

## **Central Conference Annual Service Awards**

Each year at the Central Conference Annual Meeting, an award is given to a member of a Central Conference Covenant church who has given outstanding Christian service to his or her church and community. The Commission on Compassion Mercy & Justice selects from the nominations received in January and February of each year. The Urban award is typically given in even-numbered years, and the Town & Country award in odd-numbered years. A Town & Country community is defined as a community that has a population of less than 10,000 outside of a metropolitan service area, according to the Commission on Town & Country Ministries of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Nominations are required in writing, including a brief biography and description of the nominee's contributions.

### **J. William Fredrickson Urban Ministry Award**

The award is given bi-annually to honor outstanding Christian ministry in an urban setting. It is named in memory of the late Dr. J. William Fredrickson, a North Park University economics professor and member of North Park Covenant Church, who devoted himself to neighborhood development in Chicago. At the time of his death in 1989, Bill was a member of the commission. He had been a lifelong force for positive change in Chicago's neighborhoods, was a founding member of several significant community based organizations, and was a tireless worker on behalf of community development.

1996 – Celeste Pena

1998 – John Stajcic

1999 – Jan and Jim Lundeen

2000 – Bennie and Willa Simmons

2002 - Phil Keillor

2004 - Ron Johnson

2006 - not given

### **David A. Larson Town & Country Award**

The award is given bi-annually to honor outstanding Christian ministry in a Town & Country community. The award is named in memory of David A. Larson, a dedicated church layman, well-respected businessman, and active community leader from Princeton, Illinois.

1997 – Quentin D. Larson

2001 – Darrell and Karin Ropp

2003 - Jack and Verl Hudson

2005 - not given