

# Service to God and Church Award

Presented to

## **ELDON B. HARDER**

This commendation is presented to Eldon B. Harder in recognition and appreciation for his many years of Christian service and dedication to the Lord and His Church and to the First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen.

Through the years, Eldon has faithfully attended and diligently served in many capacities of leadership in the life of our church. He was an excellent Sunday School and Bible teacher. He was instrumental in establishing Palisades Camp as a spiritual retreat area (including personally exploring the area and taking his Sunday School classes there). He has served as a voice of thoughtful wisdom on the deacon board and is now Deacon Emeritus. He has been consistent in visiting and counseling those in need of encouragement. He is our church historian. In addition, he has preached many profound sermons. Indeed, for many years he has served as our “in house” pastor.

Eldon has also, with the support and assistance of his wife, Helen Klempel Harder, written books. They are thoroughly researched scholarly works that have won admiration and respect far beyond Aberdeen. His language skills, integrity, modesty, and humor shine through. He still retains his quiet humility.

With the Lord’s blessings and the gratitude of the First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen, we honor Eldon and Helen Harder with this token gift to pay tribute to their service to God and Church.

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