

To: Lutheran Association of Christian Educators Members

From: LACE Membership Committee, Christian Educator of the Year Selection Task Force

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RE: 2011 CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR NOMINATION

What do LACE members Kathy Paisley (NE), Karen Seykowski (IN), Teresa Kaldor (CA), Cindy Greenwood (SC), Mel Kieschnick (CA), and Diane Shallue (MN) all have in common?

These six people have all been recipients of the *LACE Christian Educator of the Year Award* for giving leadership, vision, and advocacy to Christian educational ministries. You can read about their varieties of experiences for which they have been honored on the LACE website at <http://faithfulteaching.org/educator-of-the-year>

It is time once again to invite the community of Christian faith educators to consider those whom you recognize as having made a significant difference in equipping others to grow in faith and discipleship through their educational leadership and actions. If someone comes to mind quickly, that person is a likely candidate for the LACE award. Please consider honoring their contribution by nominating him/her using the LACE Nomination Form. We think our past recipients would all agree that it is a gift and blessing to be acknowledged as a *Christian Educator of the Year*.

The completed nomination form is to be returned to the LACE Office by December 5, 2011. More than one nomination form (or letter) in support of a nomination may be received from different persons for the same nominee. The nominee must be a LACE member and meet at least two of the following criteria with specific examples:

1. Active in Christian education leadership for a minimum of ten years.
2. A visionary: a leader into new frontiers
3. A formative influence on education ministry and advocate for church educators.

The Selection Committee will prayerfully consider each nomination and will make a selection that will be announced by January. The recipient will receive a commemorative gift and presentation from LACE and will also be recognized and honored through communications to their local synod, congregation, and ELCA and in appropriate publications.

LACE is honored to offer this process of recognizing key leaders, whether professional or volunteer. By identifying those who exemplify leadership and vision in Christian faith formation, LACE is living into the vision of building a community which equips, encourages, and empowers those engaged in lifelong faith formation in a changing world.

“...that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love...” Colossians 2:2