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Covenant People Responding...Connecting Covenant Churches with Joplin, Missouri

As the tragedy of the Joplin, MO, tornado falls from the front pages, the work of cleaning debris and helping people reclaim their lives will stretch out into the fall and maybe even the winter. Covenant churches can make a big impact by joining forces with **Covenant People Responding (CPR)**, a ministry of Hillcrest Covenant Church of Prairie Village, KS.

Immediately following the tornado, a team from CPR made an assessment of short-term and long-term needs in Joplin. The immediate response has been to connect with a local church to coordinate work teams and to provide a shower trailer for workers and displaced residents. More opportunities will follow. There is much still to be done.

Churches and individuals interested in helping Joplin can check the CPR website by logging into www.hillcrestcov.org or by calling Hillcrest's missions pastor, David Chan at 913-901-2300. This is a great example of how we are "in it together."

Midwest Conference Annual Meeting

Hello and Goodbye! The 125th Annual Meeting of the Midwest Covenant Conference said goodbye to Superintendent Ken Carlson after 24 years of service, first as associate superintendent and then as superintendent for the past 16 years. And we welcomed Superintendent-elect Tammy Swanson-Draheim, who begins her term on August 1. Make sure you received a copy of the "Highlights" issue from your church office or contact the Midwest Conference at midcovcon@qwestoffice.net



It has been an honor to serve the conference for the past 24 years. Nancy and I are grateful for the many expressions of love we have received at this time of retirement, including gracious conversations, messages in the Book of Letters, cards, and the monetary gift received at the banquet. It was a joy for us to celebrate my retirement with so many friends and family during the Annual Meeting. To God Be the Glory!

Building Dedication! Pastor Brian and Cheryl Johnson and Hope Covenant Church of El Dorado, Kansas, celebrated the dedication of their new facility on Sunday, June 5, 2011. Said Pastor Brian, "Because of your prayers, participation and generous financial support, God has built Hope Covenant into a dynamic, young ministry where people are growing in life-changing relationships with God and each other."



MWC Pastor/Staff changes

Josh Danielson, Director of Young Adult Ministry & Contemporary Worship, Arvada Covenant, Arvada CO

Phil Ebersole, from Co-pastor, Ecclesia, Denver CO

Tom Greenwald, Assoc. Pastor for Student Ministries, Community Covenant, Lenexa KS

Patti Larson, from Community Covenant, Lenexa KS to Life Coach for Children & Family Ministry

Karen Lichlyter-Klein, from Faith Covenant, Colorado Springs CO

Doug Mason, from Lund Covenant, Dresden KS, to local youth ministry

Mike Nunan, Youth Pastor, ECC, Ft Collins CO

Dan Olson, Pastor, Bethlehem Covenant, Waverly NE

Allan Redenius, from Interim Pastor to Pastor, First Covenant, Fort Dodge IA

Paul Warder, Pastor, ECC, Stanton IA, retiring

Groundbreaking Ceremony in Golden CO



Sunday, May 22, Applewood Community Church held a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate a Phase 1 building expansion, giving them space for children and youth. A Capital Funds Campaign was very successful as members raised the money necessary to begin the process. We thank God for the ministries of Applewood Covenant!

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