



The Greater New Jersey Annual Conference
Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns

**The Bishop's Annual Award for Service in the Area
of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns**

Every year, two awards are presented at Annual Conference in recognition of service in the area of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns. One award is presented to a person who has endeavored to reach out in ministry beyond their local congregation in partnership with persons of faith who are not United Methodist. This ministry may be associated with a community ministry such as a food pantry, a coalition for human dignity and/or rights or joint worship. The second award is presented to a congregation who is in ecumenical and/or interfaith ministry.

Each year, this commission seeks nominations for this award from the members of the annual conference. This also allows us to get a better understanding of the work of Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns being done in our conference. You are invited to make nominations on this form. The person or congregation should not have already received this award.

Nominations must be received by April 7, 2013.

Send nominations to:

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For more information you may contact Mrs. Bode at (732) 244-6538.

INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Nominee: _____

Nominee's Church Membership or Appointment: _____

Contact Information of the Nominee (Address, email, phone):

Nominated by: _____

Contact Information of the person completing this form (Address, email, phone):

If selected to receive the award this year, who should be contacted, the nominee or the person completing this form?

On a separate page:

- a.) Please describe the ministry/activities for which this individual is being nominated.
- b.) Please indicate what other individuals/organizations from various Christian churches or groups and/or from other religious bodies and traditions participate in these activities
- c.) Please explain how the nominee's involvement in these ministry-activities serves the interests of ecumenical (intra-Christian) and/or interreligious understanding, cooperation and dialog.
- d.) Please list the bodies and organizations within the faith-community (Christian or otherwise) involved with the nominee in these ministry-activities. Also, please give any other details or description (i.e. dates, locations, etc.) that might help the commission in its decision-making process.

AWARD FOR CONGREGATION

Congregation Nominated: _____

District: _____

Contact Information of the Congregation (Address, Email, Phone):

Nominated by: _____

Contact Information of the person completing this form (Address, Email, Phone):

If selected to receive the award this year, who should be contacted, the nominee or the person completing this form?

On a separate page:

- a.) Briefly describe the ministry-activities for which this church is being nominated.
- b.) Indicate how other Christian churches or organizations and/or other religious bodies and traditions participate in these activities.
- c.) Briefly explain how the nominee's involvement in these ministry-activities serves the interests of ecumenical (i.e. intra-Christian) and/or interreligious understanding, cooperation and dialog.
- d.) List the bodies and organizations within the faith-community (Christian or otherwise) involved with the nominee in these ministry-activities. Also, please give any other details or description (i.e. dates, locations, etc.) that might help the commission in its decision-making process.