

The Evangelical Covenant Church
presents this
Certificate of Recognition
to
Cecilia J. Williams



For dedicated and dynamic leadership as executive minister of Love Mercy Do Justice from 2015 to 2019.

For bringing your creative vision and administrative gifts to the Covenant's newest mission priority, growing and nurturing its ministries from seedlings into mature plants of significant breadth and depth to bear good and righteous fruit. For forming and inspiring a team of talented individuals to help move vision and values into concrete, life-changing initiatives. For guiding the Covenant Church in expanding its understanding of what it means to love mercy and do justice, and for identifying how to live out that call in practical and purposeful ways.

For initiating CovEnterprises, helping churches partner with and invest in local businesses to transform their communities; for helping establish Bezalel to lead individuals to home ownership and job training; for moving the needle forward on intercultural awareness within the Covenant Church and its entities; for initiating the expansion of the Five-fold Test for multiethnic ministry to include a sixth marker—practicing solidarity; for launching Domestic Disaster Response in cooperation with Covenant World Relief; and for making these new initiatives possible by forming partnerships and raising funds.

For challenging us to be people of integrity, that our words would be borne out in our actions and that our actions would proclaim that we are followers of our savior Jesus Christ, the one who gives voice to the voiceless, remembers the forgotten, pursues justice for the oppressed, and empowers the marginalized.

For modeling the character of Christ, blessing all whom you encounter with a humble and welcoming spirit, deep compassion, a joyful presence, and a prophetic witness of the never-ending love of God that flows through you.

For being a role model to women and men who would aspire to answer God's call to proclaim the word in all seasons. You have been a pastor to the Covenant through your words of wisdom and encouragement and through profound, convicting, and powerful preaching, inspiring all who hear to stand and shout, "Amen! Hallelujah! Glory to God!"

Agenda Item 20.

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.