

2024

APCE

Awards Banquet



Friday, January 26, 2024

7:00 PM

The St. Louis Union Station Hotel

Recognition of Certification of Christian Education Associate, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Requirements for the Christian Education Associate:

- *The process for Christian Education Associate (CEA) is designed to recognize the role and status of the Educator with or without formal academic training. The Educator Certification Committee (ECC) recognizes that many of those who are serving in educational ministries in churches and presbyteries have responded to a need and/or a call, even though they had little training or preparation for the ministry. The goal of the CEA endorsement process is to introduce the educator to basic knowledge and skills related to Christian Education and to whet their appetites so that they will want to pursue further course work and move toward the Certified Christian Educator level.*

Joshua Gilbert

First Presbyterian Church Cumberland, MD, Baltimore Presbytery

Recognition of Certified Christian Educators, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Ministry Experience and Educational Requirements for the Certified Christian Educator:

- *Membership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A)*
- *Hold a bachelor's or a master's degree from an accredited institution*
- *Experience (volunteer or employed) of one year full-time or its equivalent in Christian education ministry leadership within a PC(U.S.A.) congregation, council, or agency*
- *Completion of an online application including all electronic transcripts and a current position description/confirmation of volunteer hours*
- *Completion of at least 3 course credits or 30 hours of certification-approved courses in the following knowledge/skill areas:*
 - *Biblical Interpretation, Reformed Theology, Religious Education Theory and Practice, Worship and Sacraments, Human Growth and Faith Development, Presbyterian Polity, and Presbyterian Program and Mission*
- *Completion of the certification integrative project under the direction of the Educator Certification Committee*
- *Completion of Reference Group process*
- *Verification of current employment or volunteer work in educational ministry leadership for at least ten (10) hours per week, accountable to a board, agency, or council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) upon completion of the integrative project*

Recognition of PC(U.S.A.) Certified Christian Educators *(continued)*

Joelle Brannitt-Yale

Pines Presbyterian Church, Chapel Hill, NC, Salem Presbytery

Jennifer Juhasz

Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo, OH, Maumee Presbytery

JoAnne Sharp

Hodges Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, FL, Shenandoah Presbytery

Learn more at <https://apcenet.org/educator-certification/>

Welcome APCE Award Recipients

Sam Baublitz, Vice Moderator, Awards and Scholarship Ministry Team

Presentation of the 2024 SUSTAIN Lifetime Achievement Award

Alannah Mozisek and Charlotte Nance-Allbright

According to APCE records, the first Life Achievement Award was given in 1978. What is now the SUSTAIN Lifetime Achievement Award is given to an educator who is retired and whose body of work continues to inspire and sustain others.

2024 SUSTAIN Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Bruce Harvey

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John Johnson

Presentation of the 2024 ENRICH Educator of the Year Award

Doreen Sterba DeZur

The ENRICH Educator of the Year awardee is someone who is still serving in a call, exemplifies ministry through faithful service, is a visionary in the field of Christian education, and is an advocate for church educators.

2024 ENRICH Educator of the Year Award Recipient

Thom Cunningham

Closing Remarks

SarahLee Morris, Moderator, Awards and Scholarships Ministry Team

2025 Annual Event Reveal

Co-chairs Tatayana Richardson and Jaime Staehle

Entertainment

Vintage Voices

Vintage Voices is produced by a volunteer committee and volunteer actors who bring the history of Alton (St. Louis area) to life believing that the tours are an important cultural event in our community as they portray individuals who lived, worked, or in some significant way had an impact on Alton's history. The reenactors take position near the gravesite of the person that they have chosen to portray and entertain their audiences with first person accounts of true tales of Alton's past. By choosing to portray a diverse group of historical characters who the general public is unfamiliar with, the organizers of Vintage Voices are able to give its visitors a unique perspective of what life was like in Alton's past.

Blancas

The Blancas Gospel Ensemble, under the direction of Brenda Lancaster, has performed at such events as the Illinois State Humanities Bicentennial Celebration podcast and Madison County Historical Society's reenactment of Mark Twain. The core members are Lancaster; vocalists Brandi Jenkins, Carol Young and Monique Clark; and band members Ralph Monroe on piano, Willie Taylor on bass and Matt Tepee on Drums. Lancaster is also director of the Gospel Choir at Greenville Community College.