

The Evangelical Covenant Church
presents this
Certificate of Recognition
to
Stephen R. Dawson



For wise and dedicated leadership as president of National Covenant Properties from 2007 to 2018.

For bringing a deep understanding of and a profound passion for the work of NCP to your role as president, informed by your experience in banking, by eighteen years as technical director of Church Growth and Evangelism, and by your commitment to the Covenant Church and its ministries.

For assisting Covenant congregations with “dirt and dollars,” helping them establish their witness to their communities by making it possible for them to acquire loans and by walking alongside them as they purchased land, rented facilities, built new buildings and renovated existing ones, transforming former factories, stores, movie theaters, and schools into sacred spaces of worship and ministry.

For giving oversight to NCP’s outstanding growth in the past twelve years from \$261 million to \$410 million in total assets. For personally being involved in more than 500 real estate projects for Covenant churches and institutions, representing close to \$600 million in church and ministry related real estate.

For building up a team of practitioners who offer their expertise to churches, institutions, and more than 4,600 individuals who, through IRAs, certificates, and savings accounts, have the opportunity to support church ministries while seeing healthy growth in their investments.

For coaching churches and individuals to adopt responsible financial practices; for giving energetic and insightful direction in the creation of Bezalel, Inc., investing in people and their neighborhoods; for helping establish Covenant Scholars, allowing new pastors to begin ministry without the burden of large seminary debt; for serving as general manager of Arctic Broadcasting Association and as president of Covenant Development Corporation.

For giving creative oversight to finding, financing, and renovating a new Covenant Offices, and for patient leadership in moving staff and storage to 8303 West Higgins after sixty-two years of ministry at 5101 North Francisco.

Agenda Item 18.

For being a gracious presence, the voice of calm, confidence, and capability; for having an open door, giving generously of your time to answer questions or offer help; and for modeling a life of deep obedience to God and commitment to God's kingdom.

We, the people of the Evangelical Covenant Church, present this citation to you in the city of Omaha, the State of Nebraska, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.