



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
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Citation in Honor of Secretary David D. Swartling

Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

WHEREAS, Secretary David D. Swartling has shown signs, both literally and figuratively, of his deep faith, passionate sense of vocation, and love of this church;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has demonstrated repeatedly that the constitutions of the ELCA are missional documents;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has embraced the sense of interdependence between the three expressions of this church called forth in those missional documents in his responsiveness to congregations and his collegiality with members of the Conference of Bishops and synod officers and staff;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has contributed valuable insight to the boards of Augsburg Fortress, Publishers, and Portico Benefit Services;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has both modeled and preached the joy of stewardship in a Christian's life;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has highlighted the vitality of lay leadership within the ELCA;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has exuded brilliance in his willingness to provide feedback whenever asked, write a report, review a resolution, revise governing documents, give a last-minute presentation, and brainstorm new ways to embrace technology while at the same time continuously supporting colleagues;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has modeled health and wellness in his daily living, while simultaneously instituting the annual staff outing in search of the best Chicago hot dog;

WHEREAS, Secretary Swartling has exhibited shared leadership, full of collegiality, charm, integrity, and grace; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that this church expresses its deepest appreciation to David D. Swartling 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 Mr. David D. Swartling, secretary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 2007–2013, the *Servus Dei* Medal; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we give thanks to God for this dedicated servant of the Gospel who is deeply rooted, yet always being made new!