

March 15, 2007

Dear Pastor and Lay Member to Conference:

The **Denman Evangelism Award** is presented annually to a United Methodist Lay and Clergy person in each Annual Conference for outstanding work in Christian Evangelism. The award is named for the late Dr. Harry Denman, a distinguished lay evangelist, and is made possible by The Foundation for Evangelism, which Dr. Denman founded in 1949, and the Evangelism Ministry Team of the Annual Conference. The award program was established in 1980 to honor pastors and lay persons who are doing the work of responsible evangelism in local churches, and reminds us all that our purpose as the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

You are invited to submit nominations for the 2007 Denman Award which will be presented at the 2007 Annual Conference Session. You may wish to place consideration of a nomination on the agenda for your next Church Council or Administrative Board meeting.

Who should receive this award? A pastor, a lay person who is effective in making true disciples of Jesus Christ. This can involve speaking, personal witnessing, inspiring the church to be involved in evangelism, etc. This person may be from any size church and should be a person whose life style brings honor to Christ and the Church. Please keep in mind that the Denman Evangelism Award was established to recognize those who are doing the vital work of evangelism in ways that are in keeping with our United Methodist heritage and traditions.

Enclosed you will find:

- Denman Award Clergy and Laity Nomination Form

Any nominations should be sent to *Evangelism Ministry Team, 131 John Muir Drive, W. Amherst, NY, 14228 no later than April 7, 2007.*

In grace and peace,



Lawrence E. Lundgren
Director of Connectional Ministries

The Denman Evangelism Award

2007 Nomination Form – Western New York Conference

Please Check One:

() Nomination of Lay Person

() Nomination of Pastor

In appreciation and recognition of outstanding efforts in evangelism, I nominate:

Name _____

Church/Charge _____ District _____

Address _____

Phone () _____ e-mail _____

~~~~~Clergy Section only    ⚡ ~~~~~

Worship Attendance of Congregation:

\_\_\_\_\_ 1-99    \_\_\_\_\_ 100-249    \_\_\_\_\_ 250-500    \_\_\_\_\_ 500 or more

How long has nominee been a member of/or served as a pastor of this church / charge?

Please indicate the number of members added to the church over the past three years:

|                                  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1) Profession of Faith           | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2) Transfer                      | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3) Avg. Worship Attendance       | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4) Avg. Sunday School Attendance | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Population of the community in which nominee works / serves:

The community is:    \_\_\_\_\_ Growing    \_\_\_\_\_ Static    \_\_\_\_\_ Declining

~~~~~ Laity Section only    ⚡ ~~~~~

If laity, please list the offices served in the local church / District / Conference and how long:

_____ Years:
 _____ Years:
 _____ Years:
 _____ Years:

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**For both Clergy and Lay Persons:**

On a separate sheet(s) of paper, please respond to the following; Include specific information to support your basis for nomination and to adequately inform the selection committee.

- a) Describe the "spirit" of the person you have nominated. Give a brief biography; tell about the nominee's attitude toward life, his/her Christian commitment, and the nominee's vision of the future. What is it about this person that inspires his/her local church to engage in the work of evangelism and outreach?
- b) Describe the "fruits" of the spirit displayed by this person. What are some specific actions or ministries the nominee has accomplished that indicate he/she should receive the Denman Award? What difference has the nominee made in the lives of individuals, the church, and the community?
- c) Any additional comments or information you believe would be helpful and informative in the selection process.
- d) **Clergy Nomination Only:** Please attach a letter written by the District superintendent of the clergy person you have nominated.
- e) **Laity Nomination Only:** Please attach a letter written by the Pastor of the person you have nominated.

You are encouraged to include (or have forwarded to the selection committee) letters of support for this nomination from such persons as the District Superintendent, pastor (if lay nomination), Administrative Council Chairperson, Lay Leader, Evangelism Chairperson, or others as you choose.

Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (      ) \_\_\_\_\_

Position and relationship to nominee \_\_\_\_\_

***\* Return nomination by April 7, 2007 to:  
Evangelism Ministry Team, 131 John Muir Drive, Buffalo, NY 14228***