

Kenneth E. McCall Award

for

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & CHRISTIAN FAITH MINISTRY

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does PASTCF choose people to be recognized?

Anyone can send a nomination to the PASTCF Board which considers nominations at its spring meeting, usually two weeks after Easter, and decides whom to recognize.

Who is eligible?

To be considered for this honor, an individual must be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The candidate should have demonstrated engagement of his or her Christian faith with developments in science and technology and have explicitly sought to foster such engagement in the PC(USA).

Does the candidate have to be a member of PASTCF?

No, but she or he does have to be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Does the candidate have to be a scientist or engaged in a science related profession (e.g., engineering, medicine, science education)?

No. But they need to be attentive to developments in science and technology and concerned about how these developments relate to the Christian faith and life.

I had this wonderful scientist friend, but he died a few years ago. Can I nominate him?

No. Only living persons can be recognized.

An elder in my church is a pediatrician who has served several times on session, been on many mission trips, and leads a popular Bible study. Would she be a good candidate?

Maybe yes, maybe no. Does she clearly engage her Christian faith with developments in science and technology? Does she encourage her congregation or other levels of the church to have such engagement? For the McCall honor, a strong “yes” answer to both of these questions counts more than being a “pillar of the church.”

My church has been wonderfully creative in incorporating scientific ideas into worship, educational programs, and outreach. Can it be recognized?

No. The present award is intended to recognize individuals, not institutions. If there is a person in the congregation who has led in this effort, he or she might be a good candidate. Perhaps in the future PASTCF will establish an award to honor Presbyterian congregations and other Presbyterian-related institutions.

How do I nominate someone?

A call for nominations and a nomination form can be downloaded in .PDF or Word.doc format from the PASTCF website. Click on the links to download. Read carefully the requirements listed on the call for nominations, then complete the nomination form and send it, along with a

statement of support of up to 1,000 words, to the PASTCF Secretary/Treasurer by the stated deadline. Please be as explicit as possible in your statement of support. The Board has no source of information about the person you nominate other than the information you provide.

Do I have to be a Presbyterian or a member of PASTCF in order to nominate someone?

No. Your nominee must be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), but you do not have to be. Neither you nor your nominee need be a member of PASTCF.

Is there a deadline for nominations?

In order for a nomination to be considered at the spring Board meeting, the PASTCF Secretary/Treasurer must receive it by the stated deadline that will be set at least two weeks before the annual PASTCF Board meeting. This usually means that it should be received prior to Easter.

What if I miss the deadline?

Nominations that are received too late for consideration in any one year will be held for consideration in the following year.

I nominated someone last year, but she was not recognized. Do I need to nominate her again this year?

No. If someone nominated in any year is not recognized that year, the nomination will be carried over and considered for the next two years.