

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP AWARDS

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Congregational Leadership Awards of \$1000 are given to applicants who have shown leadership in developing new and effective ministries. All applications are due April 15. Awards are:

The Sarah Hill Brown Award recognizes early childhood education programs that have not only benefitted preschool and elementary-aged children and their families, but also changed the congregations to which they are related.

The Elinor Curry Award recognizes ministries of outreach and social concern that address the call of the church to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God," and in so doing change the congregation.

The Al Dimmock Award recognizes excellence and congregational involvement in the empowerment of older adults.

The James Goodpasture Award recognizes congregations that extend hospitality to persons with developmental disabilities, engaging them in the life of the church and thereby changing the congregation.

The Katharine Hawes Award recognizes effective youth ministries that engage youth in all areas of the church's mission and extend beyond the church into the community and the world.

The Louise McComb Award recognizes congregations that are creatively meeting vital Christian Education needs of older adults in the church or community.

The W.T. "Tolly" Thompson Award recognizes congregations that are creatively meeting a vital Christian Education need in the church or community.

The Ruthmary and Lamar Williamson Award recognizes excellence and congregational engagement in the care of the frail old.

Criteria for all congregational awards:

- Significant change in the congregation as cause or result of the initiative. This criterion is critical and of greatest importance
- High level of congregational support
- Participation by diverse groups
- Personal growth of leaders and participants
- Spirit of cooperation and partnership
- Understanding of the needs and gifts of the congregation and community

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Applications should be succinct, including:

- ❖ 2-3 typed pages describing the program
- ❖ Information explaining how the program meets the award criteria
- ❖ One typed page from a reference, signed and dated, describing the program from his/her perspective. This page should include the reference's address, email address, and daytime phone number. A reference may be someone outside the church who is involved in the program, or someone in the church who is not directly involved in leading the program, but has observed it in progress.
- ❖ Supporting materials (such as brochures, articles, etc.) are also welcomed, but please submit no more than five items.
- ❖ If mailing, please keep a photocopy of your application material. If you would like us to return photos or other material, please include a large self-addressed, stamped envelope.
- ❖ Applications may be submitted to the address below, or may be sent electronically to aswofford@upsem.edu. We welcome links to specific pages on your website, links to congregationally-developed videos available online (through YouTube, for example), and alternative media.

Please type or print clearly

Name of application contact person _____

Church _____

Award for which you are applying _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Email address _____

Website _____

Pastor/Head of Staff _____

Church Educator _____

Presbytery _____

Synod _____

Signature of application contact _____

Application contact phone _____

Application contact email _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION **BY APRIL 15** TO:

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