



The Craig W. Martin 2024 Excellence in Ministry Awards

Sponsored by
the ABCOPAD Biennial Planning Committee
and the ABCOPAD Ministers Council.

The ABCOPAD Planning Committee and the ABCOPAD Ministers Council will recognize two professional church leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in their place of ministry.

Eligibility

Any member of the ABCOPAD Ministers Council serving a church in a vocational capacity is eligible: Senior Pastors, Associate Pastors, Ministers of Christian Education, Music or Youth. Ministerial leaders serving in specialized ministries outside the local church are also eligible for consideration.

Criteria for Leadership Award

The recipient of this award will be evaluated in seven major areas: preaching and worship, evangelism and church growth, social and community ministry, leadership development, educational programs, pastoral care and stewardship emphasis.

1. Preaching and Worship

- relates the Gospel to life
- demonstrates Biblical and theological integrity
- motivates and inspires
- unifies message and worship

2. Leadership

- has enabled/or enables a church to fulfill its vision
- empowers lay leaders
- plans ways to nurture leaders
- encourages opportunities for lay leaders to participate in continuing education experiences

3. Social/Community Ministry

- identifies and participates in meeting human needs in local communities
- provides a Biblical/theological basis for community ministry
- empowers laity to use gifts for outreach ministry



4. Evangelism/Church Growth

- creates a climate for faith-sharing and witnessing
- bears witness to faith in Jesus Christ to a secularized world
- encourages a church to be an inviting congregation
- provides a plan for nurturing new disciples



5. Christian Education and Program Development

- develops pattern for faith development and personal growth at all age levels
- applies biblical principles to everyday life situations
- has concern for family development throughout the life cycle
- is sensitive to diverse educational needs of individuals and families within the church

6. Stewardship

- plans and carries out a teaching/preaching program which enables persons to develop a lifestyle of Christian stewardship
- assists persons in identifying and developing their God-given gifts
- encourages church to participate in Partners in Ministry, United Mission and Annual Offerings

7. Pastoral Care

- creates a climate of mutual caring within the congregation
- takes steps to ensure personal and family care needs are met
- provides spiritual comfort to those experiencing crisis
- encourages spiritual maturity

Nominations

Nominations for the church leadership awards may be submitted by a church moderator, church boards or committees, church members, pastoral relations committee, or ministerial colleagues.

If you wish to nominate a staff person from your congregation or from a sister church, submit your nomination in writing to lorijennings0316@gmail.com or via US Mail to:

Lori Jennings
281 Griffen Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460.

Nominations must be submitted no later than
September 9, 2024.



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