



Harbor Point Ministries

IMPACT REPORT

Ministry moving where God leads

2023



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Connecting Camps & Churches

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One Ministry, Two Camps

In 2023, your camp ministry followed God’s pathways of promise through a year of mission-focused growth.

As people from all walks of life joined in camp programs or experienced camp hospitality, your camps embraced them with the love of Jesus and created the spaces that allow the Spirit to move freely. New staff, upgraded facilities and fresh approaches to ministry continued to make camp experiences at Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point life-giving and formative.

Harbor Point Ministries stewards both camps on behalf of your church and all the churches of the Central Conference. Nothing gives us more joy than walking with your people in ministry so that they return to you alive in the gospel, eager for community and ready for service.

Through Harbor Point Ministries the churches of the Central Conference trust one board of directors with oversight of both camps, provide for coordination and collaboration between the camps and assure close connection with the Central Conference and all churches. We are grateful for the many churches that financially support Harbor Point Ministries and its mission expressed every day at both camps. Thank you for joining us.



Beth Fredrickson
Executive Director

Meet Harbor Point Ministries

Harbor Point Ministries partners with its family of owner churches to connect as many people as possible to Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point Bible camps, so the transforming power of the gospel might be unleashed in their lives and so the work of the local church might flourish.

Mission

Harbor Point Ministries connects Central Conference churches to Covenant Harbor and Covenant Point, strengthening ministry opportunities for all.

Vision

Harbor Point Ministries envisions a strong network of all Central Conference churches who are aware, engaged and supporting their two, strategically aligned camps.

Values

- Vibrant relationships
- Shared resources
- Supportive ownership
- Creative partnership

About Harbor Point Ministries



110 Central Conference churches = **1** ownership group



1 Board of Directors stewarding **2** camps



1 Ministry leader connecting, coordinating, collaborating



2 Camps engaged in **1** ministry



200 Prayer Partners praying for summer staff at **2** camps



26 churches financially supporting **2** camps through HPM



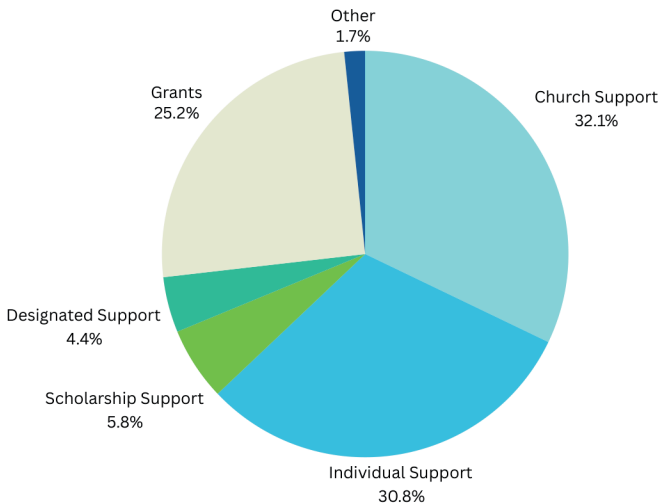
As part of camp ministry’s ongoing growth in intercultural development, pastors Joon Hwang (front, second from left) and EJ Ravago (front, third from left) joined the staff of both camps in March 2024 for a conversation about race, community and generational changes in immigrant congregations. Associate Superintendent Kevin Swanson (front left), facilitated the event.



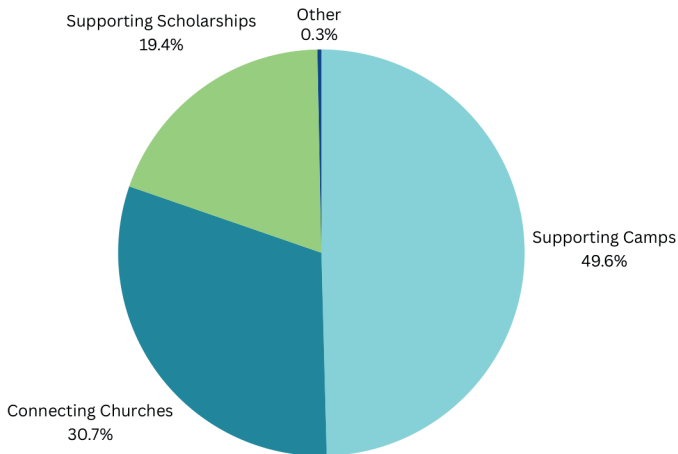


Harbor Point Ministries Financials

2023 Income: \$178,798



2023 Expense: \$143,011



Harbor Point Ministries Statement of Financial Position Nov. 30, 2023

ASSETS	
Checking	\$33,092
National Covenant Properties	\$107,110
Covenant Trust Scholarship Endowment	\$177,118
Accounts Receivable	\$1,500
Inventory Asset	\$8
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$318,828
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Credit Card	\$1,705
Payroll Taxes	\$808
Scholarship Endowment	\$155,634
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$155,634
EQUITY	
Scholarship Endowment Unrealized Gain/Loss	\$1,301
Retained Earnings	\$105,193
Northwest Covenant Grant	\$34,221
Net Revenue	\$22,479
TOTAL EQUITY	\$163,194
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$318,828

Serving you on the Harbor Point Ministries Board of Directors

Aaron Anderson, United Covenant, Gladstone, MI
 Scott Applequist, North Park Covenant, Chicago, Chair
 Linnea Ek, Community Covenant, Menominee, MI
 Bob Jackson, Anchor Covenant, Lake Geneva, WI, Treasurer
 Anne Jorgensen, First Covenant, Moline, IL
 Anna Lund, Winnetka Covenant, Wilmette, IL
 Dawn Mueller, Hope Covenant, Orland Park, IL, Vice Chair
 Kim Steiner, Winnetka Covenant, Wilmette, IL, Secretary
 Fredrik Wall, Anchor Covenant, Lake Geneva, WI
 Krist Werling, Winnetka Covenant, Wilmette, IL

Ex Officio Members

Eric Anderson, Covenant Harbor, Executive Director
 Beth Fredrickson, Harbor Point Ministries, Executive Director
 Erik Strom, Covenant Point, Executive Director
 Danny Martinez, Central Conference, Superintendent
 Kurt Tillman, Central Conference Executive Board, Chair
 Edgar Torres, Central Conference Executive Board, Liaison





COVENANT HARBOR



Leaning into Mission

"Thank you for serving the Lord, teaching our kids about Christ and continuing the impact Covenant Harbor has had on countless lives. There is nothing better than seeing my son grow in his faith through the same place where I also had major growth."

-2023 Camper Parent

2023 was a year of focusing on depth and quality in our ministry. We prioritized healthy structures for our summer staff so they had room to pour into campers. We increased our year-round team, ensuring guests felt welcomed and cared for. We continued to make facility improvements that enable us to warmly and safely serve guests for decades to come.

God blesses this ministry daily, both in provisions and opportunities to impact others. We hired more summer staff in 2023 (compared to 2020-2022), which allowed us to serve 170 more campers than in summer 2022. We hosted thousands of guests for the Big Balloon Build, introducing many local families to our ministry for the first time. We completed the Twins, which provides additional lodging and gathering space for guests year-round. We finished many projects on the grounds and dove into future planning.

We are grateful for the Central Conference churches and our connections in the Lake Geneva community and beyond. Thank you for your trust and partnership in our mission to create space for life change.



Eric Anderson
Executive Director



Meet Covenant Harbor

Carved out along the shores of Geneva Lake in southern Wisconsin, Covenant Harbor invites campers and guests to leave behind their routines and experience God through Jesus Christ in 52-acres that promote spiritual and personal transformation. With its expansive lawn, hidden woods and unparalleled waterfront, Covenant Harbor serves children, youth and adults year-round, offering a variety of programs, accommodations and meeting spaces.

Mission

Covenant Harbor draws people from their routines into opportunities to enjoy creation, recreation and relationships, so that all will experience God through Jesus Christ.

Vision

Creating space for life change.

Values

- Holy Discontent
- Inspired Care
- Relationships Matter
- Purposeful Experience
- Rooted in Creation





About Covenant Harbor



Covenant Harbor's People

- **54** year-round staff members
- **107** summer staff
- **26** summer volunteers
- **5** summer volunteer community care workers (social workers and counselors)
- **20** summer volunteer RNs and doctors
- **2,365** summer youth campers served, with **250** campers on the waitlist
- **89** summer Alpha teen leadership campers
- **328** distinct groups served (schools, churches, retreats, camps)
- **85** Covenant churches and institutions booked an overnight retreat
- **8** Summer Sundays in partnership with Anchor Covenant Church
- **550+** people attending Hispanic Ministries Sunday
- **529** Covenant individuals and pastors used Geneva Bay Center for individual retreats
- **27,557** camper days*

Covenant Harbor's Programs

- Hosting for church retreats, pastor getaways and other groups and organizations
- Winter, spring, fall retreats serving moms and daughters, pastors and spouses, women, youth
- Summer day, overnight programs for 1st-12th graders, including leadership development for teens
- Outdoor education and leadership training opportunities for schools and churches

* One camper day = three meals and an overnight

Stories of Faith 2023

"Our daughter loved camp. She grew so much as a person, tried things that challenged her personally, made great connections with other campers and counselors. She loved learning new stories and songs from the Bible. Overall it was an amazing experience and she can't wait to go back next year."

-Kishwauketoe Camper Parent



"I could see God's hand in your calm, confident, efficient and generous approach throughout our event. Your support was a blessing and instrumental to our success!"

-Adult Retreat Leader





Covenant Harbor Highlights



Photo credit: Edgar Torres

Covenant Harbor dedicated the new Twins lodges on July 31 with almost 500 guests gathered to celebrate the ongoing legacy of camp and those who love and support the ministry. Central Conference Superintendent Rev. Dr. Danny Martinez, center front, led in prayer.



Several generations of the Armour Swanson family (Armour pictured back center) gathered for the dedication of Kishwauketoe Village on July 31. Their experience included a tour of "Bev's Cabin," named in memory of Armour's late wife.



Many Covenant Harbor friends attended the July 31 dedication of the Twins lodges and blessed Kishwauketoe Village. Pictured here, L to R, camp fans Amy Wessel and Shawna Bennet of Hillcrest Covenant, DeKalb, IL; Mary Doucette of Edgebrook Covenant, Chicago; and Suzy Nelson of Libertyville Covenant, shared the joy of camp that day.





Covenant Harbor Highlights



In 2023 summer staff came from around the world to work at Covenant Harbor. Jayda Josias of Cape Town, South Africa, served on summer staff in 2023 and returned as year-round ministry staff in 2024. Covenant Harbor has hired eight summer 2024 staff members from Cape Town.



Day Camp Family Nights gave parents and younger siblings a sneak peak into what their camper was doing all day - from worship in the big tent to picnic dinners to 9-Square competitions.



The Evangelical Covenant Church Leadership Conference was held at Covenant Harbor in 2023. The camp was delighted to host this group and many others throughout the year. Annually, Covenant Harbor provides hospitality and support services to scores of churches and nonprofit organizations. One group said, "Your staff was so helpful, professional and accommodating."





Covenant Harbor Highlights



60+ Day was full of activities including a worship service and boat tour of Geneva Lake. Scores of senior adults from Covenant Living at the Holmstad, Covenant Living of Northbrook and Covenant Living at Windsor Park attended, as well as many from Central Conference churches. Here, Pastor Steve Larson and the group from Libertyville Covenant show their delight at the event!



More than 850 students and leaders from churches around the Midwest attended Winter Camps. Whether polar “dipping” or worshipping, leaders said these weekend retreats helped their students bond and develop as a group.



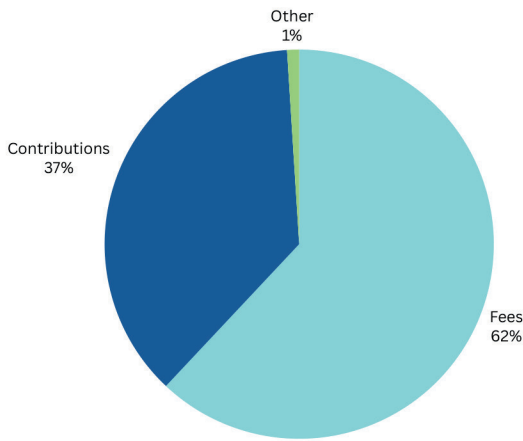
For decades, Covenant Harbor has hosted the Latina churches of the Central Conference on a Sunday in August. These congregations come together for worship, baptisms, fellowship and the biggest picnic ever. On Aug. 18, 2024, Rev. Tammy Swanson-Draheim, president of the ECC, will attend this special event.



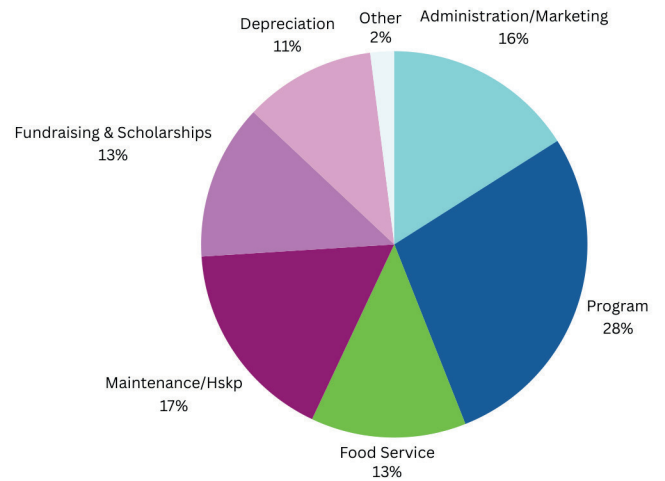


Covenant Harbor Financials

2023 Income: \$5,484,288 *



2023 Expense: \$4,608,898 *



Covenant Harbor Statement of Financial Position Nov. 30, 2023 (audited)

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,101,650
Investments	\$2,211,688
Accounts Receivable, Net	\$142,372
Inventories	\$61,485
Prepaid Expense	\$84,568
Property and Equipment	\$10,576,672
Beneficial & Split Interest Agreements	\$307,087
TOTAL ASSETS	\$14,520,032
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$108,888
Accrued Expenses	\$127,687
Deferred Revenues	\$415,834
Finance Lease Liabilities	\$45,246
Lines of Credit (ECC Loan)	\$0
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$697,655
NET ASSETS	
Without Donor Restrictions	\$11,484,263
With Donor Restrictions	\$2,338,114
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$14,520,032
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$10,415,223
Change in Net Assets*	\$1,069,040
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$11,484,263

* Includes expense for Twins project and future Dining Commons donations



Covenant Harbor is blessed by faithful, generous friends who support the ministry through financial gifts, prayer, volunteerism, in-kind services, donations and estate gifts. Two projects that were dedicated in 2023, the Twins lodges and Kishwauketoe Village, demonstrate the significance of these relationships. Here, longtime friends of Covenant Harbor, Roy and Lois Sundquist of Mount Prospect, stand by the plaque welcoming campers to Kishwauketoe.



A Place of Wholeness

Covenant Point exists to serve your church as a vibrant place of discipleship, evangelism and leadership development. We celebrate the partnership of our Central Conference churches and the 2,000+ people who gathered here for spiritual renewal, community and recreation in 2023.

Over the past year, Covenant Point purchased two properties: a five-acre parcel adjacent to our "Back 40" and a small parcel on the northern end of Hagerman Lake, suitable for future building.

In September, we broke ground on Hemlock Lodge, our newest camper facility. Hemlock was made possible through the "Making Room" campaign, which exceeded its \$600,000 goal. We are deeply grateful for this support.

Following 13 years of service as executive director, I was given the gift of a sabbatical in the fall. Also in 2023, the staff engaged in ongoing intercultural development work, gaining greater insight into the multicultural mosaic of the Central Conference. And we could not have done ministry without the 84 volunteers who joined us in caring for the people and place of Covenant Point.

God and God's people have again provided in abundance! Thank you for being our friends in mission, for entrusting us with your youth and showing up in Christlike service to support this vital work.



Thank you!
Erik Strom
Executive Director



Meet Covenant Point

Covenant Point's 82 acres are nestled on a small lake in a tranquil, Northwoods setting in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Through its diverse year-round programs, including a rustic island adventure, wilderness trips, family experiences and a range of retreats, youth campers and adult guests experience warm community, whole person development and a unique space for faith in Christ to take seed and grow.

Mission

Covenant Point exists to present campers with the claims of Jesus Christ and encourage them in their next step of faith.

Vision

Personal faith in Christ is the heart of our mission, and we highly value the role of community in taking both that first step, and the many steps of faith that follow a life of Christian discipleship. Covenant Point's campers and guests come from diverse backgrounds, yet for each, we seek to provide opportunities to grow in wholeness – spiritually, emotionally, physically and relationally.

Values

- Stillness and Silliness
- Deep Discipleship
- Wilderness and Adventure
- Space to Lead
- Excellent Care





About Covenant Point

Covenant Point's People

- 9 year-round staff members
- 37 full-time summer staff
- 24 summer work crew staff
- 548 summer youth campers
- 130 summer family campers
- 8,295 total camper days in 2023*
- 84 retreat and guest group volunteers

Covenant Point's Programs

- Hosting of church retreats, pastors' getaways and university partnerships
- Winter and fall retreats for youth and adults
- Summer overnight programs for 2nd-12th graders
- Summer family camps and adult wilderness trips
- ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) Family Camp
- Annual Triathlon Fundraiser
- Experiential Education for school groups

* One camper day = three meals and an overnight

Stories of Faith 2023



Summer camp is about making friends, experiencing personal challenge and encountering Jesus Christ in community. With overnight programs for students entering grades two through 12, Covenant Point features its forested mainland campus through creative programming and outdoor adventure.



"Prayers were answered. Our daughter grew closer to God and made like-minded friends! She finally met girls who have the same love for Christ."
- Grateful Parents





Covenant Point Highlights



Wilderness adventure is the heart of Covenant Point's programming. Nowhere is this more evident than in trip camps. Whether canoeing or backpacking, small groups of campers experience God's creation up close and under the care of trained guides.



Within eight acres and eyesight of the camp's mainland, the Island allows small communities of campers and staff to safely explore, bond, learn and grow. "Our son did the zipline and high ropes courses for the first time. He felt comfortable to face his fear of heights since camp has such a supportive, caring environment and challenge by choice," said one mom. (Island campers pictured above.)



Covenant Point's annual triathlon supports ASD Family Camp (Autism Spectrum Disorder). Funds raised through the triathlon reduce the fees for the program. The low cost makes the week accessible to families who often have large medical bills and lost time at work. "ASD Camp is nothing but love and support," said Lauren Karr, who attends regularly with her husband and children. "It's one of the closest pictures of heaven we could have on this broken earth."





Covenant Point Highlights



In fall 2023, Covenant Point bade farewell to Teri Sherwood (inset), hospitality manager, after 20 years of service. Teri was an excellent chef who incorporated meals into the program. Cortney Tomczak (front left) joined the team as the new hospitality manager in December 2023, quickly acclimated to her new role and is receiving rave reviews from retreat guests. The staff team also includes Office Manager Courtney Strom (front middle) and Registrar Jane Frasier (front right). Pictured back, left to right: Associate Director Dustin Johnson, Operations Manager Anders Ahlberg, Executive Director Erik Strom and interns Amanda Stenstrom, Mark Morrissey and Nate Ball.



In 2023, 16 families spent the week between Christmas and New Year's engaged in joyful fellowship, worship and fun. This special week allows rest after the busy holiday season, connection with family and others and spiritual preparation for the days ahead. Pastor Eric Landin of Batavia Covenant Church and his wife, Alanna, led in daily intergenerational worship.



Serving on summer staff is a great opportunity to grow personally, professionally and spiritually. Just ask any one of the young adults who served on summer staff in 2023, pictured above. Research shows that employers appreciate the hard and soft skills summer staff members learn and that they demonstrate significant personal development after working at camp. To help more young people consider this opportunity, Covenant Point began offering wage grants in 2023, ultimately providing \$29,500 to help 15 staff members.



Covenant Point Highlights



Hemlock Lodge is almost completed. The \$600,000, eight-month construction project provides space for growing programs by adding 24 new beds, ADA accessibility, a large lounge and a covered porch with seating. The project is fully funded - including ongoing maintenance costs through Covenant Point's endowment - thanks to generous donors who supported the Making Room campaign. To date, \$610,000 has been given toward the campaign and another \$105,000 is pledged through the next year. Neighboring Aspen and Birch lodges, which share a design similar to Hemlock's, will be remodeled this winter and matching porches will be added to their exteriors.



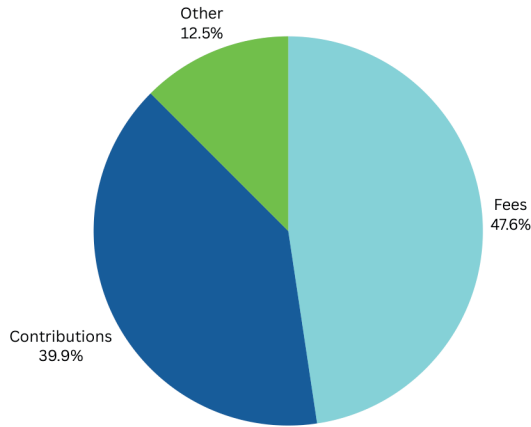
A retreat that embraces silence is attracting increased numbers of participants each fall. The guided experience includes worship, spiritual direction, private rooms, homemade meals and immersion in God's creation. In 2023, 48 people from throughout the Central Conference (and beyond) attended. Covenant Point also hosts annual retreats for women and men.



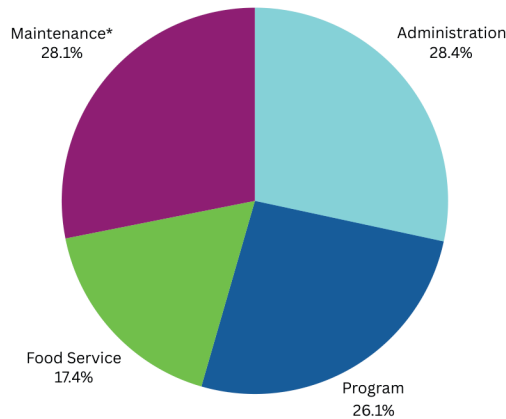


Covenant Point Financials

2023 Income: \$1,187,564



2023 Expense: \$971,223



* Includes depreciation of \$108,379

Covenant Point Statement of Financial Position Nov. 30, 2023 *(unaudited)*

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$359,703
Inventory	\$21,009
Prepaid Insurance	\$6,982
Investments	\$1,099,760
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$1,487,454
PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	
Land and Buildings	\$4,884,677
Furniture and Fixtures	\$570,981
Equipment	\$312,031
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(\$4,237,343)
TOTAL PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT	\$1,530,346
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,017,800
LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$30,430
Deferred Revenue	\$85,602
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$116,032
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$2,039,058
Temporarily Restricted	\$971,089
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$3,010,147
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$3,017,800
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$2,685,427
Change in Net Assets	\$216,341
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$2,901,768



Covenant Point is grateful for the remarkable help from friends who faithfully support the camp with generous financial contributions. Whether through monthly gifts, responses to appeals or bequests included in estate plans, these friends of the ministry provide sustaining support for programs, camper and summer staff scholarships, operations and facilities. We give thanks for the extended Covenant Point family and the support that allows ministry to thrive.



Churches Supporting Camp Ministry in 2023

We are grateful to the following churches that financially supported the camping ministry of the Central Conference in 2023.

Illinois

- Batavia Covenant Church, IL*
- Belvidere Evangelical Covenant Church, IL*
- Bethesda Covenant Church, Rockford, IL*
- Beverly Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, IL*
- Broadway Covenant Church, Rockford, IL*
- Church of the Good Shepherd, Joliet, IL*
- Country Evangelical Covenant Church, Campton Hills, IL*
- Edgebrook Evangelical Covenant Church, Chicago, IL
- Elim Covenant Church, Moline, IL*
- Evangelical Covenant Church, Elgin, IL*
- First Covenant Church, Moline, IL*
- First Covenant Church, Rockford, IL*
- Galesburg Covenant Church, IL*
- Glen Ellyn Covenant Church, IL*
- Hillcrest Covenant Church, DeKalb, IL
- Hinsdale Covenant Church, IL*
- Hope Church, Crystal Lake, IL*
- Hope Covenant Church, Orland Park, IL*
- Libertyville Covenant Church, IL*
- Naperville Covenant Church, IL*
- Northbrook Covenant Church, IL*
- Northwest Covenant Church, Mt. Prospect, IL*
- Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, Oak Lawn, IL*
- Winnetka Covenant Church, Wilmette, IL*

Indiana

- Covenant Community, South Bend, IN*

Michigan

- Bethlehem Covenant Church, Stephenson, MI
- Community Covenant Church, Menominee, MI
- Community Covenant Church Women Ministries, Menominee, MI
- Community Covenant Church, Skandia, MI
- Grace Covenant Church, Iron River, MI
- Evangelical Covenant Church Church, Norway, MI
- First Covenant Church, Iron Mountain, MI
- United Evangelical Covenant Church, Gladstone, MI

Wisconsin

- Evangelical Covenant Church, Milwaukee, WI*
- Evangelical Covenant Church Women Ministries, Milwaukee, WI*
- Redeemer Covenant Church, Beloit, WI*
- Zion Covenant Church, Sheboygan, WI*

** Churches supporting both camps through Harbor Point Ministries*

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