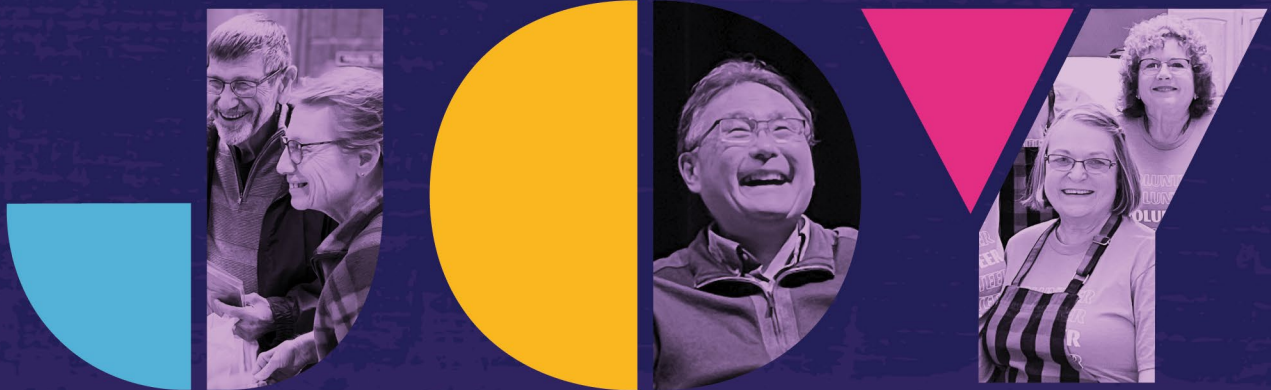


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NORTHWEST CONFERENCE | 2024 ANNUAL MEETING CELEBRATION | REDEEMER COVENANT CHURCH | APRIL 25 - 27

## THEME

### WITH JOY

*"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."*  
– Psalm 126:3

Our God is faithful. And God has always been present and at work in communities that honor and follow the Lord. Despite hardships, as recipients of God's grace, we have infinite reasons to celebrate and be glad. Throughout the NWC Annual Meeting Celebration, we will reflect on how God is at work through our churches and ministries, encourage one another as we serve faithfully, and look forward with hope as we lean in to God's abundant mercy.

Pastors, the Ministerial Association gathering on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning is for you. You can look forward to encouraging testimonies from ordination candidates, opportunities to learn and grow in ministry and fellowship with other pastors, while also conducting the business of the Ministerial Association. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning's annual meeting celebration is for everyone – pastors, you are invited to attend alongside your delegates to learn and grow together in our shared mission and ministry. All are invited to our Conference-wide worship service on Friday evening where we will worship our faithful God in celebration and joy! We believe strongly in the value of shared learning and ministry as clergy and lay leaders learn and lead together. Hope to see you there.

With joy!

*Kara Stromberg, Superintendent*

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- Engaging worship
- Practical workshops
- Shared stories of mission and ministry
- Fellowship and encouragement
- Welcoming a new church, Epiphany Covenant



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## SCHEDULE

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### THURSDAY, *April 25*

- 1:00 PM Covenant Trust Company Lunch
- 3:00 PM Registration (Ministerial Association)
- 3:30 PM Opening and Worship
- 3:45 PM Business Session
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Worship and Communion
- 7:45 PM Dessert and Fellowship

### FRIDAY, *April 26*

- 9:00 AM Worship and Prayer
- 9:30 AM Ordination Testimonies and Vote
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Ministerial Panel
- 11:30 AM Closing Prayer
- NOON Lunch
- 2:15 PM New Delegate Orientation
- 2:30 PM Business Session #1
- 4:00 PM Workshops
- 5:15 PM Dinner
- 6:30 PM Worship Celebration
- 7:45 PM Fellowship

### SATURDAY, *April 27*

- 8:30 AM Worship and Prayer
- 9:00 AM Business Session #2
- 11:30 AM Lunch

## CONTINUING EDUCATION

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### **Covenant Trust Company Lunch**

Steve Allison and Erik Carlson, Covenant Trust Company Financial Service Representatives serving in the Northwest Conference, invite you to be their guest for lunch on Thursday at 1 p.m. and a presentation highlighting the services and resources available to churches and pastors. Reservations can be made when registering for the meeting.

**Afternoon workshops** at 4:00pm will provide inspiration and learning from practitioners who understand the local church, with opportunities for pastors and lay leaders.



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## LOCATION

7801 Brooklyn Blvd, Brooklyn Park, MN, United States, Minnesota  
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## FRIDAY EVENING OFFERING

This year's offering will go toward helping students and leaders attend Unite—the Covenant's high school discipleship conference—which will be held in July at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH. Unite (formerly CHIC) alumni often trace their commitment to Christ or their call to ministry or missions to this event. We are committed to making sure any student from the NWC can attend.



## LODGING

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*Rates are available  
through April 5, 2024*



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## DEAR MINISTRY COLLEAGUES,

*"... we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7).*

And what a treasure! We shepherd the brothers and sisters of Christ in a local church family! God has seen fit to proclaim the good news of his Kingdom through normal, broken, Holy Spirit-filled people like us. We could never endeavor to deserve such a calling. It is always beyond our capacity! This is His plan. He has made us vessels for treasure—Christ in us!

As we come together this year for our Ministerial Association Annual Meeting at Redeemer Covenant Church, in Brooklyn Park, MN, from April 25-26, I pray we will value the eternity-changing importance of the treasure in the Church. Every ordinance, budget dollar and officer elected belongs to His purposes for people. Our enemy prowls around like a lion seeking to destroy. We, in His Spirit, unite to preserve the oneness of His most important Body.

So, though, "We are hard pressed on every side ... crushed, perplexed ... persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed," I pray we will prioritize the gathering of our ministerium. And I pray "that the life of Jesus may ... be revealed in our body."

*In Christ alone! Pastor Brad Kindall, NWC Ministerial Association Chair*

## MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Scott Nelson, Associate Superintendent, will be preaching at the Thursday evening worship service. We will conclude the evening with a time of fellowship and refreshments. On Friday morning we will gather again to sing and pray and address important business items such as voting on our budget, the election of new committee members and vote on the Candidates for Ordination. Candidates for Ordination will be sharing a Word of Witness during the meeting. If you have a comment or concern about any of the candidates listed below, please contact Char Rotvold ([crotvold@faithcov.org](mailto:crotvold@faithcov.org)), Chair of the NWC Committee on Ministerial Standing.

### **Ordination to Word and Sacrament**

- Adam James Christian, First Covenant Church, River Falls, WI
- Edith G. Soto Lopez, Jesus Fiel Amigo Covenant Church, Brooklyn Park, MN
- Daniel Price Swartz, Emmanuel Covenant Church, Shoreview, MN

### **Ordination to Word and Service**

- Rachel Mae Hart, Linwood Covenant Church, Wyoming, MN
- Amy Elisabeth Long, Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis, MN

## GOOD STANDING

**Dues:** In order to be in good standing and have the ability to vote, all active Covenant credentialed clergy are asked to pay their yearly dues. Pastors who are officially Inactive, Retired or do not hold Covenant Credentials are exempt. The dues this year will be \$125 and can be paid with your Annual Meeting registration. Questions: Contact Jim Murphy, Treasurer ([jim@redwingfirstcov.org](mailto:jim@redwingfirstcov.org)). **Attendance:** If you are unable to attend the meeting, regrets can be sent to: Rob Jacobson at [robjacobson@restorationcov.org](mailto:robjacobson@restorationcov.org).

## AN INVITATION

Covenant Trust Company would like to invite you to join them for lunch on Thursday, April 25, 2024, prior to the start of the NWC Ministerial Association Annual Meeting. Reservations can be made when registering for the Annual Meeting.