

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The **Honorary Life Membership** is reserved for carefully selected lay and clergy persons, who, over an extended period of time, have invested themselves nationally or regionally in contributing to the life of the Church's concern for mission and ministry in town and rural places. The purpose of the award is to recognize such persons in a dignified and significant setting.

Normally, the presentation is to take place at a national or jurisdictional meeting. When circumstances prevent presentation at these levels, it may be done at an annual conference level.

Procedure for Sponsoring a Nominee

1. A *sponsoring group* is to *submit the name* of the person being nominated, along with supportive statements justifying the nomination, to the Vice Chairperson of the National UMRA. These documents will be reviewed for approval by the UMRA Executive Committee. [UMRA VC: Rev. Peggy Paige, N7344 County Rd. 577, Ingalls, MI 49848; peggy4249@yahoo.com; 906-221-7677.

2. Upon notification that approval of the nominee has been granted, the sponsoring group is to secure wide financial support for this honor. Supporters may be drawn from the church at local, district, conference, jurisdiction, national, and ecumenical levels and secular sectors of society.

3. *Collect a Minimum of \$1,000* from supporters. All funds collected are to be forwarded to the Vice Chairperson *at least two weeks prior* to the presentation. Make the check payable to the *National UMRA*.

All funds received are to be used for the work of the National UMRA.

4. In addition, forward information about the date and location of presentation to the Vice Chairperson who shall prepare an *UMRA Honorary Life Membership Certificate*, with appropriate signatures, which shall be forwarded immediately to the chair of the sponsoring group.

5. *Setting for Presentation.* An appropriate setting is to be arranged, preferably at national or jurisdictional levels and in the presence of as large an assembly as possible. The significant ministries and contributions of the recipient to town and rural life and ministry should be highlighted.

6. *Prepare Two Written Copies of a Formal Written Presentation.* One copy shall be read publicly and given to the recipient at the time of presentation. In addition, a book of letters, greetings and congratulations may be part of the recognition. The second copy of the Presentation is to be forwarded to the UMRA Vice Chairperson along with the list of supporters.

7. At an appropriate time following presentation of the *Honorary Life Membership*, a list of the supporters of the recognition is to be forwarded to the recipient, but the specific amounts contributed are not to be indicated.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS

George Almquist*	1979
Alec Alvord*	2000
Dr. William * & Minna Appleby	1976
C. Ralph Arthur*	1966
Joe N. Bailey, Jr.	1993
M.A. Beeson	1968
Mildred Bellamy*	1988
Glenn Biddle*	1980
Rene Bideaux*	1982
Bishop Newell S. Booth*	1966
Dr. Earl Brewer*	1972
Edward B. Brewster	1958
Margaret Brugler	1971
T.S. Blue	1964
Donald A. Burge*	1984
Dr. Gladys L. Campbell	1976
Jerry D. Chapman	1984
Robert B. Chapman*	1975
Dr. John Christy*	2008
Hubert Clinard	1989
Dr. Alice Cobb*	1974
Merlin Conway*	1984
Dr. William. Cotton	1992
Mark Dawber	1956
Bishop Ernest Dixon, Jr.*	1978
Frank Dorsey*	1992
Joe B. Douthit	1968
Benjamin T. Edwards	1992
Edwin Eichler	2000
Wanda Eichler	2000
Catherine Ezell*	1971
Vera Falls*	1977
Myrtle Felkner	1988
Ralph A. Felton*	1956
Elliott L. Fisher	1959
Dale Fooshee	1996
Dr. G. Ross Freeman	1974
Bishop Edwin R. Garrison*	1972
Willis T. Goodwin	1982
Rev. Roger Grace	2016
John Graham*	1966
David Graybeal	1988
H.H. Greene*	1974 & 1982
Ralph Grieser*	1970
James E. Hankins*	1967

Dr. Clarence Hare, Jr.*	1993
Claudia Harrelson	2004
Dr William & Judith Heffernan	1988
#Dr. Arthur Wentworth Hewitt	1959
Bishop Kenneth Hicks	1980
Judy Hill	2020
Larry Hodges	2004
Dr. John Baxter Howes*	1963
Russell H. Hoy	1962
Harold S. Huff	1967
Addie Mae Jamieson	1983
Collus Johnson	1978
Adeline Jones	1975
Chester Jones	1988
Dr. Marvin Judy*	1972
Murlene Judy*	1972
Edward Kail	2008
Bishop Francis Kearns*	1976
Barbara Keith	2008
Mary Lou Kerrick	1992
Cleo Kottwitz	1992
Bishop Edgar A. Love	1964
Dr. Robert Lundy*	1973
Ray Magnuson	1960
A.W. Martin	1957
Bishop Paul E. Martin	1968
Bishop William C. Martin	1960
Bishop Joel Martinez	1999
Jack McCollough	1974
Bruce McConnell	1988
Charles M. (Pat) McConnell	1956
Ann McKenzie	1988
Dr. Harold McSwain*	1972 & 1992
J. Frank Mitchell*	1999
Gary Moody*	2007
C. Edwin Murphy	1964
M. Wilson Nesbitt*	1972
Ralph W. Nichols*	1980
Alexander Nunn*	1964
#Jessie M. Ormond*	1955
Roy Owens	1976
Jeanne H. Page	1976
Margaret "Peggy" Paige	2009
Bishop Edward J. Pendergrass	1970
#Dutton S. Peterson	1956
Bennett Poage	1999
Dr. Reginald W. Ponder	1993
Charles W. Pugh	1971
#Aaron H. Rapking*	1956

Dr. H. Dan Rice	1976
Rev. Dr. Alan Rice	2014
Dr. Harry V. Richardson	1963
Clyde N. Rogers	1959
O.B. Rogers, Sr.	1964
Dr. Israel L. Rucker	1979
Connie Russell*	1965
Glenn F. Sanford*	1959
Herb Sauer	1994
Dr. & Mrs. Daniel Schores	1965
Sharon Schwab	2012
James E. Scott, Jr.	1970
James W. Sells*	1964
Dr. Rockwell C. Smith*	1981
Garland Stafford*	1963
Murray C. Stewart	1959
Mollie Stewart	2020
Carol Thompson*	2010
Mrs. J. Font Tillman	1964
Marie E. Townsend*	1972
Bishop Jack Tuell*	1976
Dr. Sam Varnell, Jr.*	1965
#Dr. Paul Vogt*	1955
Jack Waldrep*	1974
#John W. "Jack" Walton	1957
Laura Wells	1977
Robert Noel Wells	1992
Dr. John Newell Wert	1992
Dr. Melvin West	1975
B. Gail Williams	1988
Ronald Williams	2012
Ralph Williamson*	1959
Paul D. Womeldorf	1960
Alphaeus Wood	1966
Donald R. Yocum	1968
Claude Young	1984
Jennie Youngblood*	1972 & 1984

Roll of Honor – predecessor of Life Membership

*Deceased

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