

THE KENNETH E. McCALL RECOGNITION

**“EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND CHRISTIAN FAITH MINISTRY”**

in the Presbyterian Church (USA)

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 this honor, an individual must be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The candidate should have demonstrated engagement of his or her Christian faith with developments in science and technology and have explicitly sought to foster such engagement in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

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 she or he does have to be a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Does the candidate have to be a scientist or engaged in a science related profession (e.g., engineering, medicine, science education)?

No. But they need to be attentive to developments in science and technology and concerned about how these developments relate to Christian faith and life.

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 clearly engage her Christian faith with developments in science and technology? Does she encourage her congregation or other levels of the church to have such engagement? For the McCall honor, a strong “yes” answer to both of these questions counts 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. If there is a person in the congregation who has led in this effort, he or she might be a good candidate. Perhaps in the future PASTCF will establish an award to honor Presbyterian congregations and other

Presbyterian-related institutions.

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 from. 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.