

# Nomination

## The Wilbur C. Ziegler Award for Excellence in Preaching New England Conference of the United Methodist Church

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The Wilbur C. Ziegler Award for Excellence in Preaching is awarded each year at the New England Annual Conference session to a person who demonstrates excellence in preaching the whole Gospel, addressing both personal and social salvation.

**Deadline for nomination: Friday, April 21, 2017**

**On a cover sheet, please provide the following information:**

1. Name of nominee
2. Church where appointed or a member
3. Address
4. Home or cell phone number (nominee)
5. Church phone number (nominee, if applicable)
6. Email address (nominee)
7. Name of group or individual(s) submitting nomination. (If endorsed by a church group, please list a contact person.)
8. Address of contact person
9. Daytime phone number (contact person)
10. Evening phone number (contact person)
11. Email address (contact person)
12. Date of submission

**Please answer the following Nomination Questions – maximum 4 pages, typed:**

1. How has this preacher addressed themes of social holiness/ social justice/ transformation of the world in his or her preaching? Illustrate with examples of issues or topics explored.
2. How has this preacher addressed themes of personal holiness/ making disciples in his or her preaching? Illustrate with examples of issues or topics explored.
3. What makes her/his preaching interesting and compelling?
4. How do the sermons in this application exemplify the nominee's approach to preaching the whole Gospel in ways that challenge, convict, and compel a broad congregation or audience?
5. Describe some creative ways she or he has challenged the local church to respond to the preaching of the whole Gospel with their actions.

**Submission details:**

- The following materials must be submitted with nomination:
  - Video of one sermon (DVD or USB drive)
  - Manuscript of another sermon (i.e. not the same sermon for which a video is provided)
  - Bulletins or orders of worship for the two services in which these sermons were preached
  - Nomination Questions 1-5, answered by the individual(s) submitting the nomination
  - Please be sure the two sermons being submitted will effectively demonstrate how this preacher addresses themes of both personal and social holiness in his/her preaching.

- If you have nominated a person in the previous year, you may submit the same nomination packet for that person, with a new response to question 4 above, as it has changed. You may submit the same sermons, or you may wish to submit new sermons that demonstrate how the preacher addresses themes of both personal and social holiness in his/her preaching. Only the two most recently submitted sermons (one written, one recorded) will be considered a part of this year's application.
- Email sermon manuscripts, bulletins, and written nomination papers to Rev. Becca Girrell [pastorbecca.umc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecca.umc@gmail.com).
- Send or deliver one DVD and/or USB drive with the sermon recording to:  
Beth DiCocco, Communications Director  
New England Conference Center  
P.O. Box 249  
276 Essex Street  
Lawrence, MA 01842-0449

### **Selection**

- The Ziegler winner will be selected by a team from the New England Conference Board of Church and Society on the basis of the full application. To ensure that your nomination is as strong as possible, please answer the 5 questions with respect to the preacher's ministry, and include sermons and examples from the sermons that illustrate the preacher's style and skill in preaching the whole Gospel.
- The Ziegler preacher will be contacted by a representative from the Conference Board of Church and Society and invited to preach at the 2017 session of the New England Annual Conference at a time determined by those organizing the agenda and worship of the conference session.

### **Questions?**

Please contact Rev. Becca Girrell – Board of Church & Society Chair  
[pastorbecca.umc@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbecca.umc@gmail.com) or 802-917-4117