

2009 EDWARD H. RHOADES URBAN MINISTRY AWARD

Criteria

Purpose

To give national recognition to an American Baptist pastor serving in an urban church, who has achieved an exceptional degree of effectiveness and demonstrated unusual faithfulness in ministry.

Frequency of Award Presentation

The Edward H. Rhoades Urban Ministry 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 in an urban setting with American Baptist Churches USA for a period of at least seven years following ordination and shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership over a period of several years.

Specific Criteria

1. The American Baptist church served by the recipient shall be urban, but the type of community served -- inner city, residential, suburban -- will not influence the determination of the recipient. The recipient shall be a pastor of an urban church at the time the Rhoades Award is presented.
2. Nominees' participation in community life shall be considered, such as cooperation with agencies in the church's community whose endeavors are directed toward human relations, community improvement and social welfare; in denominational programs throughout years of ministry; and in interdenominational activities during current pastorate.
3. Nominees may have completed college and seminary training. But since the award recognizes exceptional development, the level of training will not be a barrier to consideration.
4. Missionaries who are fully supported by National Ministries and/or who are known and classified as missionaries will not be eligible for this award. Those who are serving local churches as full-time pastors, even though a part of their support may come from National Ministries, shall be considered eligible.

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
- By e-mail - must be sent by Oct. 17, 2008 - sbogle@abc-usa.org
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