



**The Evangelical Covenant Church presents the
2024 Irving C. Lambert Award to
Evelyn M.R. Johnson**



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

For paving the way, especially for women in ministry, opening the door for diversity, and freely inviting others, not just to be at the table but to enhance the table through their contributions;

For your visionary approach to empowering leaders; for building multiethnic mosaic teams founded on relationships based on trust, and for mentoring your staffs with intention;

For braving the loneliness and challenges of being the “first” in so many spaces of the Covenant, including as first woman elected to lead a department at Covenant Offices within the budget and the first woman elected as superintendent;

For your tireless commitment to advance the multiethnic mosaic and to the power of participation as you created diverse teams, adapting each person’s roles according to their gifts;

For your strategic leadership and inexhaustible work ethic;

For investing in a mosaic team of leaders on Crescendo, facilitating their participation in the Antiracism Discipleship Pathways, and for championing Crescendo Justice Journey trips;

For listening first before giving advice, and loving people well;

For your role as “pastor-teacher,” equipping and empowering others for servant work for the kingdom, multiplying disciples as far back as your role as associate (and later interim) superintendent in the Midwest Conference;

For being a consummate collaborator, a zealous visionary, a powerful ally and advocate for people of color, an enthusiastic and courageous servant leader, and a lifelong learner forever seeking to advance the mosaic kingdom of God—all for God’s glory and neighbor’s good;

For your rich service to the Covenant Church throughout more than 42 years of ministry and beyond, creating resources, and leaving an indelible mark in such areas as Midwinter, Unite, Covenant Orientation, Journey to Mosaic, Crescendo ministries, and more;

For being a “Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwelling” (Isaiah 58:12);