

March 4, 2021

Dear Central Conference Churches,

The Executive Board of the Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church is very pleased to announce that we have voted to nominate Rev. Dr. H. Danny Martinez, Superintendent of the Central Conference, for a second term as Superintendent, beginning September 1, 2021. The nomination decision has been ratified by the Executive Board of the ECC, and Pastor Danny has formally accepted the renomination.



Pastor Danny, who previously served as pastor of Grace Covenant Church in Spring Valley, California, and as president of Ministry of Hispanic Covenant Churches in the United States (MHIPE, now ALIPE), was elected to the position of Central Conference Superintendent at the April 2017 Central Conference Annual Meeting. On September 1, 2017, he succeeded retiring three-term Conference Superintendent Jerome Nelson. And he has been dedicatedly and passionately serving since day one.

The decision making process for the second term involved a collaborative discernment process and employed various resources made available to the Central Conference by the ECC., including a 360 degree review, a series of essay questions and a web conference with Pastor Danny, the Central Conference Executive Board and special guest John Wenrich, President of the ECC, who served as an advisor throughout the process.

The past three years of Pastor Danny's leadership as Superintendent have really underscored the missional priorities of the Central Conference – namely planting, strengthening and connecting churches. It is difficult to imagine someone more passionate or harder working than Pastor Danny in serving and doing ministry in these areas.

He has visited the majority of the churches in the conference in person, connecting them with the Conference and the various resources available to them. He has been a tireless advocate and cheerleader for church planting, supporting the planters and pursuing donations and grants to help fund planting efforts and planter assessment and training. And exercising his team building and leadership skills, Pastor Danny has developed a strong, collaborative team that has been engaged in ministry and developing initiatives and resources designed to strengthen our churches, pastors and lay leaders.

In short, Pastor Danny's time as Superintendent has been marked by obedience to the Lord and faithfulness to his calling and to serving the Central Conference. We are thankful for Pastor Danny's decision several years ago to accept the nomination for Superintendent of the Central Conference. And we are delighted by his desire and willingness to serve a second term.

In Pastor Danny's own words, "It is my privilege to accept the nomination for a second term as a call of ministry to serve our Conference."

Due to COVID-19 pandemic safety concerns, in lieu of an in-person Annual Meeting and official vote, the Central Conference will be holding a Virtual Gathering on April 24, 2021. Pastor Danny's appointment to his second term as Superintendent is pending affirmation by the Virtual Gathering delegates and a final approval by the Central Conference Executive Board.

We hope you will join us praying for and walking with Pastor Danny as he brings his first term to a close and looks ahead to a fruitful and blessed second term.

Thank you very much.

In Him,
On behalf of the Central Conference Executive Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca C. Nakamura". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Rebecca C. Nakamura
Chair, Central Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church

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