

2022 T. W. Anderson Outstanding Lay Person Award

THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH GRANTS THE THEODORE W. ANDERSON AWARD TO PERCY MUEDA



In grateful recognition of his dedicated service to his local congregation and community and his deep commitment to Christ and Christ's church.

Percy has lived a long-standing, faithful commitment to Grace Covenant Church (GCC) of South San Francisco, coupled with his unconditional love and support for every pastor since its founding in the 1960s.

As a youth when the church was established, Percy was among the early leaders in the fledging neighborhood church, which was planted with a desire to create a missional outpost to serve the growing community. "Your church in your neighborhood" was the church's early motto. Percy has embodied that ethos, both within church as well as in the broader community.

Over the years, Percy has served GCC in a variety of ways—volunteering in the food pantry, children's, and youth ministries. He would make presentations and offer a unique creativity with his popular "Chalk Talks" in which he drew a visual representation of a biblical narrative while sharing the story with the congregation. He freely offered his creativity to children, youth, and adults alike, inspiring others with his infectious optimism. Percy's creativity, masterful multitasking skills, and ability to think outside the box make him a valuable layperson.

He has led Bible studies for seniors and currently serves as a greeter with a warm smile for anyone who walks through the doors. He makes it a point to hand-deliver the Sunday bulletin to the homes of

members who miss a given church service. Percy currently serves as the chair of the GCC leadership team. At 82 years old, he is often referred to as "the energizer bunny."

Percy can be found in or around GCC's facilities nearly daily. He stops by the church building to pull weeds, empty trash and recycling bins, sort the mail, sweep the parking lot, and mend broken fixtures. Sometimes he even organizes the pastor's office when it becomes too cluttered!

Over the years, he has unfailingly offered his leadership gifts with grace and humility, chairing the church board for many years. Percy has been the default church historian, keenly aware of where anything could be found, yet never tied to "sacred cows" that would prevent the church from moving forward. He has an uncanny ability to be an early adapter, ready to take on any new challenge.

He is a dear friend, a loving man, a deeply committed follower of Christ, and an inspiration to so many.