

SECTION 9: Unitarian Church of Calgary Congregational Awards

9.1 The Harold and Marion Panabaker Award

The objective of the Harold and Marion Panabaker Award is to allow the Unitarian Church of Calgary congregation to honour a person or persons for extraordinary services provided to benefit the Church community.

Rules and guidelines are herein provided to document the selection process and to further clarify the spirit in which this award is made.

A. RULES

1. Nominations must be made in writing by members of the Unitarian Church of Calgary and must include reasons for nominating the person or persons.
2. Members of the Board may not submit nominations.
3. Persons who have been staff members or members of the Board in the preceding year are not eligible to receive the award.
4. Past staff members and members of the Board are eligible if the services for which they are recommended were not performed during the period when they held these special positions.
5. Members of the Board will select the winner of the award from among the nominees at the Board meeting at least two months prior to the awards dinner. The final decision must be supported by a majority of the Board members present.
6. There is no limit on the number of times a person may be nominated.
7. Nominations from prior years will not automatically be carried forward.

B. GUIDELINES

1. Since there is only one award to be presented each year, there will usually be only one recipient. Exceptions may occur when extraordinary services were provided in a joint effort or, more rarely, when the contributions of more persons appear so equally deserving that it would seem unjust to exclude one person in favour of another.
2. There are no rules to define what constitutes a service to the Church community. Factors which might be considered include:
 - benefits to the Church community
 - personal sacrifice or effort involved in providing service
 - the degree to which the service reflects values esteemed by Unitarian Universalists in general
 - Direct financial contributions, though certainly a service to the Church community, are not considered to be a major factor.
3. On rare occasions, the award might be presented to a person who is neither a member of the Church nor attends it. As an example, extreme in Canada at present, a person might be instrumental in preserving the Church by defending its right to exist in the face of legislative or other threats.

4. A call for nominations should be made at least three months prior to each Harold and Marion Panabaker Award and nominations in writing should be submitted to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

A plaque is mounted on the wall of the Church listing the names of the recipients. A small plaque is presented to the recipient.

9.2 The William Irvine Justice Award

The objective of the William Irvine Justice Award is to allow the Unitarian Church of Calgary congregation to honour a person(s) or organization for extraordinary services provided to benefit social and/or environmental justice in the Calgary community.

Rules and guidelines are herein provided to document the selection process and to further clarify the spirit in which this award is made.

A. RULES

1. Nominations must be made in writing by members of the Unitarian Church of Calgary to the Social Justice Committee and must include reasons for nominating the person or persons.
2. The Social Justice Committee recommends one nominee to the Board of Trustees at least two months prior to the award dinner.
3. The Board of Trustees votes on whether to award this person or persons. The final decision must be supported by a majority of the Board members present.
4. There is no limit on the number of times a person may be nominated.
5. Nominations from prior years will not automatically be carried forward.

B. GUIDELINES

1. Since there is only one award to be presented each year, there will usually be only one recipient. Exceptions may occur when extraordinary services were provided in a joint effort or, more rarely, when the contributions of more persons appear so equally deserving that it would seem unjust to exclude one person in favour of another.
2. There are no rules to define what constitutes a social and/or environmental service to the Calgary community. Factors which might be considered include:
 - benefits to the Calgary community
 - personal sacrifice or effort involved in providing service
 - the degree to which the service reflects values esteemed by Unitarian Universalists in general
3. On rare occasions, the award might be presented to a person who is a member of the Church, but this award is intended to recognize those who are carrying on the legacy of William Irvine in championing justice in Calgary, Alberta and Canada.
4. A call for nominations should be made at least three months prior to each William Irvine Justice Award and nominations in writing should be submitted to the Chair of the Social Justice Council.

A plaque is mounted on the wall of the Church listing the names of the recipients.
A small plaque is presented to the recipient.

William Irvine's relatives,

Grand daughter; Dawn Holmlund 780-352-4842

Daughter; Vera Stevens 780-352-3080

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1. Unitarian Church of Calgary Award Dinner Checklist & "To Do" List., and
2. Unitarian Church of Calgary Award Dinner Sample Program.

Unitarian Church of Calgary Award Recipients

The Harold and Marion Panabaker Award

November 2007: Christine Michell
February 2009: Dorothy Bond and John Michell
February 2010: Penney Kome and Lynn Nugent
February 2011: Gorham Hussey

The William Irvine Justice Award

November 2007: The Very Reverend Bill Phipps
February 2009: Mel and Joan Tegtmeyer
February 2010: Sharon Stevens
February 2011: Calgary Co-operative Memorial Society

Prior Award for Extraordinary Service to the Unitarian Church of Calgary

Winners of the William Irvine Award for Extraordinary Service to the Unitarian Church of Calgary were:

1989: Ruth Barker
1990: Marion Panabaker
1991: Sandy Tyndale
1992: Helen and Rick Green
1993: Ruth Staughton
1994: John Backhouse
1995: Bob Spinney
1996: Pat and Alan Jessop
1997: Bob and Marion McPherson
1998: Dick Wilson and Dorothy Lloyd
1999: Marie and John Collins
2000: Marsha Haug and Eric Leavitt
2001: Helen Backhouse
2002: Mary Jane Hussey
2003: Jennie Paine
2004: Ward Neale
2005: No winner was declared in 2005
2006: No winner was declared in 2006
2007: The award was re-named the Harold and Marion Panabaker Award (after the death of Marion Panabaker that year). The William Irvine Justice Award was created so as to have an award for extraordinary service for social and environmental justice by a person or organization in the Calgary community (since that was Irvine's passion).