

The Christian Church of Northern California-Nevada  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Award**



"Change does not roll in on the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. And so we must straighten our backs and work for our freedom. A man can't ride you unless your back is bent."

- *Martin Luther King Jr.*  
(January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968)

The Martin Luther King Award, as given by the Northern California-Nevada Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), is an honor for which one cannot apply, only be recommended.

It is presented to a Disciple within the Region whose commitment to peace, racial reconciliation and social justice, like Dr. King,

- follows the example of Jesus, leads others in challenging those forces that allow injustice, bigotry to breed and grow
- opens new possibilities for understanding across the barriers that society builds, and/or
- connects theology—our understanding of God—with what is happening in the world around us.

It is generally given to one

- whose behavior is an example for others,
- who helps the region grow in its commitment to reconciliation, and
- who is known by some as a mentor.

The recipient is selected by the Reconciliation Committee at their fall meeting, and is presented by the Regional Minister and Reconciliation Committee chair on behalf of the region, at the region's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration held in January.

We also ask you to limit your nomination to the amount of space provided (plus the additional testimonies you might provide), or to no more than 5 pages typed.

**Nomination for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Award  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 12, 2009**

[please note: people can nominate others for this award, but cannot apply themselves]

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

My phone number and best time to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

My e-mail information: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to recommend the following person for the Martin Luther King Award:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this person? What is your relationship/connection with him/her?

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**PLEASE PROVIDE CONCRETE EXAMPLES—COMMITTEE MEMBERS DO NOT NECESSARILY KNOW THE INDIVIDUALS AND ARE HELPED BY STORIES OF SPECIFIC CASES, PARTICULARLY STORIES WHERE THE NOMINEE STOOD UP FOR MLK’S IDEALS AT COST OR RISK TO THEMSELVES**

A) This person should be honored for **at least** one of the following:

S/he “follows the example of Jesus, leads others in challenging those forces that allow injustice, bigotry to breed and grow” by \_\_\_\_\_

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S/he “opens new possibilities for understanding across the barriers that society builds” by

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S/he “connects theology—our understanding of God—with what is happening in the world around us” by \_\_\_\_\_

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B) This person fits the following description (please explain below):

- His/her behavior is an example for others,
- s/he helps the region grow in its commitment to reconciliation, and
- s/he is known by some as a mentor.

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