



## Biennial Award Recipients

American Baptist clergy and lay leaders were honored for their significant faith-based work by National Ministries during the Biennial Meeting of American Baptist Churches USA June 29 - July 2 in Washington, DC. The recipients were selected by the Board of National Ministries from nominations submitted by clergy and laypersons throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.



**Dr. DeeDee M. Coleman**, director of Wings of Faith, Inc. and pastor of Russell Street Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. received the Edwin Dahlberg Peace Award. Wings of Faith, a multi-cultural, ecumenical ministry serving metropolitan Detroit, ministers to ex-offenders, substance abusers, high-risk youth and many others. The award, named for a prominent American Baptist and ecumenical leader, was presented on July 2 during Monday evening's plenary session.



**Dr. Yoshitada Nakagawa**, an active American Baptist layman from Mercer Island, Wash. who has served in local church and regional ministries and as vice president of American Baptist Churches USA 2002-2003, was honored with the Jitsuo Morikawa Evangelism Award. The award, named for a longtime leader in American Baptist ministries of evangelism and social justice, was presented July 2 during the NEW LIFE 2010 breakfast.



The **Rev. Dr. Robert W. Pazmiño**, professor of Christian education at American Baptist-related Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Mass. received the Luther Wesley Smith Award, which honors accomplishments in educational programs in colleges and seminaries. Named for a prominent leader in educational and conference center ministries, the award was presented July 2 during the NEW LIFE 2010 breakfast.



**First Baptist Church of Pocatello**, Idaho is the recipient of the New Life Award, which honors exceptional ministries reflecting the goals of evangelism, discipleship, church planting and congregational vitalization set forth in the denominational emphasis NEW LIFE 2010. The Rev. William P. McCready serves as pastor of the church. The award was presented during Sunday morning worship, July 1.



The **Rev. Gregory H. Ledbetter**, pastor of Shell Ridge Community Church in Walnut Creek, Calif., was presented the Edward H. Rhoades Urban Ministry Award June 30 during the Children in Poverty breakfast. The Rhoades award recognizes an American Baptist pastor who has achieved an exceptional degree of effectiveness and demonstrated unusual faithfulness in ministry in an urban setting.



The **Rev. David B. Fowls**, pastor of Perry Chapel Baptist Church in Warsaw, Ohio, received the Rosa O. Hall Town and Country Award, presented June 30 during the Children in Poverty breakfast. This award recognizes a pastor in a rural setting who has contributed in an outstanding way to strengthening a church's ministry.