Honorary Doctoral Degree Criteria

“The Andrews University Honorary Doctoral Degree shall be an award recognizing merit and excellence, and shall be bestowed upon persons who in the judgment of the faculty deserve to have public attention called to their meritorious contributions.

Honorary degrees shall usually be awarded to individuals who have made a particularly outstanding intellectual contribution (regardless of whether they have earned degrees) internationally, nationally, or denominationally, over an extended period of time in areas that endorse and reinforce the mission, aspirations and ideals of Andrews University, such as education, scholarship or distinct service to society on a broad basis. Honorary degrees may also be granted to persons who have substantially and materially helped the university to achieve its mission and objectives.

The University, therefore, shall use the following general criteria when selecting candidates for honorary doctoral degrees:

Scholarship contributions; cultural contributions; notable public service; achievements exhibiting large intellectual powers; outstanding expression of the high ideals of Christian character and service; and philanthropy. Finally, the University must be satisfied that the recipient possesses recognized integrity and has “contributed signally to the *bonum commune*” and that the award will bring honor to both the individual and the University.”