



# The Evangelical Covenant Church

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE

November 1, 2017

Dear Members of The Evangelical Covenant Church,

The Reverend Gary Walter has announced his intention to retire as president of The Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC) this summer. The ECC Constitution has established a broadly constituted search committee that is charged with recommending to the 133<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting his successor. That meeting will be held June 21-23, 2018, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Constitution and Bylaws provide the basic job description for the position of the denominational president. Section 6.3 reads as follows:

**The president shall provide pastoral leadership to the ECC. The president shall also be the chief executive officer of the ECC and, subject to the authority of the Annual Meeting and the Executive Board, shall have general direction of the officers of the ECC and members of the Council of Administrators, the general powers and duties of management usually vested in the office of the president of an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, and all other powers and duties as may be prescribed by the Annual Meeting, the Executive Board, or these bylaws.**

- i. Preside at all meetings of the Council of Administrators;**
- ii. Be an ex-officio member of all boards, council, commissions, committees, and associations of the ECC, except the Presidential Nominating Committee and any committee of the Executive Board that is reviewing the performance or compensation of the president of the ECC;**
- iii. Be an ex-officio member of the boards and committees of all corporations established by the ECC and their affiliates; and**
- iv. Execute or authorize the execution of legal, financial, and commercial documents in the name of the ECC when authorized by the Annual Meeting or the Executive Board, or when required by law or the regular and ordinary course of business.**

Within these parameters, the Covenant Executive Board recently has highlighted the following areas for the annual evaluation of the president.

- 1. Displays and models commitment to the gospel and the ECC**
- 2. Sets appropriate tone and direction**
- 3. Communicates broadly and effectively**
- 4. Identifies, supports, and shapes leaders**
- 5. Displays administrative leadership**
- 6. Promotes financial stability**
- 7. Provides effective external representation**
- 8. Relates effectively with the boards**
- 9. Lives a balanced life**

The elected twenty-seven person Presidential Nominating Committee includes twelve members from the Executive Board, the chairs of all eleven conferences, and representatives of four affiliate boards (North Park University, Covenant Ministries of Benevolence, Pensions and Benefits, and Ordered Ministry). The committee prayerfully seeks to discern a leader who demonstrates grounding in our historic scriptural affirmations and is passionate about God's calling of the ECC for the future. Such a leader should have a caring and compassionate pastoral heart; strong administrative, communication, and leadership skills; demonstrated commitment to the multicultural diverse mosaic of the ECC; devotion to discernment in positions of the ECC; and a true love of our denomination and its role in the Kingdom of God.

The committee is pleased to invite members from across the denomination to submit their comments and nominations. These must be submitted no later than November 30, 2017. Although we ask for your name and church membership, this information will be kept confidential within the PNC.

Please submit your **comments** by use of this link: [PNC Comment Form](http://www.123contactform.com/form-3083757/ECC-PNC-Comment-Form) (<http://www.123contactform.com/form-3083757/ECC-PNC-Comment-Form>).

Let the following questions guide you.

1. What attributes does the next president of the ECC need to possess?
2. What are the future areas of concern that the next president of the ECC will need to address?
3. Other comments?

Please submit **nominations** of qualified leaders and the reason for your nomination to [presidentsearch@covchurch.org](mailto:presidentsearch@covchurch.org).

Those who prefer to use the postal service should mail their feedback to the following:

Rev. Mary Miller, Chair  
Presidential Nominating Committee  
Covenant Village of Cromwell  
52 Missionary Rd.  
Cromwell, CT 06416

Finally, we ask for your prayers as the committee continues to work.

**Mary C. Miller**

Reverend Mary C. Miller, Chair

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