



## Calkins and Lee Awards

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The Board Life & Policy Governance committee nominates recipients for the Charles L. Calkins and Clay F. Lee Awards. The Board of Directors awards and recognizes the selected distinguished individuals at a celebratory dinner during the quadrennium.

### Charles L. Calkins Award

Established in 1988, the Charles L. Calkins Award recognizes an annual conference pension and health benefits administrator who, in partnership with Wespath Benefits and Investments, has provided exceptional service in the administration of pension and health benefits within The United Methodist Church. The award seeks to recognize those who have distinguished themselves in the administration of benefits by their:

- Extraordinary effort and unusual and resourceful leadership,
- Overall helpfulness to pension and health benefit concerns and sharing of ideas and counsel with Wespath Benefits and Investments,
- Responsiveness to Wespath in pension and health benefit matters and cooperation and assistance in the overall presentation of the programs of the Church, and
- Advocacy of pension and health benefit programs of the Church.

The Charles L. Calkins Award is named for Charles L. Calkins who served Wespath as Associate Secretary from 1938 to 1952 and as Executive/General Secretary from 1952 to 1964.

### Previous Recipients of the Charles L. Calkins Award:

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| <b>1989</b> | <b>The Reverend Virgil H. Ware</b><br>West Virginia Conference          | <b>1990</b> | <b>The Reverend C. Edward Ditterline</b><br>New Mexico Conference   |
| <b>1991</b> | <b>E. Ward Emery</b><br>Northern New Jersey Conference                  | <b>1992</b> | <b>The Reverend M. Ellsworth Walker</b><br>Iowa Conference          |
| <b>1993</b> | <b>The Reverend R. Terry Little, Jr.</b><br>Tennessee Conference        | <b>1994</b> | <b>The Reverend Harry E. Shaner</b><br>California-Nevada Conference |
| <b>1995</b> | <b>The Reverend Russell E. Owen</b><br>Oklahoma Conference              | <b>1996</b> | <b>Donald A. Foster</b><br>South Carolina Conference                |
| <b>1997</b> | <b>The Reverend Gerald H. Maddox</b><br>Alabama-West Florida Conference | <b>1998</b> | <b>The Reverend Richard Hamilton</b><br>New England Conference      |
| <b>1999</b> | <b>The Reverend Howard Bailey</b><br>Nebraska Conference                | <b>2002</b> | <b>Karen J. Crutchfield</b><br>New Mexico Conference                |

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| <b>2003</b> | <b>The Reverend David Dodge</b><br>Florida Conference                                     | <b>2005</b> | <b>The Reverend Richard VanGiesen</b><br>Illinois Great Rivers Conference |
| <b>2007</b> | <b>The Reverend Delos Corderman</b><br>South Carolina Conference                          | <b>2009</b> | <b>Patricia Hutchinson</b><br>Virginia Conference                         |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>Bruce Galvin</b><br>Pacific Northwest Conference<br>Alaska United Methodist Conference | <b>2013</b> | <b>The Reverend Stan Sutton</b><br>West Ohio Conference                   |
| <b>2015</b> | <b>David L. Anderson</b><br>South Carolina Conference                                     | <b>2017</b> | <b>James M. Berner</b><br>West Virginia Conference                        |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>Karen Fullerton</b><br>North Georgia Conference  | <b>2022</b> |   |

### Clay F. Lee Award

Established in 1999, the Clay F. Lee Award recognizes former directors of Wespath Benefits and Investments who have given exemplary service in caring for the pension and health benefit needs of The United Methodist Church. The award seeks to recognize those former directors who have distinguished themselves by their:

- Extraordinary contributions to and visionary leadership of Wespath Benefits and Investments,
- Strong advocacy of the pension and health benefit programs of the Church, and
- Dedication to the values of Wespath Benefits and Investments.

The Clay F. Lee Award is named for Bishop Clay F. Lee who served Wespath Benefits and Investments as a member from 1980 to 1988 and as president from 1992 to 1996.

### Previous Recipients of the Clay F. Lee Award:

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| <b>1999</b> | <b>Bishop Clay F. Lee</b>              | <b>2000</b> | <b>Robert W. Stevens</b>        |
| <b>2001</b> | <b>John W. English</b>                 | <b>2002</b> | <b>M. Harry Piper</b>           |
| <b>2003</b> | <b>The Reverend Kermit L. Braswell</b> | <b>2005</b> | <b>Bishop Bruce P. Blake</b>    |
| <b>2007</b> | <b>Joel Huffman</b>                    | <b>2009</b> | <b>Carl Nord</b>                |
| <b>2011</b> | <b>Bishop Ben Chamness</b>             | <b>2013</b> | <b>The Reverend Keith Ewing</b> |
| <b>2015</b> | <b>Joseph Heyward</b>                  | <b>2017</b> | <b>Jerry Pinkerton</b>          |
| <b>2019</b> | <b>The Reverend Dr. Karl Stegall</b>   | <b>2022</b> |                                 |