

Church Outreach

Resource churches to serve locally and globally

- We equip pastors and lay leaders to raise the temperature for evangelism in their church.
- We provide churches with resources and workshops focused on evangelism, outreach, and compassion, justice and mercy.
- We give financial support to our conference camps.
- We coach churches through the process of purchasing property or buildings that will expand or improve their ministry capacity.
- We serve conference children's ministries with The Lego Project.

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The Ministry of the Great Lakes Conference

Serving our conference churches to increase the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



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OF EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCHES



The Great Lakes Conference



Check out upcoming events, sign up for our Newsletter, and find helpful resources.

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Church Vitality

Help strengthen existing churches

We Help Churches:

- Better understand their community's demographics
- Identify strengths & shortcomings in ministry
- Develop a "vitality pathway" to regain missional traction
- Resolve conflict
- Revise organizational structures for more fruitful ministry
- Establish sound financial accounting and reporting systems
- Search for additional staff members

In addition, we frequently speak at conference churches to encourage, inspire, and invite the congregation to deepen their relationship with Christ and further the mission of the church. We also visit conference churches and offer constructive "feedback" upon request.

Church Planting

Start new churches

In Church Planting We:

- Aim to plant 2-3 new churches per year
- Recruit and train healthy, missional churches to "parent" a daughter church
- Recruit, assess, and train prospective church planters
- Coach them in all dimensions of planting for the first five years
- Guide these churches through the process of acquiring their first facility

And He said to them, "go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Adoptions:

- We cultivate relationships with leaders of potential churches.
- We assess churches that wish to affiliate with the Covenant to ensure a good fit.
- We guide church leaders through the process of adoption.

Church Leadership

Develop pastors, staff, and lay leaders

Developing Leaders:

- We frequently organize conference-wide, practical church leadership training.
- We lead workshops in local churches that help equip lay leaders and pastors for their tasks in the church.
- We give administrative and logistical support for the Pastors' Fall Retreat.
- We mentor pastors serving in their "first call" as a lead pastor.
- We provide care for our conference pastors.
- We support our pastors through the credentialing process.
- We guide pastoral search committees through the process of finding a new pastor or staff member.
- We coach church chairs in the art of chairing a church.

