

The Evangelical Covenant Church  
grants the  
Theodore W. Anderson Award  
to  
**Keith Turnquist**



Generosity of spirit, servant heart, welcoming presence, positive and gracious leadership, and deep commitment to God and God's kingdom are the hallmarks of Keith Turnquist's legacy at First Covenant Church in Saint Paul, Minnesota, where he was a member for sixty-two years until his death earlier this year. His faithful witness enriched his church and community, as he sought ways to share God's love in all he did.

Keith's contributions to congregational ministry were many—teaching Sunday school and leading Bible studies, visiting the homebound, following up with new visitors, and leading membership classes. He served on the leadership team, including multiple terms as chair, several pastoral search committees, deacon board, and several other commissions, committees, and boards.

Attuned to the ever-changing Eastside neighborhood, Keith explored new ways for the church to minister to the needs of its increasingly diverse surroundings. Keith helped create The St. Paul Covenant (TSPC), a 501c3 corporation that became a neighborhood ministry outreach, offering multiple services for children and seniors, including preschool, after school care, and block nursing programs.

Keith's commitment, enthusiasm, and creativity led to a new 501c3—the Payne Phalen Block Nursing Program, which organized in-home health care for scores of seniors in the church's neighborhood. He provided board leadership and recruited qualified and committed paid and volunteer staff.

Needs of children were close to Keith's heart, and he was involved for many years with Family Values for Life, a nonprofit serving countless children and families in the Eastside neighborhood.

Keith contributed wherever he was needed. From filling backpacks for students at the nearby elementary school, to delivering donations from the church to a local community agency, from volunteering at the church food shelf to washing windows or doing odd jobs when needed, Keith was joyfully present to serve. And for more than fifty years, his wife, Marcy, was serving by his side.

Even while living with the increasing limitations brought on by Parkinson's disease, Keith sought opportunities to share Christ's love in tangible ways. His life beautifully reflected the prophet's call in Micah 6:8 to love justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with our God.

We celebrate the life and legacy of Keith Turnquist, recipient of the 2019 T.W. Anderson Award. Presented on June 27, 2019, in Omaha, Nebraska, at the 134<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church.