- **Ken Oliver** – Treasurer. Second term (Edgebrook CC, Chicago, IL)
- **Reverend Andrew Stonina** – Secretary. First term (Bethlehem CC and Lost Lake CC, Stephenson, MI)
- **Reverend Bill Orris** – Nominating Commission Chair. One-year term (Bethesda CC, Rockford, IL)
- **Cheryl Ek\*** – Second term (Covenant Ch, Galesburg, IL)
- **Deani Jordan\*** – Second term (Comm CC, Calumet Pk, IL)
- **Reverend Steve Larson** – First term (Libertyville CC, Libertyville, IL)
- **Kurt Tillman** – First term (Glen Ellyn CC, Glen Ellyn, IL)  
*\* Serving remainder of term through 2021*

Elected to **Harbor Point Ministries Board**:

- **David Anderson** – Second term (Libertyville CC, Libertyville, IL)
- **Kristine Brandel** - Second term (Ravenswood CC, Chicago, IL)
- **Kurt Kovacic** –Second term (Winnetka CC, Wilmette, IL)

**Celebration 2020 will take place on April 23-25, 2020.**  
**Location:** Lakeview Covenant Church in Northbrook, IL.  
**We hope to see you there!**