

Journey awards

Celebrating the stewardship journey

Many individual and communal acts of Christian stewardship happen every day in the Anabaptist world. Yet, they may go unnoticed since they are often not recognized and understood as important acts of faith.

Everence has established the Journey Awards to celebrate the vitality of stewardship in the lives of Anabaptists and Anabaptist groups. The Journey Awards clearly acknowledge, define and elevate the stewardship journey.

These awards are designed to recognize stewardship as a Christian attitude and practice, which affects all aspects of our lives and every stage of our faith journey.

Ideas of tithing, charitable giving and frugality often come to mind when the word stewardship is mentioned. These ideas are related to stewardship but do not define it.

Christian stewardship grows out of a relationship with God and recognizes we are all caretakers, not owners, of our gifts. Our daily faith walk directs how we are to use our lives and all of our resources.

Nomination guidelines

Award criteria

Everence gives up to 10 awards annually: one national and nine regional awards. These awards are

given to people and/or groups who understand their God-given gifts and exemplify the following characteristics:

- They practice and model faith-driven use of resources and gifts.
- Their lives bear the primary fruit of Christian stewardship: sharing their gifts to benefit God's work, others and the world.
- Their stewardship journey is inspiring to other people of faith.
- They encourage stewardship among others (optional).

Stories of stewards

To better understand the Journey Awards, read profiles of previous Journey Award recipients at everence.com.

*Award eligibility**

This award is open to individuals, couples, families or groups who attend or are affiliated with an Anabaptist congregation or organization.

Nomination process

Based on the above criteria, if you know someone or a group you wish to nominate for a Journey Award, complete a nomination application. Nominations will be accepted from attenders or members of Anabaptist congregations and Everence staff, board members or representatives.

Send the completed application to: Everence, Attn: Journey Awards, P.O. Box 483, Goshen, IN 46527.

The annual deadline is April 30. Any application received after that date will be held over for consideration next year.

Selection and presentation of awards

The Everence Journey Awards Advisory Committee selects award recipients from among the nominees. Of the nominees not selected for the award, some of their applications may be held for consideration of Journey Awards in future years. The list of nominees shall remain confidential.

Award and presentation

Individuals and groups who are chosen for Journey Awards will receive a monetary gift to donate to the charity of their choice. The national award is \$5,000 and the regional award is \$1,000. Everence will present most awards during congregational worship or another appropriate setting.

For more information

For more information, contact Kenda Mishler at 800-348-7468 ext. 3388, or visit everence.com.

* The individual awards are not open to anyone who is an Everence staff member, board member or representative. The group awards are not open to a legal entity or affiliate of Everence.



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