



The Serving Boldly Award

That Others May Follow Christ's Light

Judges will not be familiar with all nominees; therefore, it is important to provide as much detail as possible. You may include attachments as amplification of your nomination. Submit only one nomination on each form. All nominees must impact the ELCA member congregation and/or community in the Conference and Partnership.

All required fields are marked with a *.

The nomination must be received no later than **March 6, 2026**.

This nomination is for (circle one): *

Appalachia Partnership: New River and Highlands

Blue Ridge Partnership: Southern Valley and Southern

Coastal Partnership: Tidewater and the Peninsula (including Gloucester and Kilmarnock)

Piedmont Partnership: Richmond and Germanna

Valley Partnership: Northern Valley, Central Valley, and Page

Nominee's Home Congregation and location*

Nominee's Name *

Prefix (optional)

First Name

Last Name

Suffix (optional)

Nominee's Address *

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

City

State

ZIP Code

Nominee's Daytime Phone *

Nominee's Evening Phone *

Nominee's Email Address *

Nominee's occupation or type of business *

Include a headshot photo of the nominee. You can email it to wertz@vasynod.org or include a picture with this application.

Using no more than four (4) pages, please respond to the following questions. Pages should use 1" margins, and 12 point type. In addition to the four (4) narrative pages, you may attach up to 4 additional pages for amplification, e.g. letters of support, news clipping, pictures, etc.

1. Briefly describe the ministry area(s) impacted by the nominee and the duration of the ministry. Areas of ministry may include but are not limited to: education, environment, social justice, regionalism, health and public safety, arts, and culture, economy.

- 2. Describe the nominee’s contribution (financial contributions, in-kind donations, volunteer time, and talent)?
- 3. How has the congregation and/or community benefited from the nominee’s contributions?
- 4. Provide a summary statement explaining why the nominee should be selected and any future goals the nominee may have for participation in the life of the congregation/community. Include information previously mentioned, e.g., mentoring others for leadership roles.

You may provide up to 4 additional pages for amplification, (e.g. letters of support, news clipping, pictures).

Nomination Submitted By

Your Name*

Prefix (optional)

First Name

Last Name

Suffix (optional)

Your Congregation *

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Salem, VA 24153

or email to wertz@vasynod.org. Please call (540) 389-1000 with any questions.