



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Presentation of the Servus Dei Award to Secretary Wm Chris Boerger

Recognition of Secretary Boerger's Service

The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger was recognized for his leadership in this church and his six-years of service as secretary with the *Servus Dei* award. This award recognizes officers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America at the completion of their terms.

WHEREAS, Secretary Wm Chris Boerger has excelled at preserving and promoting the importance of the LAW in the life of this church, both in his comprehensive knowledge of the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America* and in his commanding grasp of the impact of civil law on the mission of the church in the world, all while continuing to pursue with enthusiasm and clarity his life's calling to preach and teach the GOSPEL at every opportunity;

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has fulfilled his constitutional responsibilities as secretary with attentiveness and care, joining with his predecessors in describing the Office of the Secretary as a service unit for the whole church; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has helped the three expressions of this church realize their unique polity and embrace their sense of interdependence; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has demonstrated that sense of interdependence in his responsiveness to congregations; his collegiality with members of the Conference of Bishops, synod officers, and staff; and his open-door policy to churchwide colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has contributed valuable insight to the boards of 1517 Media, Portico Benefit Services, and the Mission Investment Fund; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has faithfully read the constitutions of this church monthly and the Augsburg Confession every Lent; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger has embodied not only "God's Work. Our Hands." but also "God's Work. Our Feet." with his colorful collection of sock apparel; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Boerger in his proclamation of the Word continually points people to the "font that both claims us and sends us;" therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this church expresses its deepest appreciation to the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger for the many ways in which he has lived out his vocation in this church through the years, but particularly as secretary of this church; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, upon action of the Church Council, confers upon the Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2013–2019, the *Servus Dei* award; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that this church gives thanks to God for this dedicated servant of the gospel who, in word and deed, boldly proclaims, "We are church. We are Lutheran. We are church together. We are church for the sake of the world."