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Greetings Covenant Family,

Thank you for taking the time to be present together, to pray, to worship, to fellowship and to collectively discern how God is moving within your conference and where you are being called to partner with him more deeply in this coming season of ministry. I love that these annual gatherings are often referred to as a “celebration,” as there is so much to celebrate in the Covenant Church.

I am excited about the upcoming gathering of our local churches for Gather 2025 in Orlando Florida! We will be joined by many of the presidents of our sister Covenant Churches around the world as we come together to celebrate 140 years of ministry. Our global ministry and partnerships have been transformational to both our local churches here in North America and to local communities around the world. What an amazing grace we participate in when we work together in service to Jesus and follow him where he leads us. The theme of this year’s gathering is “Follow Me.” Throughout the week, we’ll hear Jesus’s timeless call to “Follow Me”—the invitation that has transformed countless lives across the centuries. Come connect with sisters and brothers, joining guests from around the world, as we celebrate, discern, and dream together—following Christ into the next chapter of the Covenant story. Please plan to attend in person or online as a delegate or a general conferee. This will be a time that you will not want to miss out on. Details, including how to register, are available online: covchurch.org/gather

As we prepare to gather both locally and nationally, I feel a deep burden to call our churches to pray. Pray for our churches seeking to faithfully respond to the many places in need of the love of Jesus expressed through words and through acts of compassion, mercy, justice, and peace making. This will look different in each of your communities, but as a nation, we are facing a time where the love of Christ and his call to care for the lost and the least of these has never felt more pressing. Sharing God’s love in word and deed is imbedded in the DNA of the Covenant Church. May we, as God’s people who experience the love of the Father, continue to seek the good of our brothers and sisters in need. May we act boldly as we are led by the Holy Spirit, through the resurrection power of Christ Jesus, to bring the Good News of God’s Kingdom to a lost and hurting world.

For God’s glory and neighbor’s good,

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