Call for Nominations:
Distinguished Alumni Award

The Alumni Executive Committee of the General Theological Seminary is pleased to announce that nominations for the Distinguished Alumni Award are now accepted on a rolling basis. This annual award is for Seminary degree-holders worthy of special recognition. Graduates of the Seminary in either ordained or lay orders are eligible for nomination. Nominations must be submitted by September are decided by the AEC at their fall meeting, and announced in January. The award presentation takes place during the Memorial Eucharist at the Spring Alumni Gathering.

Note those ineligible for consideration are:

- Bishops (who are by policy awarded honorary doctorates); and
- Sitting Trustees, or members of the staff or faculty.

Past recipients have included exemplars of a broad range of both extraordinarily original, path-breaking ministries and extraordinarily faithful, though quiet ministries. Candidates may be put forth on the basis of lifetime achievement, or to honor extraordinary accomplishment that brought credit upon the church and General Seminary. Nominees may be well-known, but care should be given to identify inspiring yet unheralded ministries.

Nominations may be made by:

- Sending a written statement, in care of Jonathan Silver, to the Alumni Office, 440 W 21st Street, New York, NY 10011, or by e-mail to silver@gts.edu

Those submitting nominations must identify themselves by name and class year and provide a daytime phone number and/or e-mail address. Please include the following information:

- Nominee’s Name
- Class Year
- Contact information (address/email/phone)
- What is your Relationship to Nominee?
- Why are you recommending this person? What are their significant accomplishments? (eg. Awards, honors, publications, community contributions and/or service – please include dates if possible).
- How have these accomplishments made a difference?

Candidate statements of support should not exceed 150 words.
The Alumni Association created this award to promote the worth of education and formation at General Seminary as exemplified by the lives and service of outstanding graduates. Thank you for your thoughtful participation in the nomination process!

The past recipients of the GTS Distinguished Alumni Award are:

2019 The Rev. Jorge Juan Torres Rivera ’62, Retired, Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico
2018 The Rev. Deacon Geraldine A. Swanson ’08, Deacon to the Richmond Episcopal Ministry
2017 The Rev. Steven E. Hulme ’59, Rector Emeritus, St. John’s Church, Niantic, Connecticut
2016 The Rev. Paula M. Jackson, Rector, Church of Our Saviour/La Iglesia de Nuestro Salvador, Cincinnati, Ohio
2015 The Very Rev. H. Scott Kirby, ’63, Dean Emeritus, Christ Church Cathedral, Eau Claire
2014 The Rev. Margaret Ann Muncie, ’74, Executive Director, Canterbury Counseling Center, Greenville, SC
2012/2013 Br. Clark Berge, ’84, Minister General of the Society of St. Francis
2011 The Rev. Dr. Minka Shura Sprague, M.A. ’78, Th.D ’85, St. James Episcopal Church, Jackson, Mississippi, scholar, author, preacher, lecturer, and workshop/retreat leader
2010 The Rev. John L. Kater, ’66 Professor Emeritus of Ministry Development, Church Divinity School of the Pacific
2009 The Very Rev. David duPlantier ’93 Dean, Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans LA, Co-founder Jericho Road Housing Project
2008 The Rev. Dr. Marion J. Hatchett ’66 and ’72, Professor Emeritus, University of the South, School of Theology, Sewanee, Tenn
2007 The Rev. Canon Elizabeth Geitz ’93, Canon for Ministry, Diocese of New Jersey and author of several volumes, including Fireweed Evangelism and The Rev. J. Fletcher Lowe ’59 Executive Director, Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy
2006 Dr. Henry Carse ’94 Director, Kids-4-Peace, St. George’s College, Jerusalem
2005 The Rev. Bertram Bennett ’75, Priest-in-Charge, St. David’s, Bronx, NY and Chair, South Bronx Churches
2004 The Revs. Richard Fabian ’70 and Donald Schell ’71, Co-founders and co-rectors, St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco