

Business Session

GUIDE & SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Sharing Our Hope:

RAISING THE TEMPERATURE ON EVANGELISM



2019 ANNUAL MEETING

HOPE COVENANT CHURCH
GRAND FORKS, ND

The Northwest Conference in its 135th Annual Meeting // April 25-27, 2019

Friday, April 26

1:00 p.m.	Registration Begins	
2:00 p.m.	New Delegate Orientation	
2:30 p.m.	Business Session #1	
Call to Order and Opening Prayer		James Volling, NWC Chair
Host Greeting from HOPE Church		Paul Knight, Lead Pastor
Approval of Minutes by NWC Executive Board from 2018 Annual Meeting		
Approval of Agenda for 2019 Annual Meeting		
Greetings & Update from the Evangelical Covenant Church		Michelle Sanchez Executive Minister of Make & Deepen Disciples
NWC Superintendent Report		Mark R. Stromberg, Superintendent
Ministry Director Panel:		
	Jon Kramka, Director of Congregational Vitality	
	Mike Brown, Director of Church Planting	
	Kara Stromberg, Director of Children & Family Ministry	
	Ginny Olson, Director of Youth Ministry	
	Jeff Burton, Director of Pastoral Care & Development	
NWC Board Recommendation and Nomination of Rev. Mark R. Stromberg to be NWC Superintendent for a Third Term		
Sharing our Hope		
New Church Fellowship Groups		
	<i>The Crossing Covenant Church—Pastor Michele Arndt, Houlton, WI</i>	
	<i>North City Covenant Church—Pastors JD and ChristianAnn Larson, Minneapolis, MN</i>	
	<i>Nuestra Esperanza Covenant Church—Pastors Hector and Betty Reyes, New Hope, MN</i>	
Latino Ministry in the NWC		Mauricio Dell’Arciprete, Coordinator of Latino Ministry
Sharing our Hope		
Presentation of the Northwest Conference Budget		David Brown, NWC Treasurer Sandy Norris, Director of Finance
Presentation of the Northwest Conference Ballot		Sheila Anonsen, NWC Secretary
The Mission & Ministry of Minnehaha Academy		Donna Harris, President
Presentation of Minnehaha Academy Budget		Dan Bowles, Director of Finance & Business Operations

5:30 p.m.

Dinner (Reservations Required)

6:45 p.m.

Worship Celebration

“Our Great Commission to BLESS the World”

- Message by Michelle Sanchez

Introduction and Dedication of Ordinands

New Church Fellowship Groups

BLESS Intentional Evangelism Presentation

Special Offering for HOPE Community Care Center

Dessert Reception for Ordinands & New Fellowship Groups Following Service

Saturday, April 27

8:15 a.m.

Worship

Reflection by Pastor Hollis Kim

Transition Pastor, Brookdale Covenant Church

and incoming NWC Director of Pastoral Care & Development

Business Session #2

Camping Ministry in the NWC

Chadwick Persons, Director of Bluewater Covenant Bible Camp

NWC Women Ministries

NWC Ministerial Association

Darren Olson, Chair

Covenant Enabling Residences

Dana Norton, Executive Director, CER-MN

Covenant Village of Golden Valley

Jim Angell, Executive Director

National Covenant Properties

Heidi Corral, Senior Investment Coordinator

Covenant Trust Company

Steve Allison, Financial Services Representative

Approval of Northwest Conference Budget

Approval of Minnehaha Academy Budget

Ballot Results

Invitation to the 136th Northwest Conference Annual Meeting at Minnehaha Academy

Theme: Together We Rise / April 23-25, 2020

10:00 a.m.

Sharing Our Hope: Words of Witness from NWC Churches

12:00 noon

Lunch (Reservations Required)



The Evangelical Covenant Church

March 2019

TO: Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference
Rev. Mark Stromberg, Superintendent
Mr. Jim Volling, Conference Chair

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is an honor for me to bring you greetings on behalf of the Evangelical Covenant Church.

In the Covenant Church, we join God in his mission to make more disciples among more populations in a more caring and just world. We do this by starting and strengthening churches, making and deepening disciples, developing leaders, loving mercy and doing justice, and serving globally. This mission is only possible because of the combined efforts of the congregations in your region, together with all 875 churches that make up the ECC today in the United States and Canada.

The Holy Spirit is the Blazing Center of our mission. One of our Covenant Affirmations is a conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit. I am inviting your congregation to commit to a renewed focus and conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit as we join in mission together.

In addition to your conference annual meeting, I invite you to join delegates from hundreds of other Covenant churches June 27-29 in Omaha, Nebraska for **Gather 2019**, the Covenant's annual meeting. The annual meeting of the Ministerium will take place just before Gather.

I AM, formerly called Triennial, is a gathering of women across the Covenant. This has always been an incredibly rich time for all who attend. It will be July 18-21 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Information for both Gather and I AM can be found on www.covchurch.org, under Events.

I am grateful to serve this movement in partnership with people like you.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him so that you may overflow with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

In Christ's love,

John S. Wenrich
President

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH // APRIL 27-28, 2018 // BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH, BUFFALO, MN // “FORWARD IN HOPE: MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES”

Northwest Conference (NWC) Chairperson James Volling called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Jim read from Luke 18:15-17 and introduced the theme of this year’s meeting, Forward in Hope: Ministry with Children, Youth and Families. He emphasized the need to focus on the health of our children and youth. Chairperson Volling then led in prayer.

HOST GREETING FROM BUFFALO COVENANT CHURCH

Pastor Geoff Bohleen welcomed everyone to “Buff Cov”, and stated that they were happy to host and this year’s theme is a major part of their ministry in Buffalo.

MINUTES OF THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING AT MAPLE GROVE COVENANT CHURCH

It was noted by Chairperson Volling that the Minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting at Maple Grove Covenant were approved by the NWC Executive Board, on behalf of the delegates. Further, Chairperson Volling stated the following Motion: That the Executive Board of the Northwest Conference, on behalf of the delegates to the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Northwest Conference, be authorized to approve the Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting at the next formal meeting of the NWC Executive Board. A second was made and motion approved.

AGENDA FOR 2018 MEETING APPROVED

Chairperson Volling asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as noted in the Business Guide. Motion to approve was made and seconded. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mark R. Stromberg welcomed everyone and expressed that he knew when he was called to ministry at Covenant Pines as a little kid, 51 years ago. He is very thankful for the Bible Camps in the NWC. Volunteers kept these camps going year after year for the kids who attended. Our call is to nourish our kids. We are the church of yesterday and today. The kids are the church of today and tomorrow. We need to

be reaching a new generation with the Good News. It is an honor for Mark to pour back into the churches. He asked for prayer for himself and the NWC staff. He expressed thanks to Rebecca Nguyen (NWC board) and John Ahlquist (MA board) for their service on these boards and for all who serve on these boards. Also, thanks to Buffalo Covenant for hosting this year’s Annual Meeting with the emphasis on Children, Youth and Families. Thanks to Ginny Olson and Kara Stromberg for all their hard work for this meeting and throughout the year as they work with churches in the NWC. Reminder that all people were once “new,” someone poured into us, so we need to pour into the children. Love the kids.

MINISTRY DIRECTOR PANEL: THE PRIORITY OF CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

JON KRAMKA, DIRECTOR OF CONGREGATIONAL VITALITY – We need to be faithful and fruitful in ministry. He read from Mark 8:1-9 – “We can’t feed them” but Jesus could; Keep looking to Jesus to provide. Find out what we have and bring it to Jesus then step forward in faith and watch what he can do. Posture with children matters.

MIKE BROWN, DIRECTOR OF CHURCH PLANTING – Working with new churches on how to build a youth/children’s ministry from scratch. Start where you are and with what you have. They are planting churches for the next generation and reaching families.

KARA STROMBERG, DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY – Children, youth and family is important. How does their space in the church look? What part of the budget is devoted to CYF? Who is connecting with the families? There is a need to get outside of the church building and equip parents. She read from 2 Corinthians 4:1 – “don’t lose heart.”

GINNY OLSON, DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY – She was very appreciative of Buffalo Covenant Church for her past. CYF is vital, important for the whole church to own youth ministry. Teenagers are often at the center of forward movement. She spoke of CHIC in July and the need of funds to get kids to it.

JEFF BURTON – DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE AND DEVELOPMENT – He spoke of new leaders to flourish in ministry (thrive) it takes a lot of energy. Need to reach outside of the church steeple and be in the community to know needs, then if crisis comes the church is called because they are known.

VIDEO for Go:Serve for elementary students to go to, parents take their children, grandparents take their grandchildren and serve the community together.

LIVING LEGACY CHURCH

First Covenant Church, Ashland, WI – closing but bearing fruit as it concludes its life-cycle.

CHURCH WITHDRAWING FROM THE ECC

Elim Evangelical Covenant Church, Stockholm, SD – Keeping the building as they are the largest facility in Stockholm for a community gathering space.

NEW CHURCH FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Mike Brown, Director of Church Planting introduced the following new fellowship groups:

- Crossroads Covenant Church – Pastor Tim Stanley, Hastings, MN
- Eden Covenant Church – Pastor Trin Peterson, Coon Rapids, MN
- Epiphany Covenant Church – Pastor Kevin Farmer, Minneapolis, MN
- Genesis East Covenant Church- Pastor Aaron Freer, White Bear Lake, MN
- New Evangelical Covenant Church – Pastor Erico Ortega, Fridley, MN

NEW CHURCHES TO BE RECEIVED AT THE 2018 ECC ANNUAL MEETING

Mike then presented the following churches to be received into membership of the ECC:

- Catalyst Covenant Church – Pastor Jeff Olson, St Paul, MN
- City of Lakes Covenant Church – Pastor Dave Berge, Minneapolis, MN
- Genesis Covenant Church – Pastor Steve Wiens, St. Louis Park, MN
- Grace Outreach Covenant Church – Pastor Paul Robinson, Coon Rapids, MN
- New Evangelical Covenant Church – Pastor Mauricio

Dell'Arciprete, Minneapolis, MN

- Renew Covenant Church – Pastor Jamie Staples, Eau Claire, WI

Motion from the NWC Executive Board to accept these churches, did not need a 2nd, Motion passed.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORTHWEST CONFERENCE BUDGET

David Brown, NWC Treasurer and Sandy Norris, Director of Finance

David said the financial report was on pages 17-19 of the Business Guide. He thanked the delegates for the giving that their churches contribute. The balance sheet is doing well. The fiscal year is July 1-June 30; investment income is increasing. He asked the delegates to review the reports and come with questions on Saturday morning. Member church contributions begin on page 20 in the 3-Strands Strong Church Giving Report. The Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 is on page 24.

PRESENTATION OF THE NORTHWEST CONFERENCE BALLOT

Sheila Anonsen, NWC Secretary, presented the ballots as shown on pages 26-28 in the Business Session Guide, showing nominees for the NWC Executive Board (2 year term, completing Dennis Edward's term) Hollis Kim, transition Pastor at Brookdale Covenant Church; (5 year terms) Paul Robinson, Lead Church Planter of Grace Outreach Covenant Church and Cindy Owen, member of Hope Covenant Church in St Cloud, MN; (4 year term, completing Jeff Laabs term) James Volling, member of Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, as well as Executive Board Chairperson. Mark Stromberg explained James Volling's continuation on the NWC Executive Board as he is fulfilling an unexpired term for someone else.

Nominees for the Minnehaha Academy Board of Trustees – (5 year term) Sue Poston, Salem Covenant Church, New Brighton, MN, Jon Taylor, Emmanuel Covenant Church, Shoreview, MN and Dave Cairns, Maple Grove Covenant Church.

The NWC Executive Board previously made a motion to accept nominees as presented. It was seconded, and the motion carried. Jim Volling asked if there are any nominations from the floor. Jim asked for a motion to close the

ballot. The motion was made and seconded. The motion carried. The ballots were distributed to each delegate and collected with the results to be presented at Saturday's Business Meeting.

THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF MINNEHAHA ACADEMY

President Donna Harris expressed thanks for all of the support after the explosion at the Upper Campus August 2, 2017. They have all felt very cared for by the NWC staff. A \$100,000 check was presented to the school from the NWC and churches recently. They still need our prayers. They offer a high quality education. They are currently cultivating potential elementary through high school students. She showed a slide show video along with the song "No Weapon Formed Against You Shall Prosper". Very powerful and brought tears to many eyes. She had used the scripture Isaiah 54:17 on July 30, 2017 at the school Leadership Team meeting to "take courage", if called He will equip. She introduced David Hoffner, the Executive Director of Faith Formation, who started in this new role this year. Thank you for the generosity through prayers and financial gifts. Please continue to pray, our foundation will not be shaken.

PRESENTATION OF MINNEHAHA ACADEMY BUDGET

Dan Bowles, Director of Finance and Business Operations, stated that the MA Audit on page 11 in the Business Session Guide gave a "Clean Audit" report which is the strongest term of affirmation. He said the number of students was down due to the explosion. They are hoping to recoup some of this income through insurance and hope to increase the number of students this next year. Please review the budget, questions and voting will take place at Saturday's business meeting. Jim Volling made a motion to approve the MA Budget with the contingency for the NWC Executive Board to amend as necessary and for a "bridge or short-term" loan for the beginning of construction.

CAMPING MINISTRY IN THE NWC

Delegates had the opportunity to learn about NWC Camping ministries that were presented in various rooms before dinner.

MINISTRY TABLES AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING

EVENING WORSHIP

7:15 pm worship Celebration led by Buffalo Covenant worship team. Special music was provided by Minnehaha

Academy Madrigal Singers, and Buffalo Covenant's Generations Choir. Sixteen Candidates for Ordination were also recognized and prayed for during the service. A special offering was taken during the service to provide scholarships for students attending CHIC 2018 (over \$3,000 was raised.) Church representatives also brought forward prayer book-marks, collected as part of the ECC's BLESS Intentional Evangelism initiative, which will be brought to Gather 2018, The ECC Annual Meeting in June. First Covenant Church, Ashland, WI, was honored with a special Living Legacy Litany. Three of the five new Church Fellowship Groups who were recognized during the business session signed Covenant Agreements during the service. Tiger McLuen, former President of Youth Leadership, shared a message titled, "Sharing Faith on the Road of Life."

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, BUSINESS SESSION

Jeff Burton opened us with a scripture and prayer, asking for prayer for a Pastor whose child has a brain tumor, pastors suffer too.

GREETINGS AND UPDATE FROM THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Ed Gilbreath, Executive Director of Communications, brought greetings and a ministry update from the ECC to delegates at both the Ministerial Association and the NWC Annual Meeting. Video greeting from President Gary Walter.

NATIONAL COVENANT PROPERTIES

Rollie Persson, Vice President of Real Estate Services spoke of how National Covenant Properties understands churches needs better than traditional banks. They have been around since 1970.

COVENANT TRUST COMPANY

Steve Allison, Financial Services Representative, spoke of how the new tax laws will affect giving. They have many resources at their website. They offer a Biblical financial teaching bridge to today's financial tools. He spoke of Qualified Charitable distribution and how to respond to those gifts with a letter.

COVENANT ENABLING RESIDENCES

Dana Norton, Executive Director, CER-MN shared there are 7 homes and 4 sights that serve people with intellectual difficulties in the NWC. Churches can come along side

those that are in difficult situations. Got wants us to take care of those who can't take care of themselves.

COVENANT VILLAGE OF GOLDEN VALLEY

Jim Angell, Executive Director, gave greetings from the residents and staff at Covenant Village. They currently serve over 360 people. They have a senior care facility with a full range of residential apartments, assisted living and a nursing home. On June 21, 2018 they will be having a seminar on brain health. They have many resources on senior care to help churches.

CHET NORTHWEST CONFERENCE

Greg Ellis, Coordinator shared of how CHET provides instruction in Spanish to native Spanish speakers, along with training and continuing education and pre-ministerial training. This had been hosted at the Upper Campus of Minnehaha, but now is at Redeemer Covenant Church in Brooklyn Park. The NWC will be handing off CHET to local Spanish speaking congregations. The NWC will continue to resource CHET in MN. There is a need to hire a part-time staff for the Director of Hispanic Ministries. The intent is to do this soon.

NWC WOMEN MINISTRIES

Rachel Kleinschmidt, NWC Consultant, thanked everyone for their support of Women Ministries. They are moving forward in hope for future generations. They have had over 400 at women's retreats. There were 180 at the most recent Women's Renewal. March 19-20, 2019 Women's Renewal will be at Grace Covenant Church in Fargo, ND. The Triennial is in Minneapolis July 18-20. Please be in prayer for Women Ministries.

NWC MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

Darren Olson, Chair asked us "What is the biggest temptation your pastor faces?" He said it is the desire to please everyone. He asked us to not put too many expectations on our pastors. Expectations end up driving the ministry. Encourage your pastor to go back to their original passion. Challenge your pastor to be in scripture and "know where it is written."

APPROVAL OF NORTHWEST CONFERENCE BUDGET

David Brown, NWC Treasurer and Sandy Norris, Director of Finance, were available for questions. The Motion previously made by the NWC Executive Board regarding the 2018-2019 Budget was seconded and the Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINNEHAHA ACADEMY BUDGET

Dan Bowles, Director of Finance and Business Operations was available for questions. He asked that the budget previously approved by the MA Board of Trustees and made by the NWC Executive Board regarding the 2018-2019 Budget plus ability for NWC Executive Board to make a Bridge loan if necessary be approved. The Motion was seconded, and the Motion carried.

BALLOT RESULTS

Sheila Anonsen, NWC Secretary, presented the ballot results stating that Hollis Kim, Paul Robinson, James Volling and Cindy Owen are elected to the NWC Executive Board. James Volling was elected as NWC Chairperson for a one-year term. Sue Poston, Jon Taylor and Dave Cairns are elected for 5-year terms to the MA Board of Trustees. Mark Stromberg prayed for both outgoing and incoming board members of MA and NWC Boards.

INVITATION TO THE 135TH NORTHWEST CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Pastor Paul Knight invited everyone to come to Hope Covenant Church in Grand Forks, ND for next year's NWC Annual Meeting, April 25-27, 2019. The Theme is: "Sharing Our Hope: Reclaiming Evangelism"

A Motion was both made and seconded for adjournment. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

WORKSHOP ELECTIVES

Following the meeting there were several workshops focusing on Children, Youth & Family for delegates.

Respectfully Submitted, Sheila Anonsen, NWC Secretary

WHAT ARE WE EVEN TALKING ABOUT?!?

YOUR GUIDE TO COVENANT ACRONYMS

AC	Adventurous Christians (Camp on the Gunflint Trail, operated by CPM. See below.)	DOOM	Department of Ordered Ministry (Now they're part of Develop Leaders)
AIL	Adventures in Leadership (Intensive outdoor leadership experience for high schoolers)	ECC	Evangelical Covenant Church (If you didn't know this, we can't help you)
AM	Annual Meeting (Highest decision-making body of the NWC & ECC)	LBBC	Lake Beauty Bible Camp (Camp serving lots of MN, SD and WI)
BBC	Bluewater Bible Camp (Camp serving our churches in north central MN)	LMDJ	Love Mercy Do Justice (ECC ministry priority that engages with churches in developing community ministries)
BOOM	Board of Ordered Ministry (Credentialing board for clergy ... the buck stops here)	MA	Minnehaha Academy (NWC school in Minneapolis serving preK-high school students)
CER	Covenant Enabling Residences (Homes for adults with disabilities)	MDD	Make and Deepen disciples (ECC ministry priority overseeing Christian formation, evangelism, and a bunch of other things)
CHET	Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (Training program for Hispanic leaders)	MOVE	Mission Outreach Venture Experience (Service and learning overnight event for high school students)
CHIC	Covenant High in Christ (Triennial senior high youth event)	MUUUCE	Most Ultimate Unbelievable Urban Camping Experience (Overnight middle school event)
CKC	Covenant Kids Congo (Mission partnership with World Vision)	MW	Midwinter (Weeklong gathering for pastors each January or February)
COMS	Committee on Ministerial Standing (NWC committee of credentialed pastors who screen pastors in the credentialing process)	NCP	National Covenant Properties (loans to churches)
CPBC	Covenant Park Bible Camp (Serving churches in NE region of the NWC ... not to be confused with Covenant Pines. See below)	NPTS	North Park Theological Seminary (Covenant Seminary in Chicago)
CPBC	Covenant Pines Bible Camp (Serves Twin Cities churches)	NPU	North Park University (Covenant University in Chicago)
CPM	Covenant Pines Ministries (Includes CPBC and AC. See above).	NWC	Northwest Conference (Mission region of the denomination)
CRC	Covenant Retirement Communities (Where you can live and reminisce with other Covenanters when you grow up)	PCP	Paul Carlson Partnership (Medical ministry in Congo to honor Paul Carlson, martyred Covenant missionary)
CTC	Covenant Trust Company (show me the money!)	SG	Serve Globally (ECC ministry priority of global missions)
CVGV	Covenant Village of Golden Valley (see CRC)	SSC	Start and Strengthen Churches (ECC ministry priority focusing on church planting and congregational vitality)
CWR	Covenant World Relief (Covenant relief efforts worldwide)	TMI	Too much information
CYF	Children, Youth & Family (... it's just shorter)	VIM	Vision, Intention and Means (What you need to be a healthy and missional church)
DL	Develop Leaders (ECC ministry priority that engages leaders ... some people still call it DOOM--see below. Giggle ... not much better than the use of BOOM. See above.)		

What else would you add? _____
(Prizes available at registration table for any we missed)

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees and Finance Committee
Minnehaha Academy
Minneapolis, Minnesota

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Minnehaha Academy (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Board of Trustees and Finance Committee
Minnehaha Academy

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Minnehaha Academy as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CliftonLarsonAllen LLP".

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Minneapolis, Minnesota
December 6, 2018

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 4,598,027	\$ 2,242,099
Cash - Held as Collateral	11,703,437	-
Accounts Receivable, Net	708,988	499,231
Promises to Give, Net	2,538,671	729,930
Investments	11,810,297	11,608,694
Inventories	7,640	11,771
Prepaid Expenses	171,012	120,547
Property, Plant, and Equipment:		
Land	1,092,952	1,092,952
Construction in Progress	1,990,705	-
Buildings and Improvements	34,734,671	40,900,772
Furniture and Equipment	5,514,053	3,668,392
Total	<u>43,332,381</u>	<u>45,662,116</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(15,170,750)</u>	<u>(18,106,723)</u>
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	<u>28,161,631</u>	<u>27,555,393</u>
 Total Assets	 <u><u>\$ 59,699,703</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 42,767,665</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,353,306	\$ 85,210
Accrued Expenses	27,657	28,100
Accrued Salaries	706,436	593,425
Accrued Sick Pay	279,597	246,758
Prepaid Tuition and Programs	661,497	705,030
Capital Leases Payable	125,383	191,374
Long-Term Debt, Net	11,320,499	11,737,739
Total Liabilities	<u>16,474,375</u>	<u>13,587,636</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	25,784,316	16,790,453
Temporarily Restricted	6,777,015	2,898,117
Permanently Restricted	10,663,997	9,491,459
Total Net Assets	<u>43,225,328</u>	<u>29,180,029</u>
 Total Liabilities and Net Assets	 <u><u>\$ 59,699,703</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 42,767,665</u></u>

**MINNEHAHA ACADEMY
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017**

	2018			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Tuition and Fees	\$ 16,028,608	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,028,608
Less: Financial Aid and Tuition Remission	(5,356,251)	-	-	(5,356,251)
Net Tuition and Fees	10,672,357	-	-	10,672,357
Contributions	1,550,208	4,116,678	1,172,538	6,839,424
Transportation	284,371	-	-	284,371
Auxiliary Activities	371,452	-	-	371,452
Rental Income	170,256	-	-	170,256
Special Events	320,865	-	-	320,865
Dividends and Capital Gains, Net	-	448,286	-	448,286
Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	-	402,138	-	402,138
(Loss) Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	(2,748,843)	-	-	(2,748,843)
Insurance Proceeds from Catastrophic Events	19,414,375	-	-	19,414,375
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,088,204	(1,088,204)	-	-
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	31,123,245	3,878,898	1,172,538	36,174,681
EXPENSES				
Program Services	18,156,804	-	-	18,156,804
Management and General	3,183,644	-	-	3,183,644
Fundraising	788,934	-	-	788,934
Total Expenses	22,129,382	-	-	22,129,382
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	8,993,863	3,878,898	1,172,538	14,045,299
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	16,790,453	2,898,117	9,491,459	29,180,029
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 25,784,316</u>	<u>\$ 6,777,015</u>	<u>\$ 10,663,997</u>	<u>\$ 43,225,328</u>

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED)
YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 AND 2017

	2017			
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT				
Tuition and Fees	\$ 15,773,050	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,773,050
Less: Financial Aid and Tuition Remission	(4,927,712)	-	-	(4,927,712)
Net Tuition and Fees	10,845,338	-	-	10,845,338
Contributions	806,841	123,610	350,398	1,280,849
Transportation	252,245	-	-	252,245
Auxiliary Activities	395,653	-	-	395,653
Rental Income	248,850	-	-	248,850
Special Events	277,819	-	-	277,819
Dividends and Capital Gains, Net	10,216	172,367	-	182,583
Realized and Unrealized Gains on Investments	6,006	1,018,567	-	1,024,573
(Loss) Gain on Disposal of Fixed Assets	20,202	-	-	20,202
Insurance Proceeds from Catastrophic Events	-	-	-	-
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	1,463,831	(1,463,831)	-	-
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	14,327,001	(149,287)	350,398	14,528,112
EXPENSES				
Program Services	12,268,404	-	-	12,268,404
Management and General	1,456,238	-	-	1,456,238
Fundraising	651,034	-	-	651,034
Total Expenses	14,375,676	-	-	14,375,676
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS	(48,675)	(149,287)	350,398	152,436
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	16,839,128	3,047,404	9,141,061	29,027,593
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 16,790,453</u>	<u>\$ 2,898,117</u>	<u>\$ 9,491,459</u>	<u>\$ 29,180,029</u>



MINNEHAHA ACADEMY
FY2020 BUDGET PROPOSAL
NWC EXEC. BOARD MARCH 2019

	BUDGET FY2019	PROJECTED FY2019	BUDGET FY2020	BUDGET COMMENTS
INCOME				
NET TUITION AND FEES	\$ 11,392,200	\$ 11,107,400	\$ 11,769,100	FY20 enrollment: 840, includes \$292,500 insurance lost student revenue reimb.
CONTRIBUTION INCOME-UNRESTRICTED	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 1,075,000	FY20 slight increase vs. FY19
OTHER INCOME	\$ 739,700	\$ 688,600	\$ 614,500	Rentals, Summer Programs, Extended Day, Ice Arena
DRAW - ANDERSON CLAWSON	\$ 126,000	\$ 126,000	\$ 126,000	Same as FY18
DRAW - ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 476,800	\$ 476,800	\$ 515,600	Growth in Endowment balance supports an increased draw
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 13,789,700	\$ 13,453,800	\$ 14,100,200	Higher FY20 enrollment
EXPENSE				
WAGES - OTHER	\$ 2,779,000	\$ 2,592,200	\$ 2,947,100	Assumes 3% pay-raises, 3.47 FTE increase
WAGES - INSTRUCTIONAL	\$ 5,685,000	\$ 5,743,000	\$ 5,916,000	Assumes increase in step scale and 1.0 FTE increase
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 1,628,000	\$ 1,661,000	\$ 1,748,500	Includes higher Worker's Comp Insurance & Payroll Tax
SALARIES AND BENEFITS	\$ 10,092,000	\$ 9,996,200	\$ 10,611,600	
OTHER EXPENSES				
ADMIN, ADVANCEMENT, MARKETING, ADMISSIONS	\$ 549,100	\$ 516,300	\$ 527,250	
GENERAL OPERATIONS	\$ 647,600	\$ 670,800	\$ 831,250	Includes higher insurance premiums and higher Tech. licenses & subscription costs
INSTRUCTIONAL and CURRICULUM	\$ 173,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 174,000	
ATHLETICS	\$ 163,400	\$ 163,400	\$ 184,200	
SUMMER PROGRAM & EXTENDED DAY	\$ 324,500	\$ 359,500	\$ 348,700	
FACILITIES OPERATIONS	\$ 626,400	\$ 616,200	\$ 815,500	Includes higher NC utilities costs of \$132K
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 62,500	\$ 62,500	\$ 88,000	Outfit new NC
STUDENT TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE	\$ 553,800	\$ 526,800	\$ 803,800	Includes insurance reimbursement FY19, No insurance FY20
OTHER EXPENSES	\$ 3,100,300	\$ 3,100,500	\$ 3,772,700	
DEBT SERVICE	\$ 710,900	\$ 191,400	\$ 615,700	FY19: Oct2018 Klein Bank debt pay off. FY20: new NCP financing
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 13,903,200	\$ 13,288,100	\$ 15,000,000	
BUDGETED DRAW FROM RESERVES	\$ (113,500)	\$ 165,700	\$ (899,800)	



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Executive Board and Management
Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Northwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the Organization's management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

CarlsonSV JH

Amery, Wisconsin
February 5, 2019

**NORTHWEST CONFERENCE OF THE
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
June 30, 2018 and 2017**

ASSETS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 329,426	\$ 194,887
Short-term investments	1,304,687	1,374,858
Due from churches	3,138	650
Endowment fund investments	858,520	807,498
Due from church plants	-	12,233
Prepaid expense	12,054	35,066
Prepaid rent	5,380	5,380
Total Current Assets	<u>2,513,205</u>	<u>2,430,572</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Long-term prepaid lease	8,070	13,522
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Property and equipment	266,147	265,150
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(219,815)</u>	<u>(195,140)</u>
Property and Equipment, Net	<u>46,332</u>	<u>70,010</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,567,607</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,514,104</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Short-term loan payable	\$ 288,939	\$ 288,939
Accounts payable	12,974	11,666
Accrued and other liabilities	3,007	6,396
Due to church plants	<u>22,374</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Current Liabilities	327,294	307,001
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	1,234,819	1,359,591
Board designated	<u>865,818</u>	<u>829,362</u>
Total Unrestricted	2,100,637	2,188,953
Temporarily restricted	134,676	13,150
Permanently restricted	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,240,313</u>	<u>2,207,103</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 2,567,607</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,514,104</u></u>

For the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017

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**NORTHWEST CONFERENCE OF THE
EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
For the Years Ended June 30, 2018 and 2017**

	2018	2017
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	\$ 33,210	\$ 381,799
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	24,675	24,814
Decrease in long-term prepaid lease	5,452	5,308
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	(25,968)	(91,783)
Gain on disposal of fixed assets	-	-
Net operating changes in		
Due from churches	(2,488)	1,183
Due to/from church plants	34,607	(23,608)
Prepaid expense	23,012	(6,231)
Accounts payable	1,308	5,394
Accrued and other liabilities	(3,389)	(1,812)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>90,419</u>	<u>295,064</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of investments	(80,013)	(486,657)
Redemption of investments	125,130	164,606
Acquisition of property and equipment	(997)	(1,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>44,120</u>	<u>(323,051)</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	134,539	(27,987)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>194,887</u>	<u>222,874</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 329,426</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 194,887</u></u>

3STRANDSTRONG CHURCH GIVING

At the 2017 Annual Meeting you heard a lot about 3StrandStrong: the reminder to all of us—CONGREGATIONS, CONFERENCE AND COVENANT—that we all are stronger when we work together. Toward that end it is suggested that congregations support the Conference with 3.5% of their weekly offerings and the Covenant with 6.5% of their weekly offerings. Following is a list of annual (calendar year) contributions we received from our member churches that help make us 3StrandStrong.

CHURCH	2018 Giving	2017 Giving	2016 Giving
IOWA			
Larchwood - Grandview	1,500	3,000	3,000
MINNESOTA			
Alexandria - Catalyst	0	0	3,573
Alexandria - Covenant	34,300	34,300	31,442
Anoka - Evangelical	4,960	4,325	3,050
Apple Valley - Restoration	4,620	3,750	217
Baudette - Evangelical	1,500	1,500	1,500
Bemidji - Evangelical	13,000	13,000	13,000
Big Falls - Evangelical	0	0	0
Big Lake - Community	2,267	942	0
Biwabik - Evangelical	631	663	720
Blaine - Door	820	0	1,140
Blaine - Good Shepherd	Closed	Closed	3,341
Bloomington	5,417	6,051	4,893
Braham - Evangelical	1,060	1,199	463
Brooklyn Center - Brookdale	3,000	3,000	6,040
Brooklyn Center - Laotian	105	0	0
Brooklyn Park - Blue Oaks	0	0	0
Brooklyn Park - LaBendicion	1,634	1,021	1,762
Brooklyn Park - Redeemer	8,000	8,000	8,000
Buffalo - Evangelical	34,000	34,000	34,000
Burnsville - Faith	8,600	10,000	9,400
Chanhassen - Lakeside	5,900	655	
Cloquet - Big Lake	300	275	300
Cokato - Elim Mission	700	0	2,000
Cook - Evangelical	0	900	900
Coon Rapids - Eden	780		
Crookston	6,455	6,026	7,100
Dassel - Evangelical	11,352	14,375	13,874
Dassel - Lake Jennie	850	850	850
Dawson	4,250	4,000	4,000
Duluth - First	7,643	8,710	10,782
Duluth - Lakeview	27,035	30,042	20,330
Duluth - Salem	9,000	9,000	9,000

CHURCH	2018 Giving	2017 Giving	2016 Giving
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Edina - Mercy Commons	1,440	0	6,005
Edina - New City	10,095	11,360	5,914
Evansville - Calvary	800	800	800
Excelsior	23,025	14,000	14,000
Fairmont - Evangelical	3,078	3,865	3,516
Foley - Maywood	5,170	2,450	4,370
Forest Lake - Crossroads	8,100	9,300	9,650
Fridley	4,000	5,460	5,460
Fridley - Unidad	116		
Greenfield - Riverwood	2,500	5,672	4,832
Harris - Covenant	1,320	1,200	1,200
Hector - Palmyra	1,000	1,000	0
Hermantown - Gethsemane	3,792	3,856	4,189
Hopkins - Emmaus Road	Closed	Closed	294
Huntley - Community	2,000	2,000	2,000
Hutchinson - Oak Heights	14,290	12,671	12,348
International Falls - Evangelical	6,000	6,000	6,000
Kennedy - Evangelical Mission	1,900	1,900	1,900
Kensington	600	600	1,200
Lake Bronson - Community	0	500	500
Lancaster	2,500	4,265	2,500
Lino Lakes - Rice Creek	5,267	5,267	5,267
Little Falls - Grace	5,800	5,004	5,804
Lowry - Community	0	0	0
Mahtowa	1,750	3,850	3,900
Maple Grove	25,740	29,687	23,901
Maplewood - Awaken	4,273	2,098	
Minneapolis - Abbey Way	750	250	4,245
Minneapolis - Bethlehem	7,625	7,617	7,625
Minneapolis - City of Lakes	3,256	2,208	2,015
Minneapolis - Community	0	2,000	2,500
Minneapolis - Crosstown	9,000	9,000	9,000
Minneapolis - Destino	3,265	3,876	3,385
Minneapolis - Epiphany	1,754		
Minneapolis - First	0	0	0
Minneapolis - Lighthouse	3,360	2,745	0
Minneapolis - Sanctuary	24,820	20,200	33,774
Minneapolis - Seeds	1,673	1,583	969
Minneapolis - Story	89	1,570	2,040
Minneapolis - Verbo	1,235	2,324	2,495
Monticello	0	2,418	4,236
Moose Lake - Evangelical	7,800	3,650	7,480

CHURCH	2018 Giving	2017 Giving	2016 Giving
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Mound - Fairview	0	0	0
Mound - Mainstreet	8,275	4,675	6,600
New Brighton - Salem	36,557	34,276	33,976
New London - Evangelical	10,354	10,354	11,795
New Richland - Vista	6,000	6,000	6,000
North Mankato - Crossview	25,800	25,800	25,800
Northome - Calvary	0	0	0
Ogilvie - Lewis Lake	2,000	1,500	1,300
Owatonna - Christ Community	790	419	274
Pennock - Salem Mission	5,500	5,500	5,500
Plymouth	24,000	23,000	20,500
Princeton - Karmel Evangelical	4,267	3,599	3,254
Red Wing - First	6,967	8,100	7,382
Rochester - Covenant	10,320	10,320	10,320
Rochester - New Day	3,663	3,996	3,996
Rochester - Salem Road	6,000	6,000	6,000
Rogers - Nueva Vida	0	0	0
Roseau - Evangelical	6,175	4,941	4,797
Roseville	10,629	19,924	21,763
Rush City - Evangelical	0	0	0
Saginaw - New Life	5,000	5,000	5,000
Shoreview - Emmanuel	15,123	14,300	13,017
South Haven - Lake Union	4,725	2,000	2,000
St Cloud - Hope	6,000	9,000	6,000
St Louis Park - Genesis	9,700	15,609	20,895
St Paul - Awaken	14,140	15,750	16,820
St Paul - Catalyst	8,391	8,589	7,754
St Paul - First	4,532	3,533	5,487
St Paul - Last City	0	150	0
St Paul - Grace	1,545	3,560	3,342
St Paul - Roots	3,310	3,905	5,590
Staples - Thomastown	0	0	0
Stillwater - Bethany	1,500	1,500	1,000
Thief River Falls - Evangelical	0	1,254	1,392
Trimont - Evangelical	5,000	5,000	5,000
Upsala - Community	5,775	5,775	5,775
Viking	20	0	20
Virginia - First	3,329	3,064	2,530
Warren - Evangelical	1,500	1,500	1,500
Waseca - Real Life	11,190	12,835	3,612
Waverly - Oster First	500	500	500
Wheaton - Bethlehem	3,700	3,290	3,341

CHURCH	2018 Giving	2017 Giving	2016 Giving
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White Bear Lake - Genesis East	890		
Willmar - First	15,000	14,652	12,423
Winthrop - Evangelical	2,625	2,625	2,625
Woodbury - Crossroads	29,200	10,000	10,000
Worthington - First	4,980	4,848	4,848
Wyoming - Linwood	4,100	4,100	6,966

NORTH DAKOTA

Drayton - Teien	500	500	1,000
Fargo - Grace	7,775	7,500	5,000
Grand Forks - Hope Evangelical	78,982	85,966	83,747

SOUTH DAKOTA

Beresford - Komstad	1,379	2,102	2,053
Brandon - Living Springs	13,000	14,600	14,276
Brandon - Swedona	528	528	530
LaBolt - Evangelical	700	700	700
Lake Norden - Evangelical	500	500	500
Sioux Falls - Prairie Hills	11,688	11,381	10,567
Sioux Falls - South Sudan	0	0	0
Stockholm - Elim Evangelical	Withdrew	150	150

WISCONSIN

Ashland - First	Closed	1,005	900
Chetek - Prairie Lake	1,500	1,500	1,500
Clear Lake - United	4,256	4,068	4,231
Eau Claire - Renew	7,410	7,760	4,915
Ellsworth - Bethel	2,540	2,540	2,040
Ellsworth - Zion	8,397	10,115	11,240
Grantsburg - Calvary	1,950	1,950	1,750
Hudson - Midcurrent	0		
Menomonie - Cedarbrook	16,740	13,241	11,750
Mondovi - Prince of Peace	550	450	450
New Richmond - Prairieview	5,224	5,425	5,717
Poplar - Mission	19,800	19,800	19,800
River Falls - First	18,418	18,591	18,604
Siren	700	700	500
Stockholm - Calvary	900	800	800
Stockholm - Lund Mission	4,500	4,500	4,500
Superior - First	1,800	1,800	1,800

937,671	930,745	925,705
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NORTHWEST CONFERENCE / FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

	Approved Budget 2018- 2019	Proposed Budget 2019- 2020	
Released from Restriction			
For Planting	143,419	124,786	
For CYF	24,200	33,522	
For Vitality	32,000	33,447	
For Operations	69,408	94,603	
Total Savings/Investment Spending	269,027	286,358	
Current Income			
Church Contributions	900,000	925,000	
Individuals and Organizations - Undesignated	45,000	45,000	
Individuals and Organizations - Designated	40,000	40,000	
Total Donations	985,000	1,010,000	
ECC share New Church Appropriations	218,300	187,067	variations in support commitments
ECC for church plant coaching		9,000	
Honoraria	1,000	1,000	
Bequests and Memorials			
Consultant/Service Income	6,000	0	
Interest/Investment Income	146,029	125,750	decreased investment balance
Total Current Income	1,356,329	1,332,817	
Available to Fund Mission and Ministry	1,625,356	1,619,175	
Congregational Vitality			
Revitalization and Training	6,000	6,000	
Compassion, Mercy & Justice	3,000	2,500	
Ministry Resources	5,000	3,500	
Leadership Training	3,000	5,000	
Latino Ministry	1,000	1,200	
Pastoral Care and Support	8,000	7,500	
Missionary Support	6,000	0	
Church Planting			
New Church Appropriations	436,600	374,134	variations in support commitments
Assessment and Training	36,900	37,500	
New Church Support	8,300	10,450	
Children, Youth and Family			
Children and Family	5,250	3,600	
Youth Ministry	18,950	18,850	
Supporting Expenses			
Personnel - Salaries	717,351	730,396	
Personnel - Benefits	211,198	214,787	
Staff Travel	38,400	36,500	
Boards/Commissions/Meetings	26,150	40,550	includes Board discretionary funds
Office	34,139	69,028	includes building maintenance
IT/Communications	47,247	43,080	
Insurance	6,749	7,000	
Professional Services/Consultants	6,122	7,600	
Total Mission and Ministry Expense	1,625,356	1,619,175	

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE / CASH RESERVES

(designated accounts as of December 31, 2014)

Northwest Conference
Accounting of Closed Church Property Proceeds
July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

	First Covenant Church Ashland, WI	
Property Sale date	Jul-17	
Liquidated Asset Value	96,044	Building and certificates of deposit. Includes 7/18 transaction.
Reimburse expenses	-2,667	
Forward 50% to ECC	-46,689	
Used 2017-2018 Church Planting	-46,689	
	<u>0</u>	

Investment Summary as of June 30, 2018

	Covenant Trust Company	National Covenant Properties	Total
For Church Planting	550,229	172,998	723,226
For Congregational Vitality	157,462	34,118	191,580
For Children, Youth and Family	158,127	34,118	192,245
Unrestricted Reserve	778,508		778,508
Total	<u>1,644,325</u>	<u>241,233</u>	<u>1,885,558</u>

BIOGRAPHICAL INFO **BALLOT CANDIDATES**

MINNEHAHA ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS



Sean Mahoney (5 year term)

Sean Mahoney and his family are pleased to be part of the Minnehaha Academy community. Sean was born and raised in a small Minnesota town, studied chemistry in undergraduate and graduate studies, and then changed focus to pursue a law degree. Sean is now a patent attorney specializing in chemical and pharmaceutical inventions.

Sean's wife Ashley is a Professor in the Chemistry Department at Bethel University, and is an enthusiastic supporter of STEM education. Sean & Ashley both seek God in the awesome beauty of nature, and in understanding the intricacies of His creations. Sean & Ashley have four children, all Minnehaha Academy students: Joshua (grade 10), Kate (grade 8), Laura (grade 5) and Benjamin (grade 3). The Mahoneys are members of Plymouth Covenant Church, where they worship.



Todd O'Bert (5 year term)

Todd is President and CEO of Productive Corporation and has been in the IT Security space for the past 18 years. Prior to founding Productive, he helped found Workstations International where he directed divisions within both the Sales and Operational functions.

Todd holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN. He is actively involved at Bethlehem Covenant Church, Edgcumbe Youth Hockey and Minnehaha Academy. He lives in St. Paul, MN, along with his wife, three children (MA Classes of 2018, 2021, and 2024) and 78lb Golden Doodle.

The mission of the Northwest Conference can be fulfilled, in large part, due to the support of its constituent churches and their members. This support comes in a variety of ways, one being the willingness of individuals to serve in positions of leadership on various boards, committees, commissions and task forces.



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Therefore, Northwest Conference leadership is continually seeking names of qualified candidates to serve in this way. If you, or someone you know, would be open to being considered for a role in broader church leadership through the work of the NWC, please contact NWC Superintendent Mark Stromberg by phone at 612-721-4893, or by email at mark@northwestconference.org.

Thank you in advance for your help!

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NORTHWEST CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Paul Knight (1 year term)

Paul Knight has served as the Lead Pastor of HOPE Church (Hope Evangelical Covenant Church) of Grand Forks, ND, since November 1991. He has a B.A.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, MN, a Bible Certificate from Northwestern College in St. Paul, MN, a Master of Divinity from Bethel Theological Seminary in St. Paul, MN, and participated in Orientation Studies from North Park Seminary. Previously, he served as an Evangelism Associate for the Evangelical Covenant Church.



Linda Solie (5 year term)

Dr. Linda Solie is a licensed psychologist who offers psychotherapy services to children, adolescents, and adults. She has also provided marriage and family counseling for nearly thirty years, serving as the primary marriage counselor for executives at a major corporation for seven years. After receiving her Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1987, Dr. Solie served as a hospital staff psychologist in child and adult psychology for three years before beginning her current solo private practice in 1991. She has taught cognitive/behavioral skills for two decades as a guest lecturer to doctoral students in Counseling Psychology at the University of Minnesota, at local Protestant and Catholic churches, and throughout the United States as a speaker at retreats. Dr. Solie is a member of the American Psychological Association. She is also a member of Bethlehem Covenant Church in Minneapolis.



Chris Studenski (5 year term)

Chris founded Emmanuel Covenant Church in Shoreview, Minnesota in 2007 and serves as its Senior Pastor. Prior to planting Emmanuel, Chris served at a Gospel Mission in Minneapolis, on the Board of a Children's Home in Mexico, at a small church in New Ulm, at a large church in Arden Hills, and on the back of a garbage truck in Mendota Heights. Today, he enjoys spending time with his family, shepherding Emmanuel's congregation and staff, developing leaders, being outdoors, competitive sports, and paying others to haul his garbage away. Chris lives in Shoreview with his wife Laura, their two girls, and their two dogs.

NORTHWEST CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRPERSON



James Volling, NWC Board Chair (1 year term)

Jim grew up in Le Sueur, MN. He is a graduate of The Taft School in Connecticut, Harvard University, and George Washington University Law School in Washington, D.C., where he was Executive Editor of the Law Review. After law school, Jim had the opportunity to serve as a law clerk to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the United States Supreme Court. He is currently a partner at Faegre Baker Daniels LLP; one of the 100 largest law firms in the United States. He has also been active in leadership at Excelsior Covenant Church, serving twice as Church Chair. Jim has also served as Chair of the Board of Trustees at Minnehaha Academy.

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