



The Evangelical Covenant Church

August 1, 2017

Dear Alice,


In your role as chair of the Covenant Executive Board, I wish to inform you of my intent to retire next year, effective September 1, 2018. I give this advance notice so that the processes and provisions of the ECC Constitution and By-laws can be implemented in a timely way for the election of the next president at the 2018 Covenant Annual Meeting.

2018 will mark my 42nd year in Covenant ministry. Every position, including this one, has been a distinct and humbling opportunity. The Covenant is where I came to faith as a high school student. It is the community that has continually nurtured my own growth as a follower of Christ, and that of my family. It is the Church whose dedication to God's mission to God's beloved world has been so central to my own vocation. It is the relational center for so very many of our deepest and most cherished relationships.

But now Nancy and I sense a next season of life ahead, more replete with time for a growing and far-flung family (soon to be nine time zones), and other deferred interests. While this will be my last full time or on-going vocational role, serving God is a way of life that will continue for us as it does for every Christ-follower.

I am confident God will raise up gifted and godly leadership for a faithful and fruitful future for the Covenant. I will do whatever is helpful for a smooth transition as that time approaches.

In deep appreciation for all the Covenant means to us,



Rev. Gary B. Walter
President