

ANTON BOISEN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AWARD

This award, in honor of one of the early pioneers in clinical chaplaincy and pastoral care education, is given to a Board Certified Chaplain of the APC who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence in professional chaplaincy and made unique contributions to contemporary pastoral care.

CRITERIA:

1. Nominee must be a current Board Certified Chaplain (BCC) in good standing of the Association of Professional Chaplains or one of its predecessor organizations (College of Chaplains or Association of Mental Health Clergy) for at least three (3) years.
2. Nominee must have served as a professional chaplain for at least three (3) years.
3. Nominees will have made creative and innovative contributions to professional chaplaincy in their setting of ministry. Examples of area of contribution may include (but are not limited to) education, ministry to the marginalized, spiritual care planning, quality, delivery, counseling, research, multi-disciplinary involvement, bioethics, multi-cultural or interfaith ministry, publications, advocacy, etc.

PROCESS OF NOMINATION:

1. Nominations for the Anton Boisen Professional Service Award must be made by a member in good standing of the APC.
2. Nominations must be made in the form of the following materials compiled and submitted to the office of the Association of Professional Chaplains:
 - a. A cover letter of nomination from the sponsoring APC member.
 - b. A 1 to 3 page statement from the sponsoring APC member of the nominee's unique contribution(s) to contemporary pastoral care relevant to professional chaplaincy.
 - c. At least two additional letters in support of the nomination citing the nominee's contribution(s) to contemporary pastoral care relevant to professional chaplaincy.
 - One of these additional letters in support of the nomination must be from a Board Certified Chaplain or Member of the APC.
 - The other letter in support of the nomination must be from a non-chaplain individual familiar with the nominee's relevant work and contribution(s).
3. A member in good standing of the APC may in subsequent years make the nomination of a person previously considered but not selected for this award or nominate a previous awardee who may have made some additional unique contribution(s) to professional chaplaincy.

PROCESS OF SELECTION:

1. Nominees will be reviewed by the Membership Services Council with recommendations for final approval by the APC Board. Upon APC Board approval, the Chair of the Membership services Council and the APC office will communicate appropriately to all awardees.
2. Individuals who made nominations of person who were not selected will be informed by the APC office.