

**Recommendation from the Executive Board  
Regarding Five-Year Term for the  
Commission on Christian Action**

**Basic Recommendation**

The Covenant Executive Board recommends to the delegates of the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Covenant Church that the term of service for the Commission on Christian Action (CAC) be extended for an additional five years.

**Rationale**

The CAC writes resolutions each year for the wider denomination to address issues of public discipleship in a biblically rooted, thoughtful, and faithful way. The presentation of resolutions includes opening helpful discussions, collecting feedback and edits from the wider church via online and in-person methods, and sharing resources and best practices alongside the Love Mercy and Do Justice mission priority. The tradition of the Covenant includes paying attention to how the Bible informs every part of life; our resolutions are designed to help the church do this well and as a community rooted in the Word. The wider church continues to affirm the benefit of being made aware of important topics of discipleship, being invited into deeper dialogue on these issues, and having a record for how an Annual Meeting voted on a particular issue. Many outside of the ECC also turn to the resolutions as a way to better understand our ethical and biblical ethos.

**Goals of the Commission**

Ongoing goals for the next five years include:

- Write a draft and/or final resolution with accompanying resource page and congregational resources biannually
- Increase entry points for the church to engage topics of discipleship within resolutions
- Take a survey at the Annual Meeting every five years to listen to what issues of public discipleship congregations want more education and resourcing around
- Invite balanced and faithful dialogue at denominational gatherings such as the Annual Meeting and Midwinter in various forms (workshops, presentations, etc.) that benefit the wider church

**Accomplishments of the Commission**

The CAC hopes that our work generally helps shape a wider conversation, foster deeper interest, and share accessible education around issues of public discipleship within the ECC. Specifically, we bring completed resolutions for vote to the church each year.

During the past five years the following resolutions have been passed:

2010: Resolution on Criminal Justice

2012: Resolution on Domestic Violence

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2013: Resolution on Stewardship and Generosity in the Church

2014: Resolution on Immigration

2015: Resolution on Clean Water

2016: Resolution on Concern for People with Disabilities

2020: (forthcoming) *Resolution on Marginalization of Indigenous People*

### **Composition**

Current liaisons include NPTS faculty member, Soong Chan Rah; Alaska Conference Superintendent, Curtis Ivanoff; Native Theologian, Randy Woodley; and Director of Covenant World Relief, David Husby.

*6 appointed members (voting)*

*2 ex-officio liaisons (voting)*

*A pool of administrative advisors (non-voting)*

### **Sponsoring Mission Priority**

*Love Mercy and Do Justice*

### **Frequency of Meeting**

Our in-person meeting occurs once per year, for 2-3 days in the fall, with other business happening on the phone or online during the year.