

“The mission of Covenant Presbyterian Church is to encourage a diverse worship family that is representative of our past and embraces our future.”

Please place a check by the commission you are interested in being a part of and cut along the dotted line. You may mail your form to the church office; or place it in the offering plate on any Sunday. If you are not sure what commission suits you, why not sit in on one or more of the meeting before deciding?

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- Adult Education
 - Building and Grounds
 - Christian Education
 - Congregational Life and Fellowship/Fundraising
 - Evangelism and Membership
 - Finance
 - Stewardship
 - Mission and Outreach
 - Worship and Music

Name and Phone # (please print)

You can Serve!

Within the reformed tradition, we hold dear to “the priesthood of all believers” – the members are the ministers of the church. It is the members who enable Covenant’s ministries to thrive. It is the members who, in glad service of Christ, enable the church to serve as a beacon of God’s grace and love. Indeed, the apostle Paul said “The Spirit is in each one of us for the good of all.” The only way that we can be

true to our calling as a church, is if all of us begin to recognize that God is calling us. Each one of us has some special gift of the spirit that is needed in order that we might more truly serve as Christ’s Church. As God blesses each of us with special gifts, God calls us to use them.

As Covenant enters 2010 under the guidance of the Rev. Jan Willem van der Werff, the session invites any members who feel the nudging of the spirit of God in their hearts to become more involved in the ministry of Christ on earth. Christ’s church needs us. Let us all prayerfully discern how and where God is calling us to ministry in this community. We are inviting you to look at the listing of the commissions that follows, and decide if there is any particular commission that has some interest to you.

Commissions at Covenant

The Adult Education Commission provides learning experiences and resources for the adult members of the congregation. While respecting the variety of needs and learning styles present within the community, the commission strives to offer educational classes and program of spiritual formation that result in an increasing appreciation of Scripture, a deepening of faith and commitment to Jesus Christ and a greater openness to the transforming power of God. Oversees and nurtures the adult forum, men’s breakfast, and seasonal study groups.

The Building and Grounds Commission honors and cares for our house of worship and ministry. Oversees the maintenance and upkeep of the building and grounds of our church. Devises plans to upgrade and improve our building and encourages the care and respect of our church building by our members and tenants. Develops long range plans for the

upkeep of the building and approves requests for building use by others.

The Christian Education Commission educates our children in God's way of love, teaching them the Christian message in order to develop and nurture their faith. Plans and prepares our Sunday school programs including weekly Sunday school class, confirmation class, and communion class; creates opportunities for families to experience the joy of learning; and supports Covenant's Sunday school teachers.

The Congregational Life and Fellowship/Fundraising Commission strives to promote activities to provide camaraderie among the members and friends of Covenant. Such events include, but are not limited to, dinners, holiday celebrations, and flea markets. This commission is responsible for all fund raising activities, Sunday morning coffee hours, and the kitchen's supplies and cleanliness.

The Evangelism and Membership Commission promotes an atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality among the members and visitors of the church. Devises ways in which members can come to know one another better and care for each other. Reaches out to the community to welcome all people into our church and works to remove any barriers to make our congregation more inclusive of all people who seek a community of God's love; supports new members and provides care for all members.

Finance Commission oversees the financial management of the church. Proposes annual operating budget to the session, and ensure the church is able to meet its financial obligations; oversees and manages the church's investments portfolio.

Stewardship Commission helps the congregation find a sense of meaning, joy, and spiritual growth in giving back to God. We give our time, talents and tokens to build a stronger relationship with God.

The Mission and Outreach Commission is responsible for developing, overseeing and promoting the mission and community outreach of the congregation while discerning God's plan for Covenant's mission outreach.

- Determine the distribution of our benevolence budget/special offerings to local, national and world mission and outreach activities.
- Develop, encourage and support hands-on mission and service opportunities for our congregation.
- Inform the congregation of mission programs supported by our church and the Presbytery encouraging church members' direct and indirect support through their finances, labor and prayers.
- Promote and identify opportunities for our congregation to minister to the needs and concerns of our immediate community - financially, physically and spiritually.

The Worship and Music Commission nurtures and promotes our worshipping together as God's people; searches for ways to make our worship experience more meaningful. Working with the pastor this commission helps design and coordinate special worship services; develops ways to increase the spirituality and prayer life of our church; supports the growth of our vital music ministry; helps to oversee the work of the choirs and music in the life of the congregation; and finds ways to experience cultural and racial diversity within our worship.