



The Evangelical Covenant Church

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To All Covenant Churches

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our father and our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with great joy that I greet you on behalf of your sisters and brothers across the Evangelical Covenant Church.

You are showing up and making a difference all over the world through this partnership. In 38 countries on five continents the lost are being found, churches are being planted, God is being worshipped, the sick are being cared for, the hungry are being fed, children are learning to read, women and girls are being freed from human trafficking, families are gaining micro-enterprise skills, and disasters are being responded to. Right here, we have grown for 19 consecutive years. We are reaching more people through more churches with greater diversity than at any point in our 126 year history.

We accomplish these things together by focusing on five named priorities. We:

- Start and strengthen churches
- Make and deepen disciples
- Develop leaders
- Love mercy-do justice
- Serve globally

In each of these priorities we seek to both serve our churches and unite our churches in service together. You can find more information on our website at covchurch.org. In particular, watch the overview video entitled "Making a Difference." You are making a difference indeed. The mission of the Evangelical Covenant Church is only possible because of the combined efforts of all of our congregations, working together to advance God's Kingdom. We look forward in anticipation of the rich and powerful ways God will use the ECC in the coming year.

As you gather for your congregational annual meeting, please know of the prayers and support of the entire Covenant family. Be assured of our thanks for your faithfulness and prayers for your continued fruitfulness.

In It Together,

Gary Walter
President