



View of the building exterior from West River Parkway.

Minnehaha rebuild on target for Fall 2019

By Dr. Donna Harris, Minnehaha Academy President

Each day at the 3100 Campus progress is being made toward building the new home for Minnehaha's Upper School students. As we watch the concrete foundation being poured and more pillars being raised, we see God's faithfulness through it all.

Opening fall 2019

We are on track for opening our doors to students in the fall of 2019 and are eagerly preparing for what lies ahead. The space will allow us to teach our students in 21st century, student-first classrooms that are state-of-the-art and will allow our students to innovate, create and prepare them for a future in an ever-changing world.

Students with wisdom

Critical to Minnehaha's mission is graduating students with Godly wisdom and stature that will be reflected in their postgraduate pursuits.

Through commitment to the School's core values—Distinctively Christian, Exceptional Academics, Cultivating Potential, Caring Community—Minnehaha aspires to shape students to be beacons of light, hope and Christian charity. The master plan for the campuses will allow us to attract more families, substantially increasing the impact of a Minnehaha education. This new plan, along with the great and storied history of Minnehaha Academy, will enable the school

to significantly increase its impact over the next century.

What is student-centered learning?

Today, there are more effective ways to engage and motivate learners, which, despite current space limitations, we have already begun to implement. The emphasis in the classroom has shifted from teacher-centered to student-centered. Student-centered learning means that students are active participants in their learning.

Active participants

Teachers are "guides on the side" rather than the "sage on the stage." Student-centered



↳ learning engages the students more actively, so they can learn on a deeper level. Students are required to actively participate in class, to think critically, to solve problems collectively and to learn collaboratively.

This type of learning more thoroughly prepares students for life in a world that requires them to be resilient, problem solvers, collaborators and good and creative thinkers. The reimagined Minnehaha will allow us to fully implement a student-centered learning environment.



Physical environment

The physical environment also has a profound impact on students' ability to learn. Classrooms are being reimagined as Learning Communities that are spacious, well-organized with flexible furniture and layouts to support a variety of activities, learning and teaching styles.

Restorative areas in the building that nourish the mind and spirit, such as a window seat facing the beauty of nature, can offset fatigue and stress. Informal meeting spaces that facilitate conversation and connections enhance the sense of community. Natural lighting, colors, textures and materials are not a luxury, but a necessity in creating a pleasant, enjoyable and healthy environment.



Innovative technology

Technology is now an indispensable part of a student's education and the transformed Minnehaha will be supported by a robust, fully-integrated technology infrastructure. The proposed technology infrastructure will extend the reach of teachers, embrace the future, stimulate the imagination, enhance exploration and spark curiosity to address problems and create solutions.

A transformed learning environment

This new learning environment will be contained by a collection of three dramatic structures that add 72,000 square feet of new space to the campus and seamlessly join the two buildings not destroyed by the explosion—the athletic building and the fine arts building.

In the center of these three new buildings is a courtyard that the whole Minnehaha community can enjoy. The new buildings will feature large glass curtain walls that let in natural light and allow students, faculty and staff to enjoy the beauty of the outdoors no matter the weather. The transparency this allows reflects best practices for safety and security of students. Throughout the building, visible reminders of Minnehaha's 100-year legacy will honor the past.

A visible marker of the School community's Christian faith will be a tower featuring the cross at the welcoming entrance. The tower will visually represent Minnehaha's mission and serve as a spiritual marker for the next century.

A bold vision

Never before has Minnehaha Academy had an opportunity as significant as this, an opportunity that will firmly place the school in the 21st century, and an opportunity for the school to take its place amongst the best independent schools in the country. The vision combined with Minnehaha's firm commitment to a Christian-based education will offer a unique, important and necessary option among regional independent schools.



Rising together

Your support and prayers are invaluable as we work to foster a welcoming, respectful community that supports the next generation of believers, thought leaders, and change makers.

To view the progress being made every day at the 3100 campus, visit: <http://info.minnehahaacademy.net/upper-school-rebuild>. There you will find webcams, the virtual tour and renderings of the building.

Go:Serve 2018 inspires families to impact communities

By Kara Stromberg, Director of Children & Family Ministry

Go:Serve was held June 21 in conjunction with the Evangelical Covenant Church Annual Meeting in Minneapolis. Kids and families from our Conference and across the country came to serve, learn and grow, then left inspired to impact their own communities. Families served metro kids through Ace in the City, did a prayer walk around Minnehaha Academy,

learned about refugees with Arrive ministries, then explored Hmong food and culture and Hmong Village in St. Paul.

This was our final year offering Go:Serve as a Conference-wide event. If you've been inspired to take this idea of bringing church outside the walls and into your community, please contact the



Conference office—we would love to bless you with a Go:Serve resource kit full of swag, graphics, logos and ideas to get you started. Contact Kara Stromberg for information (kara@northwestconference.org).

The times, they are a changin' ...

By Mark R. Stromberg, Superintendent

One of our goals in the NWC is to keep our constituents up-to-date on what is happening in our Conference. This includes timely information on events, developing ministries and life-change among those who are part of our NWC community. Our desire is to highlight the work of individual congregations, as well as pay particular attention to the mission that we share in common that is only accomplished as we join together collaboratively.

One of the communication vehicles we have used to "get the word out" has been our triannual newsletter called IMPRINTS. This is distributed to churches with the hope that copies are made available to those who are part of local

congregations and affiliate ministries.

As we have assessed this particular communication piece, we are well aware that the results are mixed. While some congregations are deliberate in getting copies of the newsletter into the hands of their people, others are not. As a result, we have concluded that there are approaches to communication that will be more effective, as well as more efficient.

Therefore, this particular issue of IMPRINTS will be the last to come out in its current printed form.

In its place, we will be taking steps to ensure our website is a place where our NWC churches and participants can go to be

better resourced and supported. We will also continue to produce regular email newsletters, as well as increase our efforts to utilize our social media channels.

Many thanks to those of you who have utilized the IMPRINTS newsletter to stay informed. We would now encourage you to remain connected through our website and Facebook Page, and encourage you to get the word out to others to sign up for emails to receive links to pertinent information and resources that we believe will be both helpful and inspiring. Visit northwestconference.org/newsletter-archive/ to sign up for bi-weekly UPDATE emails, and other ministry segmented email lists.



Summer 2018 youth events bring the fun!

By Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry

CHIC 2018 attended by 1,105 from NWC

CHIC 2018 was an amazing week full of powerful preaching, incredible worship, unbelievable concerts, great teaching and a whole lot of fun! With 1,105 students and leaders from 69 of our churches, the Northwest Conference was the largest group at CHIC.

During morning Basecamps (experiential education sessions), students had a chance to interact with four of the priorities of the Covenant: make and deepen disciples, serve globally, develop leaders, and love mercy do justice. In the afternoons, participants had a chance to head off campus on excursions like white water rafting, horseback riding and exploring caves. Some stayed on campus where they could swim or hang out at the Nest where they had crafts, conversations and a chance

to connect with others in the denomination.

The evenings were marked by powerful gatherings called “MainStage,” at the University of Tennessee’s basketball arena. Five thousand people worshiped together, led by the CHIC band. They heard from world-class speakers like Megan Fate Marshman and Eugene Cho. Included in the evening sessions were artists like For King and Country and Andy Mineo. On Tuesday night, students and leaders alike participated in communion. Those who were sensing a call to ministry or missions had the chance to be anointed with oil.

The Northwest Conference had leaders woven throughout CHIC. They put in long hours serving on the Counseling, Excursion, Security, Production and the Prayer teams. Yet others served the NWC participants as Resident Supervi-

sors and Dorm Pastors.

There’s a post-CHIC curriculum available for the whole church to use. This all-church initiative rallies around the “I Am” statements used during MainStage at CHIC. It is written by several Covenant pastors and leaders and the hope is that the momentum of #CHIC2018 can carry over in to your entire congregation.

MUUUCE – Trust Jesus and have fun!

How many pizzas do you need to feed 644 middle schoolers and their leaders? One hundred sixty, which were devoured in less than five minutes. It also takes 689 Chick-fil-A sandwiches, 4,320 bottles of water, 32 watermelons and 180 volunteers.

From Aug. 2-4, middle school students and leaders from 43 NWC churches gathered at

Moving beyond the background check

By Kara Stromberg, Director of Children & Family Ministry

Can we talk about background checks? It’s 2018, and we’re officially past the point of making excuses for why churches would not do proper screening on their volunteers. Claiming “we all know each other” doesn’t cut it anymore.

Parents expect adults who work with their children to be trained and screened, and the safety of our kids demands it.

Background checks are an important step to weed out obvious predators and are one part of a robust screening process.

This, along with abuse prevention training and careful oversight, are the critical steps that contribute toward a comprehensive safety system for our kids and vulnerable populations.

On Nov. 8, the Northwest Conference, along with Covenant camps in MN, offered a one-day Ministry Safe training on abuse prevention. Over 200 people learned about the sobering reality of child abuse and were equipped with the tools needed to implement a safety system in their ministries.

If your church already has a safety system in place, great. If you’d like to know about how to get started, please contact the Conference office.

Finally, know that the vast majority of adults desire children to be healthy and safe. Unfortunately, our culture believes churches are willing to sweep abuse accusations under the rug. Let’s change the narrative and let the Church lead the way in making sure the next generations can hear the good news of Jesus in a loving and safe environment.

↳ Crossroads Church in Woodbury for MUUUCE: the Most Unbelievable, Ultimate, Urban Camping Experience. MUUUCE has been going on not just for years, but for decades. For a few days, middle schoolers learn more about Jesus at an event that’s designed specifically for them.

On Thursday afternoon, students unpacked their gear in one of two huge school gyms where they would camp for the next few days (there was no air conditioning, hence the “camping” part of the event). They then headed out to a massive field where they were greeted by a Welcome Party that was a middle schooler’s dream. It included lots of giant inflatable games, hair painting, a huge video game where students were actively part of the on-screen action, mini-donuts, ice cream bars, Mountain Dew, tacos, sno-cones and popcorn.

After the worship session that evening, students headed to the Big Thrill Factory where they could ride go karts, climb high ropes, spend time in the arcade, jump on trampolines or let loose with laser tag.

Friday morning kicked off with another great worship session featuring Leonard Davis from Young Life in Kansas City talking about the theme, “Trusting Jesus.” Worship was led by James Howard and the worship team from Crossroads. That afternoon, everyone loaded on the bus and headed to Valley Fair. The day finished up with another worship gathering and then the final service took place Saturday morning before they headed home.

Sydney Zenk was a student at MUUUCE just a few years ago. Now, she was participating for the first time as a leader with Countryside Covenant. She reflected,

“Coming here [as a student] was my first big step into the faith. It’s cool to be able to come back and help other kids take that first, second or third step in their faith.”

MUUUCE is led by a team of a few paid but mostly volunteer leaders at Crossroads and a few other Covenant churches. Tim Stanley, pastor of the Crossroads Hastings Campus was the MUUUCE director and Sandra Florin and her team provided the creative and administrative backbone to the event.

Luke Korthuis (Salem Covenant, New Brighton, MN) and Alica Vela (Roseville Covenant) were active on the leadership team as well. This group meets all year to design an event that will help middle schoolers understand that they are deeply loved by God and that church is a place where you can have fun.

NWC Bible camps summer highlights

The Northwest Conference is the proud home to five incredible Covenant camps. Each camp is unique in what it offers to students, families, churches and individuals. In 2018, our camps impacted many lives and are looking forward to new ministry and growth opportunities.

Covenant Pines Bible Camp

God uses camp to change lives. One story of change is the story of Sam. Sam came to camp with some struggles. We knew of his struggles and made sure we cared for him well while he was here. Our prayer was that God might lift his burdens.



Covenant Pines Bible Camp

At the beginning of the week, we helped Sam pick out his first Bible. For the rest of the week, we often saw him with his nose in that beloved book. When he wasn't reading his new Bible, he was walking with his counselor or inviting a friend to go swimming with him. We expected our staff to help Sam Experience the Love of Christ, but in reality Sam helped us Experience the Love of Christ.

Adventurous Christians

God has been so good and has changed lives this summer. The impact may seem small, but is always deep and lasting. A family from the summer told us, "It's incredible the way we bonded as a family." Earlier, a father said he has always wanted to bring his boys to the BWCAW and, "It was the memory maker that I really desired for our family."

COVENANT CAMPS

in the northwest conference



Adventurous Christians

Our staff was also impacted. One of them, Jared, grew in his faith and told us, "I am going home a different person."

Our vision is to change a life, one at a time. Our hope is that AC guests would Experience the Wonder of Christ through faith and community in a wilderness setting. Blessings from the Trail.

Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp

"Living The Life" was Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp's 2018 theme based on 1 Timothy 4:12. It was exciting to see 890 campers be challenged to set the example in words, action, love, faith and purity. A boy who was expelled from school, sarcastic about chapel, mocking prayer, and living in a tough home life marked that he made a decision to follow Christ. Praise God, who works through camp's atmosphere



Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp

(85 first time decisions and 229 rededications to follow Christ)!

We continue to build a youth cabin and have plans to build an outdoor pavilion/chapel plus a speaker and cooks cabin. Our staff formed a great team, family camps were full, safety happened and the ministry of God's Kingdom was increased.



Covenant Park Bible Camp

Covenant Park Bible Camp

It has been a big year of transformation at Covenant Park! We had the opportunity to complete a climbing tower and zipline and start construction on a second new cabin. Excitement is high as God continues to lead us in new directions in our facility, in our programs, and in the faith journeys of our staff, volunteers and guests.

This year our theme focused on the burdens and baggage we have to lay down in order to take that next step in their spiritual walk. During U-turn chapel, campers wrote down the baggage that was holding them back. Together we walked to the fire circle, and had the opportunity to release it into the fire. Many campers then returned to the chapel to place their name on the cross—a physical demonstration of their commitment to walk new ground.

Lake Beauty Bible Camp

Summer 2018 was another incredible summer of ministry. We didn't have huge growth in numbers but they were solid. We saw growth in campers as they made first time commitments or re-commitments to Jesus.



Lake Beauty Bible Camp

The Evangelical Covenant Church is looking at working with the Bible Society of Jordan to assist in starting a Bible Camp in the country. We had the Executive Director of the Bible Society and one of his staff visit LBBC to see what we do, and how we do it. It was a great trip. As a result we are committing to move forward with this project in conjunction with the ECC and MENA (Middle East and Northern Africa). Pray for discernment as we move ahead.

Updates from our new NWC Church Plants

Pastor Trin Peterson, Eden Covenant Church, Coon Rapids, MN

Eden Community is a church plant in Coon Rapids, MN, led by two female pastors: Lead Pastor Trin Peterson, and Associate Pastor Sarah Nichols. Eden launched weekly on Oct 28!

Eden is located in Northdale Middle School. We are working on building relationships in our community so that Eden is a church that goes out and is truly missional! At Eden we believe all are called to join God in His restorative work in this world. Not only do we believe that we are to have a relationship with our creator through Jesus Christ individually, but we are also called to be the people of God.

Connecting the whole story of God from Old to New Testament, we can better understand the salvation that is provided through Jesus Christ. Eden Community Covenant Church is about bringing God's invitation to all people and to be active in joining God in His restorative work.

Pastor Kevin Farmer, Epiphany Covenant Church, South Minneapolis, MN

Epiphany Covenant Church, founded and led by Pastor Kevin Farmer, is a new multi-ethnic, multiplying, Christ-centered movement located in South Minneapolis. This section of the city has over 100 languages that are spoken and is one of the most ethnically diverse areas in the entire country.

Epiphany has a 3-part mission: 1) make & deepen disciples, 2) identify & develop servant leaders,



Pastor Trin Peterson

and 3) plant healthy, multi-ethnic, missional churches.

Along with the Denomination and Conference, Epiphany is blessed to have other strategic partners in Hosanna Lutheran Church, Crosstown Covenant Church, World Impact and Hope Academy.

Hope Academy (where Epiphany hosts its weekly worship gatherings) is a private, Christian, K-12 school primarily serving non-white, under-resourced families living in Minneapolis, of whom 65-70 percent are near or below the poverty index. Our hope is to be a place where the families in the school and surrounding neighborhoods can join a new faith community and become connected with God through Jesus Christ.

Epiphany's Launch Team consists of 40 adults (+ 39 children ages 0 to 17) from at least seven different ethnic backgrounds, ranging from ages 21 to 50, and who live throughout the Twin Cities metro area.



Pastor Kevin Farmer



Pastor Erico Ortega

Pastor Erico Ortega, Nuevo Pacto, Fridley, MN

I would like to share with you the blessings of having had the opportunity to plant a new Church with the Covenant.

We have received the support of God, the Denomination and the Conference—but also of our mother church, Destino Covenant Church in Minneapolis, which sent us with resources and a wonderful team of people who love serving their church.

We have also received support from Main Street Covenant Church, Fridley Covenant Church and Lakeside Covenant Church.

Our worship services are held at 6390 University Ave NE, Fridley, MN 55432 every Sunday at 1 p.m.

Welcome to Mauricio Dell'Arciprete! Congrats to Mike Brown!

By Mark Stromberg, Superintendent

Mauricio Dell'Arciprete

Pastor Mauricio Dell'Arciprete has been called as the new Coordinator of Latino Ministry for the Northwest Conference beginning Aug. 1, 2018. Dell'Arciprete currently serves as the pastor of Destino Covenant Church (formerly known as New Covenant), a newer church in the NWC, which meets at Bethlehem Covenant Church in south Minneapolis. He will continue to minister there, even as he serves in this new role part-time for the Conference.

We are so pleased that Pastor Mauricio is willing to serve our broader region in this ever-growing part of our shared ministry. Mauricio has many gifts, is well-respected, and has a great heart for coming alongside our Hispanic churches and pastors.

He will continue to assist our churches that desire to be involved with CHET. However, he will also engage intentionally with all of our Spanish speaking pastors and their congregations. In this way, we hope to increase our capacity to serve them well and be a catalyst to give birth to even more Latino churches as part of our "50 by '25" Church Planting initiative. Mauricio and his wife, Jackie, have two daughters and live in south Minneapolis.

If you are interested in engaging around Hispanic ministry opportunities in the NWC, please contact him at mauricio@northwestconference.org. ¡Bienvenido Mauricio! Que Dios le bendiga su ministerio.

Mike Brown

In other NWC staffing news, Director of Church Planting Mike Brown has been asked by the ECC to serve on an interim leadership team for church planting through the Start and Strengthen Churches ministry priority. In this half-time role that will be in effect from Nov. 1, 2018, through Oct. 31, 2019, Mike will lead the coaching initiative across the ECC. The goal is to have 50 trained church plant coaches by Jan. 1, 2020.

Mike will also provide support to at least four other regional Conferences, as well as serve as a resource to other Conference Directors of Church Planting. In this, he will develop the training and onboarding process for new Directors, as well as provide continuing education for those currently serving. Mike will also be making recommendations to help strengthen current church planting standards and systems, and participate in a denominational think-tank around future church planting.

We are pleased to assist the broader Church within the Covenant by sharing Mike's passion and expertise with others. We are also assessing the best way to provide mentoring support to our NWC church plants and will be utilizing other coaches to work with our current and future church plants. In this way, we believe we are being good stewards of the gifts and resources God has provided to us.



New Church Planter Coaches

By Mike Brown, Director of Church Planting

It's been said that finding the right person is the most important indicator of how fruitful a ministry will be. The next most important determinate, I believe, is coaching

On Aug. 14-16, the Evangelical Covenant Church hosted Dr. Keith Webb, author of "The Coach Model" and the CEO of Creative Results Management, to lead our new emphasis on coaching. The Directors of Church Planting and church planters from around the U.S. and Canada gathered at the Covenant offices in Chicago to learn from Webb and practice developing good coaching skills. Good coaching involves learning to listen well, and ask the right kinds of questions that allow the individual to create their own action steps to the issues they are facing in their ministry.

The hope is to roll out this coaching model at all levels of the ECC. Developing coaches will allow us to scale our Church Planting efforts, and to plant more churches that are better supported and resourced.



Adventures In Leadership 2018 helps students ‘go deep’

By Jon Kramka, Director of Congregational Vitality

Again this summer, like over the past 30+ years, the Northwest Conference made an investment in a select group of emerging high school leaders through our Adventures In Leadership (AIL) camp. Like with the example of the Apostle Paul affirming young Timothy for his leadership calling and gifts, and then pouring further knowledge and insight into Timothy as he grew as a leader, AIL continues to do so with our students each year.

AIL is an intentional partnership between the Northwest Conference and Adventurous Christians. It is an eight-day experiential learning adventure in Christian leadership with a defining tagline of: “Servanthood is the beginning and end of Christian leadership!”

The experience is framed in three sections. The first two-and-a-half days provide a base camp

STUDENT TESTIMONY

“Hi, my name is Josh Lynch and I’m a senior in high school. I had the opportunity to go to both Adventures in Leadership, and CHIC 2018. Both of the experiences were very impactful on me, and both pushed me to take my faith seriously and take a leadership role in my own church. Since then I have started leading worship for my youth group at New London Evangelical Covenant Church and have been trying to live my life through God like I never have before.”

training environment to sharpen both Christian leadership insights and potentials for each student,

along with providing each student the necessary base skills to negotiate a wilderness canoeing/camping adventure.

The next four days are dedicated to a student-led canoe trip in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area of northern Minnesota. In essence, the canoe trip becomes the learning laboratory whereby each student provides leadership for their group during a portion of the trip, and in the process practices, tests and evaluates what they have been learning about leadership. Following their time as group leader each student is then provided feedback from the group on their leadership as a source for their continued growth and learning.

So in summary, over the first seven days students experience:

1. Exploration/practice of the spiritual disciplines; taking a personality inventory; par-

ticipating in group leadership simulations; investigating biblical leadership models of the shepherd and the servant; engaging in acclimatization, navigation and orienteering activities, and giving & receiving feedback for the purposes of personal/group growth & learning.

2. Serving as the group leader for half a day on their canoe trip.
3. Discover and develop positive team dynamics where each person’s gifts and abilities are uniquely supported, utilized and valued by the group.

The final 24 hours of AIL is dedicated to debriefing and processing the experience and pondering what God may be preparing each student for in the coming weeks/months as leaders. In addition, as the students return home we encourage their church to take an active role in building upon AIL and walking alongside their student over the next year as they assume new or greater leadership roles within their church, school or community at large.

Following are a few brief reflections offered by some of our students this year:

- “This experience helped me grow in so many ways and go deep.” – A.
- “This was amazing! I didn’t think it would impact me this much. I learned that I can be a strong leader.” – M.
- “AIL has changed me forever and I have built life-long friendships.” – B.

We praise God for His continued hand of blessing upon this unique journey that we have taken with student leaders over all these years. And we look forward to our next leadership adventure with students in 2019.

New Ministerial Care and Development Committee to help address pastoral wellbeing

By Jeff Burton, Director of Pastoral Care & Development

A very extensive Lily Endowment project, called “Clergy, Ministry Life and Wellbeing,” has been going on since 2011. The lead researchers are Matt Bloom of the University of Notre Dame and Chris Adams of Azusa Pacific University.

The project has included 400 extensive face-to-face interviews and now over 12,000 on line participants across a broad range of denominations.

There are a lot of findings that are coming out of this project but one sentence captured my attention and the attention of our newly formed Ministerial Care and Development Committee:

“Clergy is the only helping profession we have studied in which wellbeing declines over one’s career in ministry.”

That is something we certainly want to address. For denominations that have over 400 participants in the study, particular results for your group are provided. The ECC reached that threshold of participation earlier this year and the preliminary findings are being assessed for our denomination.

Of the four main criteria evaluated in the project, Covenant pastors had the lowest scores in resilience:

- The capacity to adapt, adjust and change
- Our ability to respond effectively to life’s challenges and crisis and not to be diminished or damaged by such experiences

Stress is not unique to pastors, but the common ways to address stress provide some unique challenges for pastors.

For example, an important recovery experience to make you more resilient to stress is complete mental detachment from your work. Ideally, that should occur every day for a brief period of time.

For a local church pastor the experience of complete detachment is often more like a small business owner trying to detach from their work. It can be done, but it is not a natural or comfortable posture because the work is intertwined with all of the rest of your life.

While the daily detachment for a short period of time is very difficult, the weekly detachment of a protected day off, the annual detachment of vacation and the periodic detachment of a longer ministerial renewal leave or sabbatical become integral to flourishing in ministry.

WMNWC heading north for Renewal 2019

By Rachel Kleinschmidt, Consultant for Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference

It is a great year to be involved in Women Ministries of the Northwest Conference! Renewal 2018, hosted by Bloomington Covenant Church and featuring speaker Marcy Baumann from Crossroads Church in Eagan, was fantastic. We are excited for Grace Covenant Church in Fargo, ND, to be our host for Renewal 2019 this spring.

Michelle Sanchez, Executive Minister of Make and Deepen Disciples of the Evangelical Covenant Church, will be our speaker, and we'll spend the weekend discussing discipleship. Renewal 2019 will also include breakout sessions from women in our Conference, fellowship, food and lots of fun! Join us in Fargo on March 29-30, 2019.

Another opportunity for our women is I AM: A Triennial Gathering for Women by Women, which will take place July 18-21, 2019, at the Marriott City Center in Minneapolis. The Triennial Design Team



has been hard at work for the past year planning the 16th Triennial. As the host Conference, we will need lots of help to make I AM the greatest Triennial yet!

If you are interested in helping out with hospitality (including being a guide, greeter, transportation assistant, usher or many more opportunities), contact Rachel Kleinschmidt at Rachel@wmnwc.org.

We also had a fantastic fall retreat season at our four camps. The weekend of Sept. 14-16, 2018,

Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp once again hosted Jenni Thyng as the speaker on the theme "Spotlight on the Focal Point—No Turning Back." Those attending the Covenant Park Bible Camp retreat learned about "Recycled Dreams" from speaker Debbie Griffith.

The following weekend, women at Lake Beauty Bible Camp heard from Meagan Gillan, Director of Women Ministries for the Evangelical Covenant Church on the theme "Anchored in the Word," while Covenant Pines Bible Camp hosted Osheta Moore, author of "Shalom Sistas: Living Wholeheartedly in a Broken-Hearted World."

For more information about Women Ministries, visit www.wmnwc.org.

NWC Calendar

1.5 » Recharge – Twin Cities

1.19 » Recharge – Fargo

2.9 » Recharge – Duluth

3.29-30 » WMNWC Renewal Conference – Grace Covenant Church, Fargo, ND

4.5-6 » MOVE – Hope Covenant Church, St. Cloud, MN

4.25-26 » Ministerial Association Annual Meeting – Hope Church Grand Forks, ND

4.26-27 » NWC Annual Meeting – Hope Church, Grand Forks, ND

6.27-29 » Gather '19 – Hilton Omaha, Omaha, NE

7.18-21 » Triennial XVI – Marriott City Center, Minneapolis, MN

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