

The Delaware-Maryland Synod and Social Ministry Organizations'  
Awards for Significant Ministry in the Synod

**NOMINATION GUIDELINES AND FORM**

**Please note that nominations should only be for lay persons – not clergy.**

*General Information:* This year, we hope to give awards for each conference in the DE-MD Synod. An Innovation Award and the Luther Award will also be given. In addition, one social ministry award each will be given by Augsburg Lutheran Home and Village, Carroll Lutheran Village, National Lutheran Home, Lutheran Community Services and Diakon Lutheran Services. Use the form below for all nominations.

*Please nominate a person, group or congregation, within a conference, who has made a significant difference through ministry, who has developed new ministries, or who has exemplified the Lutheran faith through their service/focus on our Lutheran Heritage.*

**Please answer the following questions:**

**1. Conference**

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**2. Name, Address, Phone Number, Fax, and E-mail of Nominee (Person, Group or Congregation):**

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**3. Name of Church and Name of Pastor of Nominee:**

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# The Delaware-Maryland Synod and Social Ministry Organizations' Awards for Significant Ministry in the Synod AWARD CRITERIA

The Nominating Committee will consider the following as they choose which nominations from each conference to award.

- Personal Initiative
- Dedication
- Relationship between faith and service

Ministry takes a variety of forms from collecting food to advocating for children at the national level. The Nominating Committee will select high quality nominees from each conference who collectively represent a wide variety of services and service deliveries. Following are some categories of which they will be mindful while making their selections.

## **Scope of Service**

- World Outreach
- National outreach
- Community outreach
- Congregational outreach

## **History of Service**

- Existing program
- Program expansion
- New program

## **Deliverer of Service**

- Lay member: Youth
- Lay member: Adult
- Pastor
- Congregation
- Partnership
- Youth group
- Women's ministry
- Men's ministry

## **Examples of Types of Service**

- **Advocacy:** Policy education and activism, letter campaigns...
- **Justice:** Prison/jail program, juvenile centers, violence prevention, peach advocacy
- **Education:** Tutoring, GRE support, in-kind donations to schools, literacy program
- **Health:** Counseling, support groups, hospital programs/visitation, alcohol/drug recovery or education, blood bank
- **Housing:** Homeless shelter, transitional housing, renovation/repairs, building, program for persons with special housing needs
- **Food Service:** Soup kitchen, meal delivery/preparation, food collection, fund raising
- **Clothing:** Collection, distribution, storage, creation
- **Employment:** Training, readiness skills, support, mentoring
- **Elderly:** Visitation, transportation, creations and donations such as quilts, home care, respite care, nursing home ministry
- **Youth:** Tutoring, mentoring, daycare, afterschool program, sports, mission projects or trips
- **Environment:** Education, advocacy, clean-up recycle
- **Other Populations:** Refugee services, services for persons with disabilities or mental illness
- **Worship:** music, art, dance