

The Evangelical Covenant Church
presents this
Certificate of Recognition
to
Paul A. Hawkinson



For exemplary service as treasurer, executive director of finance, and director of pensions from 2014 to 2019.

For bringing wise, creative, and compassionate leadership to the Covenant's finance ministry, informed by your deep rootedness in your identity as a Covenanter, your extensive expertise in the business and investment world, and your broad experience working with and serving on the governing boards of Covenant institutions and affiliate ministries, including Swedish Covenant Hospital, North Park University, and the Board of Pensions.

For promoting high standards of fiduciary responsibility in stewarding the financial resources of the church, including transparency and efficiency in practice, while honoring the generosity of faithful donors.

For working in partnership with all the mission areas, and for investing in people, in communities, and in ministry for the betterment of God's kingdom.

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 giving oversight to the Lilly financial leadership initiative to promote pastoral excellence by helping ministers address economic challenges.

For your care for the financial wellbeing of Covenant pastors, missionaries, and employees, attending to the health of the Covenant Pension Plans; for guiding the denomination through the process of creating sustainable retirement options; for ensuring peace of mind for those reliant on their Covenant pensions; and for your continuing commitment to see this transition through to completion.

And in all you do, for embodying the heart of a servant as you give witness to your deep love and commitment to God, the church, and 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.