

Necrology

The following is a listing of Covenant ministers, missionaries, and ministers' spouses whose deaths have been reported between the 2018 and 2019 Annual Meetings.

MINISTERS

Melvin R. Walker. *Born:* October 5, 1936. *Ordained:* 1966. *Service:* pastor, Chicago, Illinois (Oakdale), 1962–1965; Chehalis, Washington, 1965–1972; Aberdeen, Washington, 1977–1983. *Spouse:* Lydia Birgen (divorced), Cris Francisco. *Children:* Mark, Lydia, Rebekah, Tai Lynn. *Died:* May 7, 2018.

Paul J. Everts. *Born:* September 5, 1926. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* pastor, Foley, Minnesota, 1956–1960; Fargo, North Dakota, 1960–1964; chaplain, US Navy, 1964–1988. *Spouse:* Muriel Owens. *Children:* Peter, Connie, David, Judy, Jana. *Died:* June 17, 2018.

Luther M. Englund. *Born:* November 11, 1922. *Ordained:* 1951. *Service:* pastor, Buffalo, New York, 1949–1954; Wetaskiwin, Alberta, 1954–1959; Warren, Minnesota, 1959–1965; Trimont, Minnesota, 1965–1967; Hilmar, California (Hilmar), 1967–1977; chaplain, Emanuel Medical Center, Turlock, California, 1977–1987. *Spouse:* Elvira Carlson. *Children:* Elizabeth, Martha, Karl (deceased), Daniel. *Died:* June 29, 2018.

David A. Elowson. *Born:* February 9, 1934. *Ordained:* 1961. *Service:* pastor, Bemidji, Minnesota, 1960–1965; Pompano Beach, Florida, 1965–1975; West Peabody, Massachusetts, 1975–1980; Plymouth, Minnesota, 1980–1991; Bradenton, Florida, 1991–2003; Sarasota, Florida, 1997–2003. *Spouse:* Marjorie Gustafson. *Children:* Thomas, Laurie, Steven. *Died:* July 20, 2018.

James R. Swan. *Born:* November 22, 1939. *Ordained:* 1966. *Service:* pastor, Worcester, Massachusetts (Salem, assistant), 1965–1966; Escanaba, Michigan, 1966–1969; Crookston, Minnesota, 1970–1971. *Died:* September 6, 2018.

John A. Sterling. *Born:* December 6, 1930. *Ordained:* 1991. *Service:* pastor, Wichita, Kansas, 1987–1990; Silverhill, Alabama, 1990–2001. *Spouse:* Joy Lenker. *Children:* John, James, Jeanne, Joel, Jason (deceased). *Died:* October 22, 2018.

Geoffrey Twigg. *Born:* August 24, 1954. *Ordained:* 2014. *Service:* minister of music, Bedford, New Hampshire, 2008–2011; Crystal Lake, Illinois, 2011; Oak Lawn, Illinois, 2012–2013; instructor, North Park Theological Seminary 2012–2016. *Spouse:* Vicki Hayward. *Children:* Catherine, Stephen, Peter. *Died:* October 27, 2018.

Daniel E. Fullerton. *Born:* September 24, 1949. *Ordained:* 1980. *Service:* Prince Albert, Saskatchewan 1977–1987; Orlando, Florida, 1987–1993; Fairmont, Minnesota, 1993–2009; Pomeroy, Iowa, 2010–2018. *Spouse:* Dawn Bernstrom. *Children:* Amy, Bethany, Jamison. *Died:* October 30, 2018.

Edwin A. Hallsten Jr. *Born:* May 18, 1931. *Ordained:* 1960. *Service:* pastor, Chicago, Illinois (Portage Park), 1958–1961; St. Louis, Missouri, 1973–1977; St. Paul, Minnesota (First), 1977–1982; associate professor, North Park Theological Seminary, 1982–1997; *Spouse:* Patricia Tournquist. *Children:* Dawn, Rand (deceased), Brent, Danielle. *Died:* November 1, 2018.

Wallace H. Pratt. *Born:* November 12, 1926. *Ordained:* 1956. *Service:* pastor, Red Wing, Minnesota, 1954–1961; Spring Valley, California (developer pastor), 1961–1963; Dassel, Minnesota, 1966–1991; chaplain, Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis, 1963–1966. *Children:* Leonard, Lowell, Joyce, Sharon, Warren. *Spouse:* Lorraine Bjorklund. *Died:* November 9, 2018.

Thomas G. Klasen. *Born:* April 25, 1944. *Ordained:* 2005. *Service:* pastor, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 1991–1997; Hector, Minnesota, 2000–2009. *Spouse:* Lylas Broberg. *Children:* Todd, Stephen, Kristine, Sarah, Patrick, Lane, Aaron, Naomi. *Died:* February 15, 2019.

George M. Wold. *Born:* September 26, 1920. *Ordained:* 1957. *Service:* pastor, South International Falls, Minnesota, 1945–1974. *Spouse:* Ruth Ullring (deceased). *Children:* Mark, Daniel (deceased), Joyce. *Died:* March 26, 2019.

Russell J. Carlson. *Born:* February 5, 1956. *Ordained:* 1985. *Service:* pastor, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 1983–1993; Muskegon, Michigan, 1993–2013. *Spouse:* Laurie Bulthuis. *Children:* Bethany, Emily, Benjamin. *Died:* April 4, 2019.

Diana Lynn Wymore. *Born:* December 15, 1959. *Commissioned:* 1990. *Ordained:* 2003. *Service:* minister of Christian education, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 1988–1991; Sioux City, Iowa, 1997–2001; associate pastor, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, 1991–1993; Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, 2001–2005; Arvada, Colorado (Heritage), 2005–2007. *Died:* April 18, 2019.

Clabon A. Leslie. *Born:* June 22, 1940. *Licensed:* 2008. *Service:* pastor, Miami, Florida (Faith Christian, assistant), 1992–2007; Key Largo, Florida, 2007–2018. *Spouse:* Mary Ann. *Children:* Clabon Jr., Kristina. *Died:* April 29, 2019.

Burdette R. Palmberg. *Born:* June 29, 1935. *Ordained:* 1963. *Service:* pastor, Kewanee, Illinois, 1962–1967; Mercer Island, Washington 1967–1993; International Church of Luzern, Switzerland, 1993–2000. *Spouse:* Donna Johnson. *Children:* Jeffrey, Christine. *Died:* May 21, 2019.

Larry D. Dieckman. *Born:* January 27, 1940. *Ordained:* 1979. *Service:* pastor, Haxtun, Colorado, 1976–1979; Tracy, California, 1979–1983; Bristow, Nebraska, 1983–1986; Mead, Nebraska, 1986–1992; chaplain, The Holmstad, Batavia, Illinois, 1992–2005. *Spouse:* Jeanette Landholm (deceased). *Children:* William, Amy, Jonathan. *Died:* May 24, 2019.

MISSIONARIES

Marguerite A. Johnson. *Born:* July 22, 1923. *Called:* 1947. *Service:* missionary, Ecuador 1947–1952. *Spouse:* Lawrence (deceased). *Children:* Pamela, Carol, Neil. *Died:* July 8, 2018.

Donald R. Lundquist. *Born:* August 5, 1924. *Ordained:* 1956. *Called:* 1956. *Service:* missionary, DR Congo, 1956–1974, 1984–1990; pastor, Fridley, Minnesota, 1975–1984. *Spouse:* Joy Moberg (deceased). *Children:* John, Marjorie, Elizabeth, Paul. *Died:* July 17, 2018.

June Metcalf. *Born:* June 10, 1919. *Called:* 1948. *Service:* missionary, Japan, 1949–1985. *Spouse:* Melbourne (deceased). *Children:* Bruce, Judy, Linda, Debbi. *Died:* September 2, 2018.

Iris M. Jensen, *Born*: December 25, 1923. *Called*: 1953. *Service*: missionary, Japan 1953–1969. *Spouse*: Louis (deceased). *Children*: Patricia, Paul, Ruth, Rebecca, Philip. *Died*: December 2, 2018.

Janet L. Thornbloom. *Born*: February 15, 1939. *Called*: 1963. *Service*: missionary, Congo 1963–2007. *Spouse*: Robert. *Children*: Mark, Beverly, Twyla. *Died*: December 3, 2018.

Gertrude Fondell. *Born*: October 22, 1926. *Called*: 1958. *Service*: missionary, Nome, Alaska 1959–1984. *Spouse*: Ralph. *Children*: Kathryn, Rebecca, Stephen, John, Daniel (deceased). *Died*: February 14, 2019.

Jean Larson. *Born*: June 1, 1927. *Called*: 1951. *Service*: missionary, Congo 1951–1965; 1967–1970. *Spouse*: Chester. *Children*: Jan, Linda, Don, Mark. *Died*: March 10, 2019

Geneva M. Christensen. *Born*: October 6, 1925. *Called*: 1949. *Service*: missionary, Congo 1949–1990. *Spouse*: Gordon (deceased). *Children*: Susan, Michael, Mary Lynn. *Died*: April 27, 2019.

Ralph V. Fondell. *Born*: October 9, 1923. *Called*: 1958. *Service*: missionary, Nome, Alaska 1959–1984. *Spouse*: Gertrude (deceased). *Children*: Kathryn, Rebecca, Stephen, John, Daniel (deceased). *Died*: June 10, 2019.

SPOUSES

Virginia Anderson (Maynard), April 5, 2017, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Margaret Grant (Willard), June 10, 2018, Turlock, California

M. Jeanette Anderson (Glenn), June 15, 2018, Northbrook, Illinois

Gunvor Sparrman (Paul), August 30, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota

S. Elaine Johnson (Norbert), October 3, 2018, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Shirley Hamblen (John), November 15, 2018, Dalton, Georgia

Lillian May Johnson (Dwight L.), November 24, 2018, Chicago, Illinois

Maxine A. Schermer (George), December 29, 2018, Davenport, Iowa

Carol Sands (Dewey), February 6, 2019, Portland, Oregon

Nancy A. Ramgren (Carl), February 15, 2019, Spring Valley, California

Carole M. Johnson (Leroy M.), February 17, 2019, Northbrook, Illinois

Dorothea M. Berggren (Willard), March 18, 2019, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Alene S. Hunt (Stanley), March 25, 2019, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Joy Ann Sterling (John), March 28, 2019, Silverhill, Alabama

Janice Mae Eppard (Marvin), June 5, 2019, Red Wing, Minnesota

Ordinands and Commissioned Staff Ministers

FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

Jeremy J. Falk. *Serving:* Uptown Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois. *Ordaining body:* Assemblies of God

William F. Johnson III. *Serving:* Cornerstone Church of Boston, Boston, Massachusetts. *Ordaining body:* The Brethren Church

John A. Lloyd. *Serving:* Dolores Park Church, San Francisco, California. *Ordaining body:* Hyland Heights Baptist Church

Jeffery S. Pate. *Serving:* Ochsner Medical Center, New Orleans, Louisiana. *Ordaining body:* Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana

COMMISSIONED TO STAFF MINISTRY

Cody D. Anderson. *Serving:* Faith Covenant Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. *Specialization:* Christian education

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SERVICE

Carlos E. DeVitis. *Serving:* Peninsula Covenant Church, Redwood City, California. *Specialization:* leadership

Donna M. Harris. *Serving:* Minnehaha Academy, Minneapolis, Minnesota. *Specialization:* Christian education

Marcus W. Lantz. *Serving:* Covenant Youth of Alaska, Anchorage, Alaska. *Specialization:* discipleship

Megan L. Sizemore. *Serving:* JourneyCare Hospice, Barrington, Illinois. *Specialization:* worship

Phillip P. Volland. *Serving:* Serve Globally—Germany. *Specialization:* world Christian studies

ORDAINED TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

David P. Arnott. *Serving:* Navy chaplaincy

Phillip E. Beatty. *Serving:* Hartford City Covenant Church, Manchester, Connecticut

Curtis G. Beeson. *Serving:* The Rock Covenant Church, Manhattan Beach, California

Stephen D. Bjorlin. *Serving:* Irvington Covenant Church, Portland, Oregon

Karen E. Brewer. *Serving:* Atonement Covenant Church, Chicago, Illinois

Michaile Murray Broadnax. *Serving:* Institute for Biblical Gender Equality, Munster, Indiana

James G. Candy. *Serving:* Ascent Community Church, Louisville, Colorado

David J. Capozzi. *Serving:* Brockton Covenant Church, Brockton, Massachusetts

Carlos A. Cevallos. *Serving:* Iglesia del Pacto de Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, California

Mark Charbonneau. *Serving:* The Vine Covenant Church, Austin, Texas

Kendall C. Churchill. *Serving:* Calvary Covenant Church, Evansville, Minnesota

Cynthia R. Comiso. *Serving:* Highrock Quincy Covenant Church, Quincy, Massachusetts

Anna N. Cornell. *Serving:* Bloomington Covenant Church, Bloomington, Minnesota

Edward F. DeForest. *Serving:* Community Covenant Church, Eagle River, Alaska

Lisa C. Eastman. *Serving:* Providence Regional Medical Center, Everett, Washington

A. Karen Figueroa. *Serving:* Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos, Compton, California

Sara A. Fisher. *Serving:* University Covenant Church, Davis, California

Bradley D. Friedlein. *Serving:* Crossroads Evangelical Covenant Church, Forest Lake, Minnesota

Angelina E. Giancola. *Serving:* Highrock North Shore, Salem, Massachusetts

Thomas P. Greentree. *Serving:* Evangelical Covenant Church of Erickson, Erickson, British Columbia

Mitchell E. Haaby. *Serving:* Cedarbrook Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin

Brynn E. Harrington. *Serving:* Highrock North Shore, Salem, Massachusetts

Stephen R. Hoffman. *Serving:* Komstad Covenant Church, Beresford, South Dakota

Bum Yong Kim. *Serving:* Outpour Evangelical Covenant Church, St. Louis, Missouri

Leo T. Kim. *Serving:* New Life Covenant Church, Palatine, Illinois

Eric G. Landin. *Serving:* Batavia Covenant Church, Batavia, Illinois

Timothy C. Moore. *Serving:* Roots Covenant Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Philips V. R. Nethagani. *Serving:* Abundant Life Covenant Church, Brampton, Ontario

Trinity L. Opp. *Serving:* Alexandria Covenant Church, Alexandria, Minnesota

Scott P. Parr. *Serving:* Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, Colorado

Ancy Susan Post. *Serving:* Metro Community Church, Englewood, New Jersey

Joseph T. Riffe. *Serving:* Church of the Redeemer, Bowie, Maryland

Tammy J. Roach. *Serving:* Alleluia! Lutheran Church, Naperville, Illinois

Noel P. Simms. *Serving:* Greater Faith Covenant Church, Riverdale, Georgia

Dean A. Soule. *Serving:* Community Covenant Church, El Cajon, California

Jessica L. Springer. *Serving:* Community Evangelical Covenant Church, Lenexa, Kansas

Laura B. Van Norman. *Serving:* Abbey Way Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Stephanie R. Voland. *Serving:* Global Personnel: Germany

Kenneth J. White. *Serving:* Forest Park Covenant Church, Muskegon, Michigan

Mason A. Williams. *Serving:* Redwood Covenant Church, Santa Rosa, California

Andrew P. Wollitzer. *Serving:* Berkeley Covenant Church, Berkeley, California