

THE DANIEL W. MARTIN RECOGNITION
“SCIENCE AS CHRISTIAN VOCATION”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does PASTCF choose people to be recognized?

Anyone can send a nomination to PASTCF. The PASTCF Board considers nominations in a timely fashion when they are received, 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 who died a few years ago. Can I nominate him or her?

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 recognition is intended to honor 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 from the PASTCF website (www.pastcf.org) in .pdf format. Read carefully the requirements listed on the call for

nominations, then complete the nomination form and send it, along with a written statement of support, to the person listed on the form. 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?

No. Nomination Forms and supporting documents may be sent at any time and will be reviewed and acted upon by the Board in a timely fashion.

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 given year is not recognized that year, the nomination will be reconsidered for three consecutive years.