

2005 RECOGNITIONS AND AWARDS

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE - 2005

70 YEARS

Nathan Bartel
Solomon G. Cramer

50 YEARS

Wilmer T. Bloy
Douglas G. Fraley
Patrick N. Green
Glenn O. Kohlhepp
John A. Kruse
Robert W. Kuhn
David A. Passet
Marvin L. Rowe

25 YEARS

Lucretia A. Fehrmann
Richard W. Estrem-Fuller
Carol L. Hackbardt
Gerry Harrison
Judith J. Jacobson
June S. Nettles
Cora L. Noble
C. Arlene O'Flanagan
Carolyn Saunders
M. Lynn Scott
Scott G. Walters

THELMA W. GREGG MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

The Thelma W. Gregg Award is named for a woman who demonstrated her Christian commitment in a tireless promotion of the missionary outreach of the Church. She showed a concern for church growth and mission education in her church, Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church in the Metro North District, as well as in the Wisconsin Conference.

This award is a family-initiated endowment which awards an annual gift to a United Methodist lay person who serves in the mission spirit personified by Thelma W. Gregg. This lay person will be actively and creatively engaged in local, national, and global missions.

The award was established in 1993 by the family to recognize and honor lay persons who are doing vital missions in ways that reflect the love of Christ. The award includes a financial gift to be designated to an Advance project by the recipient.

**The 2005
Thelma W. Gregg Memorial Fund Award
is given to:**

**DOROTHY BIRRENBACH
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin**

Dorothy has consistently shown concern for church growth and mission outreach, both nationally and globally. She has been a member of the Prairie du Chien UMC since 1967, where she has served on numerous committees and groups throughout her time at the church.

Dorothy has helped individuals in need and helped organize fund raising for this purpose. She has participated in numerous Volunteers in Mission trips and is active in the In-gathering and in UMW. Dorothy loves her neighbors as herself.

FRANCIS ASBURY AWARD

The Francis Asbury Award offers recognition to individuals who have made a significant contribution to fostering the Church's ministries in higher education at the local, district, or annual conference level. The name is based on Bishop Asbury's admonition to the people called Methodist to erect a school in the vicinity of every church ". . . to give the key of knowledge in a general way to your children, and those of the poor in the vicinity of your small towns and villages."

The 2005

Francis Asbury Award is given to:

JIM HOOK

Waunakee, Wisconsin

Jim Hook, a member of Crossroads United Methodist Church, Waunakee, has served on the Wesley Foundation Board, UW-Madison, since 1998, and was elected chair of the board in 2000. Jim has led and participated in multiple meetings to bring together the merger of three campus ministry programs into "The Crossing," which is housed in the Wesley Foundation building on the UW-Madison campus. Jim attends many of The Crossing student programs, becomes acquainted with the staff and students, and has led some of the studies offered to students. Jim has played a significant role in the revival of a Wesley Foundation presence on the central campus of the University of Wisconsin.

LOVE IN ACTION AWARD

The Love in Action Award is presented annually by the Disaster Response Committee of the Board of Global Ministries of the Wisconsin Annual Conference. The award recognizes outstanding commitment and passion to God's mission through disaster response and relief.

The 2005 Love in Action Award

is given to:

JOHN BENNIN

Baraboo, Wisconsin

This year's award is given to John Bennin. John has been on our Conference Disaster Response Committee since its inception. He has attended every training put on by UMCOR. He also has been very active in the Salvation Army responding to many, many disasters.

DENMAN EVANGELISM AWARDS
HONOR WORK IN EVANGELISM

The Denman Evangelism Award is presented annually to a United Methodist lay and clergy person in each Annual Conference for outstanding work in Christian evangelism. The award was named for the late Dr. Harry Denman, distinguished lay evangelist whom Dr. Billy Graham called “my mentor in evangelism.” The awards are made possible by the Foundation of Evangelism, which was founded in 1949 by Dr. Denman.

LAITY AWARD

MARIE BARBO

Hammond UMC

Marie Barbo, at 99, stands out as one who has shared the Gospel faithfully. “She has always been eager to let everyone know about Jesus’ love and what He can do for you if you believe in Him and trust His ways.” Her avenues of witness have been many, from teaching piano (always connected with Bible study) to being involved in her community of Hammond to the Nursing Home to Sunday School teaching. She has had a long life time of representing Jesus. From all those who shared in her life came words like: “Marie has been very important to me most of my life. She was my piano teacher, Sunday School teacher, Missionary Club leader, and, most importantly, led me to accept Jesus as my personal Savior.”

“I know the Lord has given her a long life because she isn’t finished witnessing to other people. She told me last year of several people in the nursing home who she was witnessing to because they didn’t know the Lord.”

To know Marie Barbo is to experience a disciple of Jesus Christ who has to talk about Him, who loves like He did, and who sows the seeds of the Gospel willingly, obediently, and constantly.

CLERGY AWARD

KENT INGRAM

Pastor of First UMC, Appleton

Kent Ingram’s skills in communicating the Gospel have always been evident in his ministry. He is gifted as a strong preacher of the message of Jesus Christ and offers weekly invitations for people to confess their faith in Jesus Christ. These times of decision are followed up by strong invitations and classes, moving believers from basic faith matters to mature levels of discipleship.

The fruit of Kent’s ministry has always been obvious, as written by Don Fenner, “As I have traced the ministry of Kent Ingram over these years in Wisconsin, I have noted a modest growth in all areas of ministry, and especially is this true of membership and in attendance. What also impresses me is that the greater growth comes from those on profession of faith. This means he is reaching those who have slipped away from faith or have been attracted to the faith through the efforts of Kent’s ministry. I believe that Kent fits the model of evangelistic ministry as set forth by Harry Denman.”

The last four years are indicative of his heart for people to believe in and follow after Jesus Christ. Professions of faith have been for each year between 55 and 79 with growth in worship and discipleship training. Kent has a passion for Christian outreach in his preaching, in his visitation of new persons, in his teaching of discipleship, in his love for the Church of Jesus Christ.