

NAACP ALABAMA STATE CONFERENCE

Religious Affairs Luncheon Nomination Form 2010

"Pastors of the Year"

*Outstanding Pastors who have served your community. Please use this nomination form and submit one pastor per branch. **The nomination deadline is September 01, 2010.***

The NAACP State Conference is pleased to present the Religious Affairs Luncheon 2010
"Pastors of the Year Award"

*These awards will be presented at the Alabama State Conference Religious Affairs Luncheon on
October 22, 2010*

Please nominate a Pastor from your branch's jurisdiction to receive the award and recognition. Each Pastor that is nominated by a Branch will be recognized as one of the Pastors of the Year. The NAACP Alabama State Conference will present certificates of Appreciation to other clergy as well

The State Conference will pay for the honored Pastor's lunch, but the Branch/Church is expected to pay for others who attend to support their Pastor.

The NAACP Alabama State Conference will award a minister from each branch in Alabama to show our appreciation for the service that clergy renders to its member and the community. "The formation of the religious affairs committee has enabled the organization to keep abreast of issues that are germane to the black community." "On October 18, 1997, the NAACP National Religious Leadership Summit was held with a diverse cross section of major U.S. religious leaders representing more than 44 million members. The powerful Summit resulted in recommendations for the formation of a National Religious Affairs Committee that would coordinate an annual NAACP Religious Community Day on the fourth Sunday of each February, the inclusion of a national NAACP representative on the program of annual conventions of religious denominations, annual fundraising campaign for the \$50 million endowment fund, conduct religious affairs workshops during the state conferences, regional training conferences and the national convention; educate pastors, churches and religious

leaders on the history and programs of the NAACP, and present moral and ethical interpretations of the civil rights struggle and the church's relationship to the struggle for all denominations.”

Information on your Nominee

NOMINEE'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____ Branch _____

RELATION TO NOMINEE IF ANY: _____

Name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the congregation(s) being served by the nominee:

Name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the person writing this nomination:

Name, address, phone number and e-mail address of the nominee's immediate judicatory or ecclesiastical leadership:

The NAACP State Conference is pleased to present the selection process used to select the 2010
"Pastors of the Year"

THE SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **FAITHFULNESS:** Describe this person's personal faith as it is grounded in a connection and time with God (including devotional life) and how this person helps persons mature in the faith and encourages others along their faith journeys. These are personal and spiritual characteristics.

2. **PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:** Describe this pastor's personal motivation (self-starter and intentionally driven and called to do the work of mission and ministry). How does this person adapt to options and works collaboratively with a variety of perspectives? Describe this person's self care habits and the support they have from spouse/partner/family. When things don't go as planned, what is the ability to get back up and try again with another approach? What is the evidence of focused continuing education? Is a code of ethics and conduct apparent and kept?

3. **LEADERSHIP:** Describe how this person fosters and leads with a sense of unity of spirit and purpose; how the congregation/ministry is led in discerning and see God's future with all and clarity is achieved through the gifts of this nominee? How does their leadership share credit with others involved in the same ministry? How do others in the ministry get connected to ministry using their gifts as ways to serve? How does the nominee build relationships in ministry?

4. **CONGREGATIONAL OBJECTIVES:** How does the congregation/ministry show intentionality in reaching new people and growing in worship attendance and service as part of the pastor's leadership? How does the congregation become more relevant and faithful to the larger community? How does the pastor's ministry connect with people outside the membership?

5. How has the nominee positively affected you or your community?

We prefer that nominations be typed or reproduced on a computer or word processor, but we will accept (without prejudice) neatly printed applications. Do not use more space than is permitted on a printed application. Please provide to the selection committee a thoroughly completed nomination form; **incomplete nominations will not be considered after the deadline for nomination filing.**

Please return application to Rev. Dr. Sharon Richards, P.O. 6034 Montgomery, AL 36106
prefer email, sharon@sharonrichards.org