

THE REPORT FROM THE 2024 MINISTERIUM NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Greetings on behalf of the Ministerium Nominating Committee. My name is Rev. Steven J. Peterson and I was elected to serve as the Chair of this committee. According to Ministerium bylaws in Article 1, Section 1.1, "The chairpersons of the regional ministerial associations, and the presidents from each of the ethnic associations of the Evangelical Covenant Church (as defined by Article XV of the bylaws of the Evangelical Covenant Church) and the presidents of ministerium associations, approved by the ministerium, shall constitute the Nominating Committee of the Covenant Ministerium."

Several names were submitted to our committee as a response to our request sent out in November to the entire Ministerium. In addition, many of our committee members solicited names from members of their Ministry Associations and Conference Superintendents. In all, we received 8 names for the position of President, and 11 names for the position of Vice-Secretary.

It was a smaller pool this year. We believe that's because we asked those submitting names to first ask if the person was willing to be a candidate. It was frustrating last year to call so many potential candidates, only to be told by so many they were unable or unwilling to be a nominee. By submitting only names of willing candidates, the list was smaller, but it streamlined the process.

The Nominating Committee met several times between November 2023 and February 2024 to deliberate over the candidates for President and Vice-Secretary. We were seeking candidates who were qualified for the office, and we were also intentionally seeking good balance and diversity for our Officers. Thus, we worked off the following rules:

MINISTERIUM NOMINATING COMMITTEE WORKING RULES

- We will strive for an even number of men and women officers.
- We will not have more than two officers from the same conference.
- We will have at least one ministerium officer who is a member in good standing of an ethnic association and be mindful of diverse ethnic representation.
- We will give special consideration to nominees from conferences that have not had an officer in the last cycle.

We are grateful to God for the candidates we are presenting as nominees, and we believe strongly in these men and women. And so we commend to you for the position of **President: Harvey Drake and Rick Lindholtz.**

The job description for the Ministerium President:

The Ministerium President shall be an ordained minister in good standing of the ECC. The President leads the Ministerium Officers in their meetings and business throughout the year. The President prepares the agendas and convenes the meeting of the Ministerium Exec Committee each November and the ECC Ministerium Annual Meeting

each June. The President is also a voting member of the Board of Ordered Ministry and serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Ordered Ministry serving as the Ministerium's representative on this Board. The President grants/denies access to the email roster of credentialed clergy in the ECC for communication throughout the year. The President grants/denies the exemption from payment of Ministerium dues because of hardship. The President represents the Ministerium in requested duties at the Midwinter Conference and the ECC Annual Meeting. The President represents the Ministerium in other areas throughout the ECC as requested. The President is among those who lay hands on the ordinands at the ECC Ordination Service.

HARVEY DRAKE JR.



Rev. Drake (Harvey) is Pastor Emeritus of Emerald City Bible Fellowship, a vibrant multi-racial congregation in Seattle, Washington, committed to making the gospel relevant to every facet of a person's life. He is also Founder and President Emeritus of Urban Impact, a thriving community-based organization that is proactively addressing the total needs of families in Seattle's Rainier Valley.

Ordained in 1979, Rev. Drake (Harvey) has worked extensively with youth serving as Area Director for both Youth for Christ in Oakland, CA and Young Life in Seattle, WA. Since 1987 Rev. Drake has been devoted to addressing urban and inner-city issues through Urban Impact. Rev. Drake's (Harvey's) activities include participation on several national and local boards. He is also involved in various community affairs, believing that effective development necessitates our presence and involvement. Rev. Drake (Harvey) is known as

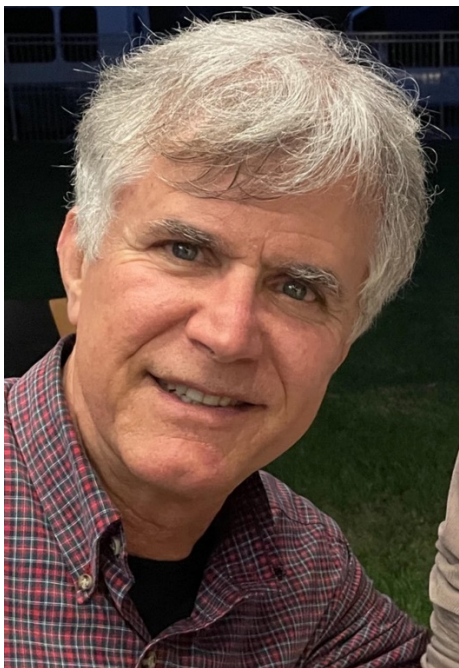
a champion of Biblical justice and racial reconciliation because of his work to bring people together across racial, cultural and socio-economic lines.

Through his work with Emerald City Bible Fellowship, Urban Impact and the Coalition for Community Development and Renewal (CCDR) Rev. Drake (Harvey) has initiated or inspired others to develop programs that address education, health, youth development, economic development, and leadership issues. Rev. Drake and his dedicated staff celebrated the completion of Emerald City Commons, a 61-unit affordable housing project in partnership with Mercy Housing Northwest. Additionally, he has engaged in developing single-family homes as well.

Rev. Drake (Harvey) has served on several national and local boards of the Evangelical Covenant Church along with several community boards. He currently serves as a Trustee for Seattle Pacific University and Urban Impact Seattle.

Rev. Drake (Harvey) is a frequent speaker for conferences, churches, and community events. His greatest honor comes from being married to Andrea Drake, Ed.D, since 1977. Harvey and Andrea have two adult sons and six grandchildren. He loves to travel, read, and cook. He also loves to play football, loves to watch basketball, and admires other people who jog.

Rick Lindholtz



Rick Lindholtz has been in Covenant ministry since 1981, serving churches in 5 conferences. He currently serves as the Lead Residential Living Chaplain for Covenant Living at Windsor Park, in Carol Stream, Illinois.

Rick toured seven nations in music ministry, graduating from Westmont College (Bachelor - Fine Arts 1980) and North Park (M. Div. 1985). Ordained in 1987, he has served as a pastor in Student Ministry, Lead Pastor, Director of Communications, Transitional Ministry, and Production and Worship Arts roles. Rick has served the Covenant and its Conferences as an Evangelism Trainer, COMS member and Chair, Ministerial Association Chair, and Annual Meeting Vice-Moderator.

Rick has been married to Alicia since 1980. They enjoy spending time with a son in Chicago, and a daughter, son-in-law, and 3 grandchildren in Salina, Kansas.

We also feel we have two strong candidates for **Vice-Secretary: Mary Peterson and Angela Yee.**

The job description for Vice-Secretary

The Ministerium Vice-Secretary shall be a minister in good standing of the ECC. The Vice-Secretary assists the Secretary as needed as business meetings of the Executive Committee and larger Ministerium, particularly through taking back-up notes for minutes, being the time-keeper, and through helping collect and share information and reports. The Vice-Secretary also receives all greetings from credentialed clergy who are unable to attend Ministerium meetings. The Vice-Secretary serves as the primary organizer and communication hub for the internal work of the Ministerium Exec Board, sharing action items and resources, and updating Officers' internal documents and policies. The Vice-Secretary helps update information on the Ministerium and CovChurch websites in partnership with the Secretary, and maintains communication/updates as needed in broader Ministerium communications, such as on social media, Ministerium facebook pages, etc.

Mary Peterson



Pastor Mary Peterson serves as Senior Pastor at Providence Church of SETX in Nederland, Texas. She has served ECC churches in Nebraska and Washington over the past 14 years. During her time in the Midwest Conference she had the privilege to serve on COMS and read many licensing and ordination papers. Mary served as President of Advocates for Covenant Clergy Women and the chair of the Biblical Gender Equality Commission. She is passionate about making space for all of God's children to live into who God has called them to be. She is currently working on her dissertation project on missional identity to complete her D.Min at Fuller Seminary. Mary enjoys hanging at the beach with her husband and two teenagers. She loves Jesus, coffee, people, books and flip flops.

Angela Yee



Although Angela's childhood dreams were to become an artist and organize the Olympics, God had other plans. After studying graphic design and working in the business world, she discovered her true passion was to see people come to know and follow Jesus.

To her dismay, she found out that the gift of evangelism was one of her bottom-ranked spiritual gifts. Over time, she learned that the Lord's role for her was in the areas of administration and leadership, partnering with others to mobilize the church to share the gospel and carry out God's mission throughout the world.

Angela, ordained to Word and Sacrament, has served in various pastoral and leadership roles in local churches, with congregations ranging from 30 people to 24,000 attendees, including Bayside Church and Saddleback Church. Her diverse ministry background as an associate and executive pastor, designer, musician, event coordinator, organizational and church systems consultant, and speaker has exposed

her to numerous contexts and experiences, deepening her appreciation for the beauty and diversity of the body of Christ. She served as Executive Director of Ministry Development for the Evangelical Covenant Church for five years.

As the author of five books, including *The Volunteer Bridge: A Practical Approach to Moving People from Sitting to Serving*, Angela is currently a consultant specializing in leadership and strategy. She collaborates with Christian non-profit leaders in developing practical strategies to maximize mission impact.

She and her husband Albert reside in California and are parents of two adult children.

The votes will take place during the Ministerium Annual Meeting on June 27, 2024, in Cincinnati, OH. To vote, you must be a Ministerium member in good standing and register for the meeting. Please register before Wednesday, June 19th.

Sincerely,

The Ministerium Nominating Committee