



The Ministers Council

June 2010

Dear ABCOPAD Church Leaders:

The ABCOPAD Ministers Council will present two Craig W. Martin EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY awards at the 2010 Biennial Ministers Council luncheon in Altoona, PA. The first award is for those who have been in ministry less than 10 years. The second award is for those who have been in ministry longer than 10 years.

We are inviting you to nominate a pastor, colleague, or other ministerial leader who meets the requirements listed on the accompanying pages. A nominating form is enclosed for your convenience. The award committee will be evaluating and presenting their recommendations to the Ministers Council Executive Committee for approval. Deadline for nominations is September 15, 2010.

A plaque and gift certificate will be given as well as recognition in publications

Cordially in Christ,

Margie McCarty

Rev. Margie McCarty
President ABCOPAD Ministers Council



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*If there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy praise,
think about these things...*

Philippians 4:8

The Craig W. Martin

Excellence in Ministry Awards 2010

Sponsored by The Ministers Council, American Baptist Churches of
Pennsylvania and Delaware

Introduction

At our upcoming Biennial in October 2010 the Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD) will recognize two professional church leaders who have demonstrated outstanding leadership in his/her place of ministry. The awards will be presented at the Ministers Council luncheon during the biennial in Altoona.

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.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Ministers Council are not eligible for nomination.

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

- related gospel to life
- demonstrates biblical and theological integrity
- motivates and inspires
- unifies message and worship

2. Leadership

- has and 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 United Mission program 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 committee, 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: The Ministers Council, Rev. Margie McCarty, P.O. Box 59, PA 18413

Selection of award winners will be made by the Executive Committee of the Ministers Council. Nominations must be submitted no later than September 15, 2010

NOMINATION SHEET
2010 Craig W. Martin
Excellence In Ministry Award

Nominee: _____

Ministry: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: (____) _____

I would like to nominate _____ for the following reasons:
(continue on reverse if necessary)

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Submitted by: _____

Address: _____

_____ Phone: (____) _____

Mail Completed Nomination Form to:
Rev. Margie McCarty, PO Box 59, Clifford, PA 18413

NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15, 2010