McCormick Theological Seminary Distinguished Alumnus/a Award

HISTORY
In 1976 the Board of Trustees established the Distinguished Alumnus/a award:

This award is presented to an alumnus/a in recognition of his or her distinguished contribution to the ministry of the church. The award is open to all, without regard to age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, denomination, form of ministry, length of service or public fame. Rather, the emphasis will be on quality and significance of exceptional contribution to the ministry of Jesus Christ.

ELIGIBILITY
This award is given to living graduates and cannot be awarded posthumously. Further, retired presidents and professors are not eligible to receive the award for five years after leaving the Seminary. Only alumni can nominate, though anyone can be asked to submit a letter of recommendation.

CRITERIA
The candidate for Distinguished Alumnus or Alumna:

- Has graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary.
- Has made an exceptional contribution in ministry, making and strengthening the connection between the local congregation and the world;
- Demonstrates distinct leadership abilities and discernment, exhibiting concern not only for self but is a witness for others with a true sense of call in a specific time and place;
- Leaves a lasting legacy in his or her work that has an impact on those near as well as upon the larger church;
- Represents McCormick’s commitment to preparation for ministry, including ministry in a diverse and global context;
- Has been effectively and thoroughly represented by the person(s) making the nomination, such that the selection committee has in hand a clear biography of the nominee, a definitive letter of advocacy, letters of recommendation and accurate contact information.

Nomination and Selection Process
The Alumni/ae Council, on behalf of the Alumni/ae Association, carefully reviews all nomination materials it receives so that it can make its recommendation to the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees, which officially names the Distinguished Alumnus/a. Normally, the Council recommends only one alumnus/a be honored annually.

The Alumni/ae Council will actively seek nominees for the award, as early as McCormick Days of the preceding year. At times, the Council itself may identify alumni/ae whom they would suggest as nominees; however, the Council believes McCormick’s alumni/ae, across the world,
are the best source for nominees. In addition, in years where there are multiple nominees, those not chosen will be kept for consideration in future years.

The Alumni/ae Council considers nominations based on the criteria listed above. In the past, recipients have been recognized for “distinguished service in a particular ministry,” as well as “lifetime achievement.”

The Council emphasizes the importance of a complete nomination, which must include adequate information describing the person’s history and work, as well as at least two letters of recommendation. All information must be submitted to the Alumni/ae Office. Please be advised that the Council can only review, and make its recommendation to the Board of Trustees based on the materials sent to them. Therefore, a careful, thoughtful and complete nomination is most helpful in the selection process.

**DEADLINE FOR CONSIDERATION**

Using the form included with this packet, please submit all nominations and other requested materials so everything is received no later than **Friday, April 10, 2015**. Return the form to:

Director of Alumni/ae Relations  
McCormick Theological Seminary  
5460 South University Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60615

**Fax:** 773.752-0643  
**Email:** alumdirector@mccormick.edu

Questions? Call us at 773.947.6319 or email alumdirector@mccormick.edu

*We will notify you as to whether your candidate is being placed in nomination.*

**PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD**  
**McCORMICK DAYS, OCTOBER 22-23, 2015**

The 2015 Distinguished Alumnus/a Award will be presented during McCormick Days. The Distinguished Alumnus/a and his or her guest will be our guest during McCormick Days.
PAST RECIPIENTS

The following persons have received the distinguished alumnus award:

1977  Paul Calvin Payne
1978  Kenneth G. Neigh (B.D., 1936)
       William Keesecker (M.Div., 1943)
1979  Marshall Scott (B.D., 1934)
       Harold Blake Walker (B.D., 1932)
1980  Simon Scott
       Frank Cross (B.D., 1946)
1981  Paul Wright (B.D., 1922)
       Robert Swanson (B.D., 1941)
1982  George Hughes (B.D., 1932)
       Arthur Miller
1983  Lois Armentrout
1984  Alexander Sharp (B.D., 1927)
1985  Henry Jones
1986  Howard Rice (B.D., 1956)
       Ralph Waldo Lloyd
1987  Maurice McCrackin (Diploma, 1930)
1988  Raymond Bowden (B.D., 1952)
1989  Lucetta Mowry
1990  Dennis Benson (B.D., 1962)
       John Corbitt (D.Min., 1979)
1991  Dale Robb (B.D., 1946)
       Jack Stotts (B.D., 1957)
1992  Joreen Jarrell (M.A.C.E., 1952)
       Dirk Ficca (M.Div., 1981)
1993  James Hine (M.Div., 1936)
       Hedwig & Robert Lodwick (B.D., 1952)

1994  Thomas Dietrich (B.D., 1958)
       Mary Duckert (M.A., 1953)
1995  Jon L. Regier (B.D., 1947)
       Rafael Sanchez, Jr. (B.D., 1956)
1996  Raymond H. Swartzback (1950)
1997  Robert & Edith Rasmussen (B.D., 1953)
1998  Eugene C. Bay (D.Min., 1979)
1999  Phil Tom (M.Div., 1976)
2000  Diana C. Carson (M.A., 1956)
       Charles W. Doak (M.Div., 1956)
2001  Henry W. Andersen (B.D., 1951)
       Thomas J. Behrens (M.Div., 1972)
2003  William W. & June Rogers (B.D., 1953)
2004  Alden R. Hickman (B.D., 1963)
2005  Tim & Beth Hart-Andersen (M.Div., 1984)
2006  Edward F. Campbell (B.D., 1956)
2008  Judy Lee Hay (M.Div., 1971)
2009  G. Daniel Little (B.D., 1954)
2010  Michael Mcconnell (M.Div., 1971)
2011  Paul C. Holinger (M.Div., 1971)
       R.J. Ross (M.Div., 1971)
2012  Tricia Dykers Koenig (M.Div., 1980)
2013  Wayne Boulton (M.Div., 1967)
       Carol Wehrheim (M.A. 1964)
Distinguished Alumnus/a Nomination

All materials must be received by: Friday, April 25, 2014 (Extended from April 11th.)

Name of Nominating Alumnus/a _______________________________ Class/Degree ____________

Address of Nominating Alumnus/a ________________________________

City/State _______________________________ Zip Code ____________

Preferred Phone: ( ) ________________ E-mail address: _________________________

To nominate an Alumnus/a, please provide the following information:

Name of Nominee _______________________________ Class/Degree ____________

Address of Nominee ________________________________

City/State _______________________________ Zip Code ____________

Preferred Phone: ( ) ________________ E-mail address: _________________________

1. What has the nominee done to distinguish him/herself since graduating from McCormick? Guided by the criteria on the first page, please attach an in-depth description of the history and work of your nominee. In addition, please include a curriculum vitae or resume and a list of the positions the person has held and/or where s/he has served.

2. Please invite at least two other persons to submit personal letters of endorsement, and please note below from whom they are expected. They must be received by Friday, April 11, 2014. (Note: It is not the responsibility of the Alumni/ae Office to contact these persons if their endorsements are not received.)

The Committee will receive letters of endorsement from the following persons:

Reference 1 _______________________________ ( ) ________________

Name Phone

Street Address City/State Zip

Reference 2. _______________________________ ( ) ________________

Name Phone

Street Address City/State Zip