Nomination
The John Bryant Award for Excellence in Social Justice Action
New England Conference of the United Methodist Church

This award is presented for excellence in social justice actions as a way of lifting up the commitment of United Methodism to such endeavors. To have an award that lifts up social justice presupposes that there are injustices in the world. Social justice, therefore, is defined as those efforts that ensure and/or create the quality of community life envisioned in the Hebrew Bible and New Testament.

The award will be limited to those persons, regardless of religious affiliation, who seek to change systemic injustice in order to ensure this vision. The award honors persons who embody the Judeo-Christian vision of justice as interpreted by the United Methodist Social Principles. Activity in the church is not a prerequisite for nomination nor a condition for receiving the award.

Rules for Nomination
1. All non-clergy persons who live in New England are eligible, regardless of religious affiliation, race, age, occupation, or national origin.
2. Candidates are to be nominated by a group or individual within the New England Conference of The United Methodist Church. The election of persons to receive such awards shall be made by the New England Conference Social Justice Award Selection Committee.
3. Documentation must be submitted, giving evidence of the nominee’s fulfillment of the criteria for the award.
4. Preferred method of submission: email (see directions below)
5. No more than one award shall be given in any calendar year, and no award need be given in any calendar year should no suitable recipient be selected.
6. The award shall be presented at Annual Conference.

Deadline for nomination: Friday, April 21, 2017.

On a cover sheet, please provide the following information:

13. Name of nominee  
14. Home address  
15. Work address  
16. Daytime phone number  
17. Evening phone number  
18. Email address  
19. Current occupation  
20. Name of group or individual(s) submitting nomination. (If endorsed by a church group, please list a contact person.)  
21. Address of contact person  
22. Contact person’s daytime phone number  
23. Contact person’s evening phone number  
24. Contact person’s email address  
25. Date of submission
Please answer the following questions (3 typed pages maximum):

1. What social injustice has the nominee sought to change?
2. What specific witness or actions has the nominee taken against the root causes of injustice (as opposed to treating the symptoms of injustice)?
3. How does this action differ from social service ministry to persons or groups?

Please provide the following supportive documentation:
- Biographical information (2 typed pages in length)
- Two letters of commendation by persons well acquainted with the nominee’s social justice actions
- Other supporting information (such as news articles – please be selective)

Electronic submissions preferred. Please submit applications to:

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