

CANDIDATE PROFILES

Midwest Conference Executive Board

135th Annual Ministry Celebration

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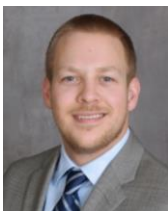
Incoming Members



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Lisa Barton, Trailhead Covenant Church, Longmont, CO

Personal statement: In recent years, as it has become clearer that Joy comes hand-in-hand with deep Sorrow, and Lament steps on the heels of Celebration, there remains one constant: Jesus desires a relationship with me. I believe without a doubt that He is faithful in that, even when I am weak or unsure. In light of that reality, I am simply called to respond: 1) trusting in the “Missio Dei” ... to believe for certain that God is at work in the world, 2) following the leading of the Holy Spirit to guide me through disappointment and heartache AS WELL AS celebration and worship, 3) responding to these truths with hope and a genuine desire to see others as the “Imago Dei”, AND 4) to truly love my neighbor through the “sacred ordinary” of each day.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Grayson Dagaanaar, Evangelical Covenant Church, Pomeroy, IA

Personal statement: I love the church of Jesus Christ. I surrendered my life to the Lord in high school. Shortly thereafter, I began serving in vocational ministry. Each day I must choose to make that same decision to submit to Jesus’s will. Some days I fall short, but God is good and gracious. He forgives. That’s why I serve him in the first place! I believe in the gospel.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Nate Kauffman, First Covenant Church, Omaha, NE

Personal statement: I desire for my life to be pleasing to God and to reflect the life of Jesus Christ as the standard for my faith. Through this pursuit, I strive to learn more about being a disciple of Christ and how to regularly incorporate my faith into my daily life, interactions and ambitions. I value diverse relationships and the opportunity to grow and be challenged in my faith.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Eugene Kiruhura, Shalom Covenant Church, Urbandale, IA

Personal statement: I was born in a Christian home, grew up in the church, led youth group, led choir, and now I am the Senior Pastor of Shalom Covenant Church. I love God, love to serve him, and love to serve others.



TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Jan Martinez, Denver, NE

Personal statement: My Savior is Jesus Christ. I have been in awe of Him since He saved me. My love for Him has grown over these past 40 years. I have learned to trust Him as He guides me. I pray to be constantly obedient to Him. I pray for Him to work unheeded in my life as I work in this Kingdom. I am daily in awe of His work in this world.

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Rustin McClure, Faith Connection Covenant Church, Washington, KS

Personal statement: I am deeply convinced, through my own personal faith journey and experiences, that without a personal relationship with the Father, enabled through the entire holistic ministry of Jesus and empowered through the Holy Spirit, we are desperately and irreparably lost in this sinful and broken world. I recognize that scripture is inspired by God, necessary for a God-honoring worldview and essential in our journey towards a righteous life. I also recognize that my faith is not an individual affair and that it is best practiced in community on mission together in friendship.

Incumbents

TWO-YEAR TERM (2023)

Jill Craig, Evangelical Covenant Church, Wakefield, NE

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Katie Martinez, Crossroads Covenant Church, Loveland, CO

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Glory McDaniel, Arvada Covenant Church, Arvada, CO

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Travis Nordstrom, First Covenant Church, Omaha, NE

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Jose Sanchez, Siloe Covenant Church, Lenexa, KS

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Jessica Springer, Community Covenant Church, Lenexa, KS

†appointed to additional term in 2020 in absence of Annual Ministry Celebration



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