

# THE DANIEL W. MARTIN PROGRAM RECOGNIZING SCIENCE AS A CHRISTIAN VOCATION

## Call for Nominations for 2008

**Please share this call for nominations with others in your church or presbytery.**

Along with all Christians, we profess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all aspects of life, including the professional work of scientists, engineers, science educators, and other technical professionals. Believing this, each year the Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology and the Christian Faith (PASTCF) seeks to recognize up to five Presbyterian scientific and technological professionals who demonstrate in their lives that scientific endeavor, science teaching, and technological development are all parts of God's calling.

Nominees should have a clear sense of their work as a calling of God. They should also have struggled to understand how their Christian faith has influenced their approach to their professional work, and how insights gained from their profession have enriched their faith.

### Requirements and Nominations

- 1) The nominees must be living individuals, who are scientists or engineers or science educators or other technical professionals. Nominees may be currently active in their profession or retired.
- 2) Nominees must be members of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
- 3) The PASTCF Board of Directors may recognize no more than five persons in any one year.
- 4) Each nominator shall provide a statement in support of the nominee of about 1,000 words. This statement should be as explicit as possible in explaining why the nominee deserves to be recognized in this program. In considering nominators' statements, the PASTCF Board will be looking in particular for two things:
  - a) **in what ways has the nominee's Christian commitment affected how he or she understands and performs his or her professional work,**and
  - b) **in what ways have insights gained from his or her professional work enhanced and enriched the nominee's understanding of and commitment to the Christian faith.**

In some cases, it may be helpful for two different nominators to write about these two aspects of the nominee's life and work.
- 5) Supporting materials such as a curriculum vita for the nominee, lists of the nominee's publications, records of his or her service on church boards, etc., are not required. The absence of this kind of material will not adversely affect the Board's evaluation of the nomination.
- 6) Persons nominated but not recognized this year will be reconsidered in 2009. A person nominated in 2006 or 2007 but not recognized in either of those years does not need to be nominated again this year.

**The Nominating Form and the nominator's supporting statement must  
be received no later than Friday, March 28, 2008.**

Those selected for recognition this year will be announced at the 2008 Annual Meeting of PASTCF. Those who are able to attend will be presented with a framed certificate. Persons recognized in 2008, and their nominators, will receive complimentary membership in PASTCF through the end of 2009.

Nominations may be sent at any time, but will be considered by the PASTCF Board only once each year. To be considered in a given year, nominations should be received by the General Missioner by the indicated deadline. Additional forms may be downloaded from the PASTCF website, [www.pastcf.org](http://www.pastcf.org). Nominations should be sent to:

**Rev. Dr. James B. Miller • 222 Cameron Street • Summerville, SC 29483**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **How does PASTCF choose people to be recognized?**

Anyone can send a nomination to PASTCF. The PASTCF Board considers nominations at its spring meeting, usually two weeks after Easter, and decides whom to recognize.

### **Who is eligible?**

To be considered for recognition, an individual must be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and must be a scientist or be pursuing a career in a science-related profession such as engineering, science teaching, technology, etc. The candidate's Christian faith should play a significant role in how the candidate approaches his or her professional work, and insights gained from the candidate's professional work should enrich the candidate's understanding of his or her faith.

### **What about retired people?**

Retired scientists, engineers, science teachers, and other science or technology professionals, are eligible.

### **Does the candidate have to be a member of PASTCF?**

No, but he or she does have to be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **I had this wonderful scientist friend, but he died a few years ago. Can I nominate him?**

No. Only living persons can be recognized.

### **An elder in my church is a pediatrician who has served several times on session, been on many mission trips, and leads a popular Bible study. Would she be a good candidate?**

Maybe yes, maybe no. Does she see her profession as a call from God? Is her Christian faith a strong influence on how she does her doctoring? Does her professional experience enrich her understanding of her faith? In the Martin program, strong "yes" answers to such questions count more than being a "pillar of the church."

### **My church has been wonderfully creative in incorporating scientific ideas into worship, educational programs, and outreach. Can it be recognized?**

No. The present program is intended to recognize individuals, not institutions. Perhaps in the future PASTCF will start another program to recognize Presbyterian churches and other Presbyterian-related institutions, but not yet.

### **How do I nominate someone?**

A call for nominations and a nomination form can be downloaded in .pdf or .doc format. Click on links above to download. Read carefully the requirements listed on the call for nominations, then complete the nomination form and send it, along with a statement of support of up to 1,000 words, to the PASTCF Secretary/Treasurer by the stated deadline. Please be as explicit as possible in your statement of support. The Board has no source of information about the person you nominate other than the information you provide.

### **Do I have to be a Presbyterian or a member of PASTCF in order to nominate someone?**

No. Your nominee must be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), but you do not have to be. Neither you nor your nominee need be a member of PASTCF.

### **Is there a deadline for nominations?**

In order for a nomination to be considered at the spring Board meeting, the PASTCF Secretary must receive it at least two weeks before the meeting. This usually means that the Secretary should receive it before Easter.

### **What if I miss the deadline?**

Nominations that are received too late for consideration in any one year will be held for consideration in the following year.

### **I nominated someone last year, but she was not recognized. Do I need to nominate her again this year?**

No. If someone nominated in any year is not recognized that year, the nomination will be reconsidered for three consecutive years.