

2009 DISCIPLESHIP AWARDS

Celebrating Those Who Inspire Others to Serve

Presented at ABC/MC's Fourth Annual Disciples' (Picnic) Dinner on May 30, 2009

REGION-WIDE AWARDS

The Elmer H. Johnson Award for Exemplary Service to American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago: Throughout his life Elmer Johnson exhibited extraordinary creativity, generosity and service to his Morgan Park Baptist Church and the many diverse ministries of the Metro Chicago region. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who follows in this tradition of exemplary contributions to the region's life-in-association. *Make recommendations for award nominees by describing his/her witness on the reverse side of this page.*

The William A. Johnson Award in Educational Ministries: Throughout his distinguished pastorate of the St. John Church – Baptist, Dr. William Johnson advocated for the importance of education in every stage of life and served as a leader in religious and ministerial training. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who exhibits a similar commitment to the growth of mind and spirit in the Christian life. *Make recommendations for award nominees by describing his/her witness on the reverse side of this page.*

The Esther Davis Award in Ministries of Social Justice: Over decades of service, Esther Davis gave courageous and energetic witness to the centrality of social justice in Christian commitment. The annual award in her honor pays tribute to a member of the ABC/MC family for similar service in the cause of God's reign. *Make recommendations for award nominees by describing his/her witness on the reverse side of this page.*

The Jitsuo Morikawa Award for Relating Christian Faith to Contemporary Life: The former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, Dr. Morikawa imaginatively and prophetically led Baptists to a renewed understanding of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the contemporary world. The annual award in his honor celebrates a member of the ABC/MC family who breaks open new paths of the Christian life in our time. *Make recommendations for award nominees by describing his/her witness on the reverse side of this page.*

LOCAL CHURCH AWARDS

The Daily Disciple Award: Every church can honor a number of faithful disciples who serve the Gospel through extraordinary contribution to local church ministry. Is there one whose faithfulness is especially inspiring in this season of your ministry? Is there one who you'd like to recognize for work well done? Join us in this tradition of recognizing those disciples (one from *every church*) whose lives inspires their co-laborers. Please name below the special disciple to be honored this year, and arrange for your Daily Disciple and church family members to celebrate him or her at our picnic on May 30.

Name: _____ Number of Years in Your Church: _____

In 100 words or less summarize the reasons for selecting this year's Daily Disciple. Use reverse side for more space.

Nominated by _____ Church _____

Send Nominations by May 1 to: Tony Rake at American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago, 7035 W. Grand Avenue, Suite 102, Chicago, IL 60707, or at tony@abcmc.org or by fax to 773-804-1656.

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DAILY DISCIPLE AWARDS (continued from front page)

REGION-WIDE AWARD (circle one below)

Elmer Johnson Award William Johnson Award Esther Davis Award Jitsuo Morikawa Award

Nominee:

Nominee's Name, Address, Phone:

Your Name:

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR NOMINEE BELOW: