



**Curtis D. Peterson**  
**Candidate for Executive Minister of World Mission**  
**The Evangelical Covenant Church**

Curt Peterson was first elected executive minister of world mission in June, 2003. Previously, Curt served as senior pastor at Montecito Covenant Church in Santa Barbara, California, 1980-2003. From 1973-1980 Curt was a church planter in the St. Louis area, serving Christ Covenant Church in Florissant, Missouri, and Community Covenant Church in Kirkwood, Missouri. Curt also served as chair of the ECC Executive Board, chair of the Pacific Southwest Conference Executive Board, chair of the Board of the Ordered Ministry and a member of the Covenant World Relief Commission.

As executive minister, Curt provides administrative leadership, pastoral care, strategic direction and equipping for 136 Covenant missionaries in 23 countries in partnership with world mission regional coordinators and the world mission offices staff team.

During the past four year term, Curt's priorities have included the following: implementation of a staff reorganization plan; management of mission finances under budget each year; elimination of a reserve fund debt; the sending of eight new long-term missionaries; development of a revised missionary training program; the sending of seven missionaries back to Congo; organization of three world mission conferences for pastors and mission leaders; two world mission think tanks in collaboration with local church mission leaders; a global dialogue in 2010 with 25 international partner leaders and 35 Evangelical Covenant Church mission leaders; expansion of Covenant Kids sponsorship for vulnerable children to include Colombia, Sudan, Congo and India; development of the Center for World Christian Studies at North Park Theological Seminary; leadership of mission and church planting conferences in Europe for 120 pastors of the International Federation of Free Evangelical Churches (IFFEC); and more extensive mission collaborations with Covenant World Relief and the Paul Carlson Partnership.

Curt earned his B.A. in Philosophy from UCLA in 1969; Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary in 1972; and completed orientation studies at North Park Seminary in 1973. He was ordained in 1974.

Curt and his wife Martie have three married sons, Erik and Christina, Nils and Katie, and Jon and Stacy, and five grandchildren. Curt and Martie are members of Sojourner Covenant Church in Evanston, Illinois.