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IN RECOGNITION OF A LIFETIME OF SACRIFICE, COURAGE, AND VISION IN ADVANCING THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR EQUALITY, CHRISTIANS FOR BIBLICAL EQUALITY PRESENTED THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AT THE 9TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

Bob and Kari Malcolm

As former missionaries, the Malcolms have lived a life of partnership that glorifies God and serves others as equal brothers and sisters in Christ. Kari, the daughter of missionaries in Northern China, learned quickly that women are as spiritually gifted as men in proclaiming the gospel. Together, Bob and Kari made mutual service a reality for many others as well. Kari has written prolifically, including books, *Women at the Crossroads*, *We Signed Away Our Lives*, and *Building Your Family to Last*, and many articles for CBE's academic journal, *Priscilla Papers*. Bob and Kari are founding members of CBE.

Bill and Aída Spencer

Together, Rev. Drs. Bill and Aída Spencer have ministered in urban settings for many years. They are founding pastors of Pilgrim Church in Beverly, Mass., and have written and taught extensively on the bible and equality. Among her many books, Aída's *Beyond the Curse: Women Called to Ministry*, made the 1986 *Eternity* Book of the Year list. *The Goddess Revival*, co-authored by Bill and Aída (among others) was a 1996 *Christianity Today* Book Award winner. Bill now serves as ranked adjunct associate professor of theology and the arts at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary's Center for Urban Ministerial Education (CUME) in Boston. Aída teaches New Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in South Hamilton, Mass. Currently, the Spencers edit *Priscilla Papers*, CBE's academic journal.

Nancy Graf Peters

Years ago, Nancy Graf Peters was named New York City's Future Teacher of the Year, and she continues to live up to the honor. Nancy has been a positive influence through word and service as a member of a denomination that does not affirm biblical equality. Not only has she taught Sunday School for 38 years (Lord-willing, her goal is 50!), but she has served on the national board of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML). Her leadership gifts have also been evident for many years on the board of CBE. Nancy was recently elected to the managing editor position of *Lutheran Woman Magazine*, the publication of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Faith Martin

Raised in a denomination that clearly defined what her role was (and was not) as a woman, Faith Martin encountered many pastors, church leaders, and even other women who barricaded the Holy Spirit's gentle pressing of ministry on her heart. It wasn't until she was elected president of her denomination's nursing/retirement home and saw the fruits of her Christ-centered leadership

that she realized the cost of the denomination's limitations on women. Since then, she has written a bold, biblical "Response to Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood," as well as the book *Call Me Blessed: The Emerging Christian Woman*.

Gilbert Bilezikian

Dr. Gilbert Bilezikian is an internationally recognized voice for biblical equality. He has taught at seminaries in Paris, Lebanon, and Illinois, serving for 20 years as a professor of Bible at Wheaton College. Along with multiple articles and books, including the *Beyond Sex Roles*, that have reached thousands with the message of biblical equality, "Dr. B" is a founding leader of Willow Creek Community Church in South Barrington, Ill., and regularly speaks about church as community built on the foundation of biblical equality.

Virginia Patterson

Dr. Virginia Patterson served as President of Pioneer Clubs for 27 years. Prior to that, she taught and served as principal at Kent Academy in Nigeria with SIM International. She has been an adjunct professor at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Denver Seminary, Wheaton College, Columbia International University, Trinity Evangelical Divinity Seminary, and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to serving on the boards of NAE (National Evangelical Association) and ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability), Virginia blesses the CBE board with her experience and wisdom, serving faithfully for 11 years.

Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen

Born in Ontario, Canada, Dr. Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen has taught in the areas of psychology, sociology, cross-cultural understanding, and gender equality for many years. She has served as editor for multiple journals and magazines, including the *Journal of Psychology and Theology*, the *Reformed Journal* and *Christianity Today*. Her books, *Gender and Grace* and *My Brother's Keeper*, along with many articles and papers, are popular resources for professors and students of sociology, psychology, theology, Bible, and gender studies. She is a Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pa., and Resident Scholar at Eastern's Center for Christian Women in Leadership.