

Distinguished Alumni Award History

2017

Yehiel Curry – **Emerging Voice**

Jim Bickel – **Faithful Servant**

Andrea Walker - **Called to Lead**

Jim Lapp - **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

George Zachariah - **Specialized Ministry**

Amy Reumann- **Witness to the World**

2016

Paul Bailie – **Emerging Voice**

Amandus “Mandy” Derr – **Faithful Servant**

Sarah Friesen-Carper – **Called to Lead**

Kendra Nolde – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Albert “Pete” Pero, Jr. – **Lifetime Service**

Martín Rafanan – **Specialized Ministry**

Kathryn “Kate” Warn – **Witness to the World**

2015

Robert Buckley Farlee – **Specialized Ministry**

Thomas Gaulke – **Emerging Voice**

Inge Lempp – **Witness to the World**

Craig Mueller – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Martin Seltz – **Specialized Ministry**

David Vásquez-Levy – **Called to Lead**

James Wind – **Faithful Servant**

2014

David G. Abrahamson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**

Keun Soo Hong – **Witness to the World**

Gerald Mansholt – **Faithful Servant**

Jessica Nipp Hacker – **Emerging Voice**

James Thomas – **Called to Lead**

Diane Dardón – **Specialized Ministry**

2013

Javier R. Alanis – **Witness to the World**

Richard Bruesehoff – **Faithful Servant**

Emmanuel Jackson – **Emerging Voice**
Nancy Fenuik Nelson – **Called to Lead**
Linda Norman – **Specialized Ministry**

2012

David Carlson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Donald Kreiss – **Witness to the World**
Kyle Rouze – **Emerging Voice**
Francisco Javier Goitía-Padilla – **Specialized Ministry**
David deFreese – **Called to Lead**
Ralph Eckard – **Faithful Servant**

2011

Vernon Victorson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
John Gosswein – **Witness to the World**
Tony Metz – **Emerging Voice**
Paul Weber – **Specialized Ministry**
Mark Anderson – **Called to Lead**
William Berg – **Faithful Servant**

2010

Richard Bliese – **Mission Leadership**
Mercedes Garcia Bachmann – **Biblical Interpretation**
Robert A. Rimbo – **Churchwide Service**
Dean Stewart – **Stewardship of Creation**

2009

Melody Beckman Eastman – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Martin E. Marty – **Faithful Servant**
Monica J. Melancton – **Theological Education in the Global Church**
Frederick M. Strickert – **Global Mission**

2008

Vine Deloria (posthumously) – **Peace and Justice**
Roger J. Gieschen – **Lifetime Achievement in Church Leadership**
Ronald K. Johnson – **Excellence in Parish Ministry**
Jennifer J. Thomas – **First Decade**
Maxine M. Washington – **Faithful Servant**

2007

Abud-Massih Saadi – **First Decade**

Thomas J. Minor – **Faithful Servant**

Keith T. Nelson – **Excellence in Ministry – Institutional Advancement**

Kathryn A. Kleinhans – **Christian Educator**

Dennis A. Jacobsen – **Peace & Justice**

2006

Madelyn Busse – **Excellence in Ministry – Leadership**

Daniel Erlander – **Faithful Servant**

David E. Jensen – **Excellence in Ministry – Ecumenism**

Reuben J. Swanson – **Faithful Servant**

2005

Arland J. Hultgren – **Lifetime Achievement in Teaching**

Michael Russell – **Excellence in Ministry – 10 yrs.**

Twila Shock and William Swanson – **Excellence in Ministry**

2004

None awarded

2003

Doniver H. Peterson

M. Wyvetta Bullock

2002

Robert N. Bacher

Lloyd R. Kittlaus

2001

Paul Nakamura

Walter M. Wangerin, Jr.

2000

Yoshiro Ishida

Norman A. Nelson

1999

Faye Ramsey Coddling

John H. Tietjen

1998

Paul E. Erickson
Constant R. Johnson

1997

Will L. Herzfeld
Victor R. Schoonover

1996

James D. Ford
Adolph (Skip) Wachsmann III

1995

Herbert W. Chilstrom
Samuel J. Roth

1994

Reuben T. Swanson
Paul Youngdahl

1993

Gary F. Anderson
David M. Beckmann
Mary Ann Moller-Gunderson

1992

Dennis A. Anderson
Cynthia L. Krommes

1991

Roy Oswald
Earlean Miller

1990

A. Sherwood Nelson
Lee W. Wesley

1989

Alfred O. Fuerbringer

Robert V. Langseth
Viljo I. Heiman (Special)

1988

None Awarded

1987

Richard N. Jessen
Robert J. Marshall

1986

A. Eugene Larson
David Vikner

1985

Conrad Bergendoff
(Anniversary Year)

1984

Theodore E. Mattson
David T. Nelson

1983

Larry Pinnow
Granger Westberg

1982

Thomas BeMiller
George W. Carlson

1981

Kenneth J. Dale
Paul M. de Freese

1980

Rudolph Kemppainen
Hugo M. Rathkamp, Jr.

1979

Luther Livingston
Donovan J. Palmquist

1978

Howard Olson
Theodore Youngquist

1977

Robert V. Johnson
Luther C. Mueller

1976

Robert P. Hetico

Harold C.Skillrud

1975

Gustav A. Lund

Harold E.Olsen

1974

George P. Bernard

John Stephen Bremer