

# 132nd annual ministry celebration

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**Tammy Swanson-Draheim**  
*Superintendent*

On behalf of the Midwest Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church, it is my joy and privilege to invite you to gather for the 2018 Annual Ministry Celebration! We are grateful to Grace Place for hosting our annual gathering and look forward to sharing in their hospitality. I am excited to join with you to celebrate the work God is doing through conference churches as we pursue our 10-year goals! I look forward to seeing you in April!

Grace Place is excited to host the Annual Ministry Celebration of the Midwest Conference this April. It is a time to reconnect with old friends and make some new relationships; a time to learn and grow; a time to celebrate and mark progress. And here's the bonus: we have a beautiful location with easy access to the mountains nearby. We are looking forward to it!



**Clay Peck**  
*Pastor, Grace Place*



**David Swanson**  
*Guest Speaker*

David Swanson is an ordained ECC pastor at New Community Covenant Church on the South Side of Chicago and the founder of New Community Outreach, a non-profit organization that seeks to reduce the causes of trauma and raise opportunities for equity in Chicago. He is married to Maggie and they have two sons, Eliot and Winston.

Rebecca Gonzalez serves as the Executive Director of Operations for the ECC. This Chicago native is energized by her marriage of 20 years to Jorge and by her two boys, Luiz and Daniel. With her family, Rebecca has provided logistical support for ministry, mission and community development projects in North America, Central America and the Caribbean.



**Rebecca Gonzalez**  
*Denominational Representative*

## schedule of events

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### MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETING\*

- 8:30 AM Registration for Ministerial Association meeting
- 9:00 AM Ministerial Association business meeting
- 11:30 AM Lunch and table discussions

\*For pastors and ministry staff

All Ministerial Association meeting attendees are encouraged to stay for the open plenary session and afternoon workshops, even if unable to attend Saturday session.

### ANNUAL MINISTRY CELEBRATION

- 12:00 PM Registration for delegates and non-delegates\*\*
- 1:00 PM Opening plenary session
- 3:15 PM Workshops
- 5:00 PM Dinner and fellowship
- 6:00 PM Ministry Fair
- 7:00 PM Worship

\*\*Lunch **not** provided unless registered for Ministerial Association meeting.

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APR | SAT

- 8:30 AM Closing plenary session
- 12:00 PM Boxed lunch

# workshops



## living into ephesians 2:14

Sometimes ministries of justice and reconciliation are relegated to diverse, urban contexts. But every church, no matter its location, is called to cross lines of cultural division. Learn how our unique ministry settings provide the pathways to the ministry of reconciliation. Dominique Gilliard serves as the ECC's Director of Racial Righteousness and Reconciliation and recently released the book, *Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores*. David Swanson serves as Pastor of New Community Covenant in Chicago.



## pensando como un plantador

Este taller desafía tu paradigma de cómo diseñamos el servicio del domingo. Recibirás algunas herramientas que reciben los plantadores de iglesias. Este taller es para Pastores, líderes y todos los que sirven en la iglesia. Fil Nesta, DHM



## she's my pastor

"In the image of God he created them." Male and female, serving as co-laborers in God's Kingdom work. Join us for an engaging conversation around what it would look like if women were fully deployed in the mission of the church. Facilitated by Pastor Tim Hawkinson of Renew Covenant in Carroll, IA, and Pastor Greg Applequist of First Covenant in Omaha, NE.



## listen—a prayer initiative

Listen is a prayer experience that provides an opportunity for participants to hear from God. We will gather in groups of 3 or 4 to engage Scripture, pray, listen and share what the Holy Spirit is saying. The approach to this sacred experience is contemplative, a slowing down in order to hear God speak. The outcome is then processed in community. We will also discuss how this initiative can be offered in your church. Facilitated by Patty Thompson, MWC Director of Prayer and Leadership Mobilization, and Brent Thompson, MWC Director of Church Health.

## lodging

Private home accommodations available at no charge, but pre-registration is required.

BEST WESTERN FIRESTONE INN & SUITES  
11228 Business Park Circle  
Firestone, CO  
(720) 494-1925  
Rates good through March 19

\$110

LA QUINTA INN & SUITES  
1450 Cascade Avenue  
Loveland, CO  
(970) 622-8600  
Rates good through March 30

\$112

FAIRFIELD INN & SUITES  
1710 Foxtrail Drive  
Loveland, CO  
(970) 461-1000  
Rates good through April 6

\$122

BEST WESTERN PLUS  
5542 E US Highway 34  
Loveland, CO  
(970) 667-7810  
Rates good through March 20

\$109

## ministerial association table discussions

Pastors and ministry staff are invited to participate in a variety of table discussions over lunch following the Ministerial Association meeting. Discussion topics to be announced.

## transportation assistance

If you will **need** transportation from/to the airport, please contact Brooke Carpenter at [brooke.carpenter@graceplace.org](mailto:brooke.carpenter@graceplace.org) or (970) 532-9886. If you are able to **provide** airport transportation, please contact Brooke to communicate your availability.

# 132nd annual ministry celebration registration form

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEES

**Pastors and ministry staff**—Please note that attendance to both the Ministerial Association meeting and the Annual Ministry Celebration requires a separate registration fee for each event. If unable to stay for the full Annual Ministry Celebration, you are invited and encouraged to stay through all other Friday elements, but we ask that you register accordingly if staying for dinner. Please contact our office at (888) 871-3020 with registration questions.

### Ministerial Association Meeting Friday 9:00 am

\$20—Pastor/Ministry Staff (includes lunch) ..... x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$10—Minister's Spouse (includes lunch) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$ 5—Retired Minister/Spouse (includes lunch) ..... x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### ADD:

\$12—Friday night dinner (optional) ..... x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Annual Ministry Celebration Friday 1:00 pm, Saturday 8:00 am (includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch)

\$65—Delegate ..... x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$35—Non-delegate ..... x \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE

# APRIL 5

Registrations postmarked **by APRIL 5** will be entered in a prize drawing!

**No refunds after April 14**

Register online at [www.midwestcovenant.org](http://www.midwestcovenant.org)

OR

Make checks payable to *Midwest Conference* and mail with completed form to the address at the bottom of the page.

## WORKSHOPS Pre-registration required

Living into Ephesians 2:14  
 Pensando Como Un Plantador  
 She's My Pastor  
 Listen—A Prayer Initiative

## PRIVATE HOUSING Pre-registration required

I would like for the Housing Committee to secure a **private** home for me.  
 Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Circle **all** nights needed: Thur Fri Sat

## FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY NEEDS

Please list food allergies/dietary needs for you and/or your children.

## CHILDCARE (ages 0-5 years—all children must be pre-registered)

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_

Circle **all** needs: Fri (Min Assn) Fri (AMC) Fri (evening worship) Sat (AMC)