

The Evangelical Covenant Church
presents the
Irving C. Lambert Award
to
Ida Lynda Delgado



In grateful recognition of faithful commitment and passionate dedication to the cause of Christ through wholistic urban and ethnic ministries.

For more than fifty years, Lynda has followed God's heart in service to disenfranchised communities. With her husband, Ed, she has worked in Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Central America, South America, Africa, and Asia. Throughout the years of their overseas service, Lynda was the compass of their ministry together. Her hospitality was and is without equal, opening her heart to all in need.

Lynda has made invaluable contributions to the ministry of AVA, Advocacy for Victims of Abuse, as a member of the advisory team and trainer. With a deep love for people and a caring and patient presence, she generously gives of her time to listen and offer counsel. In 2018 she led an AVA training team in Argentina and Colombia, equipping, inspiring, and motivating women and teens. Lynda helped develop a certificate program on training Latino/a church leadership on advocacy and healing for those who have been abused.

Recently, Lynda has been involved with Crescendo, the Covenant's ministry for "boomers and beyond" focusing on purposeful living and service. The success of Crescendo among Spanish speaking churches is directly related to her vision and willingness to initiate new programs.

Lynda is passionate about serving immigrant populations, and she has been the pillar supporting Ed in his ministry at CHET.

Mentor and friend, teacher and spiritual guide, Lynda is a person of great strength and insight. She has a great sense of adventure, and she inspires others with her willingness to take risks and step out of her comfort zone. With immeasurable compassion, persistent advocacy, prophetic insight, and spirit-inspired grace, Lynda has faithfully and obediently served her community, family, church, and Lord. She stands as a witness of tremendous stewardship, exemplifying Christ's words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:32).

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To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for her faithful service, this award is presented at the 134th Annual Meeting in the city of Omaha, the state of Nebraska, this twenty-seventh day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand nineteen.

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For more than fifty years, Ed has followed God's heart in service to disenfranchised communities throughout the world. As director of Compassion International, he gave leadership to increasing the number of children served, expanded sponsorships, and improved organizational efficacy. Thousands of children benefited from his work. He brought his skills and compassion for others to his work as executive director of St. Francis Center in Los Angeles, and as the ECC's director of evangelism and prayer.

In 2007 Ed was named president of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos, CHET, the Covenant's ministry training center for Spanish-speaking clergy and laypersons. Under his visionary leadership, the school acquired and remodeled its own facility; updated its financial and record management; and expanded the student body, staff, and faculty. CHET has grown in reputation and potential, and has advanced its mission, equipping ministers for Christ.

Ed's leadership has extended to the Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana, AETH, the Hispanic educational theological association, which formed a unique agreement with the Association of Theological Schools. Graduates from Bible institutes whose programs have been certified by AETH may enter ATS-accredited seminaries with the equivalent of a bachelor's degree. CHET was one of the first three schools to receive certification for their bachelor of Christian ministry degree. In 2018, Ed became president of AETH, and is leading the association through a process of self-evaluation, reorganization, and long-term planning that will bear fruit far into the future.

Ed's management and organizational skills bring his visions to fruition. His passionate style of servant leadership invokes commitment and diligent effort from those with whom he works. With immeasurable compassion, Godly wisdom, a gracious spirit, and a pastoral heart, Ed has served his community, family, church, and Lord. He stands as a witness of tremendous stewardship, exemplifying Christ's words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant" (Matthew 25:32).

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