

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:

Granddaughter	Dawn Holmlund	780-352-4842
Daughter	Vera Stevens	780-352-3080

The William Irvine Justice Award Winners

November 2007: The Very Reverend Bill Phipps
February 2009: Mel and Joan Tegtmeyer
February 2010: Sharon Stevens
February 2011: Calgary Co-operative Memorial Society
March 2012: Occupy Calgary
April 2013: Dr. David Swann
November 2014: Carolyn Pogue
November 2015: William (Bill) Wuttenee (posthumous)
December 2016: Chantal Stormsong Chagnon & Cheryle Greyeyes Chagnon
December 2017: Susan Gillies and The Women's Centre of Calgary