

## AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO NACSW

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### CITATION

*“Now to our Lord who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to our God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”  
(Ephesians 3:20-21)*

- Whereas Diana Garland has been intimately involved with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work for more than three decades and has embodied the mission and spirit of the association in an exemplary fashion; and
- Whereas she served on the Board of Directors for three terms, the first term beginning in 1989 and the last term ending in 2012, served as President in 2002-2003, and has consistently taken responsibility for leading in the development and enhancement of NACSW relationships with other Christian organizations and groups and with professional social organizations such as the National Association of Social Workers and the Council on Social Work Education; and
- Whereas she has been contributed significantly to the social work profession and the Christian social work community through effective leadership, development of new researchers, and extensive scholarship in the integration of social work and Christianity, particularly in congregational social work and community ministry, through the publication of sixteen articles in *Social Work & Christianity*, beginning in 1983, two books published by NACSW, *Church Social Work* (1992) and *Congregational Social Work*, with Gaynor Yancey (2014), and chapters in every edition of *Christianity and Social Work: Readings in the Integration of Christian Faith and Social Work Practice*, as well as dozens more in other journals and publishing houses; and,
- Whereas she has provided remarkable leadership in social work education at large and particularly in Christian colleges and universities through the development of the first accredited MSW program in a seminary at the Carver School of Church Social Work at Southern Seminary and the School of Social Work at Baylor University; and
- Whereas she has been a consistent, clear, and courageous leader in the broader social work education community through the Council on Social Work Education, serving on the Commission on Educational Development and the Commission on Conferences and Faculty Development, and chairing the Strategic Planning Task Force of the National Association of Deans and Directors of Social Work; and
- Whereas she has an unbroken record since the 1980s of serving NACSW in many other ways, including presenting workshops and pre-convention institutes for more than a dozen NACSW conventions, co-chairing NACSW conventions in 2001, San Antonio, TX and 2007, Dallas TX, delivering the Allan Keith-Lucas Lecture at the 2000 convention in Columbus, OH, and providing the keynote address at the 2011 convention, Pittsburg, PA, and serving on the Editorial Review Board of *Social Work & Christianity* since 1990; and
- Now, therefore, the Board of Directors is pleased to present its Award for Distinguished Service to the North American Association of Christians in Social Work to a woman of unparalleled energy, intellect, vision, and commitment to serving human need through the ethical integration of deep Christian faith and competent professional social work education and practice:

**Diana R. Garland, M.S.S.W., Ph. D.**