

2009 ROSA O. HALL RURAL AND SMALL TOWN AWARD

Criteria

Purpose

To give national recognition to an American Baptist pastor who has made outstanding contributions to strengthening the ministry of a church in a small town or rural setting (as defined below).

Frequency of Award Presentation

The Rosa O. Hall Rural and Small Town Award will be presented by National Ministries each biennium. The recipient will receive an engraved plaque and a cash award of \$500.

Requirement

The recipient shall have served as a pastor with American Baptist Churches USA for at least ten years and have demonstrated outstanding leadership for several years. The recipient must be serving currently as a pastor.

Specific Criteria

1. The American Baptist church served by the recipient of the Rosa O. Hall Award shall be rural - non-farm or farm, or a mixture of both. Towns up to 10,000 in population outside a standard metropolitan area may be considered in this classification, although it is assumed that the smaller and open-country churches will be more largely represented.
2. The pastor's Christian leadership in community life also will be considered. The recipient shall have been active and cooperative with agencies in the area served by the church. These agencies may include human relations, community improvement and social welfare.
3. Service in denominational activities during the pastorate will be considered.
4. Nominees may have completed full college and seminary training. But since the award recognizes exceptional achievement, the level of training will not be a barrier to consideration.
5. Missionaries who are fully supported by National Ministries, and/or who are known and classified as missionaries, as well as all American Baptist regional staff, are not eligible for this award.

Selection Process

In November 2008, the Recognition and Awards Committee of the Board of National Ministries will review the nominations and select a recipient to recommend to the full Board. Following the vote of the Board, the recipient will be notified. All those making nominations for this award will also receive the name of the chosen recipient. Those nominees not selected will receive a certificate of recognition.

Nomination Deadline - Oct. 17, 2008

(must include nomination form, a statement of no more than 1000 words, and three items of supporting material)

- By U.S. mail - must be postmarked by Oct. 17, 2008 - National Ministries, Attn: Susan Bogle, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
- By fax - must be faxed by Oct. 17, 2008 - Susan Bogle at 610-768-2470
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