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Awards Luncheon during General Convention to Honor the Rev. Robert H. Bonner (deceased,) the Rev. Canon J. Hugh Magers, the Rev. Ronald L. Reed and the Rev. Dr. George F. Regas as Apostles in Stewardship, plus Two Parishes and One Diocese for Best Practices Programs.

Wichita, KS — May 20, 2009 — The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) will host a celebration of stewardship ministries during the 2009 General Convention of The Episcopal Church. The event, to be held at the Anaheim Marriott on Sunday, July 12, will begin at noon (immediately following the UTO Ingathering Eucharist.) The Rev. Robert H. Bonner (deceased,) the Rev. Canon J. Hugh Magers, the Rev. Ronald L. Reed and the Rev. Dr. George F. Regas will be recognized as Apostles in Stewardship. The honorees were chosen by the Board of Directors of TENS as leaders who have uniquely and significantly influenced the ministry of stewardship in The Episcopal Church.

Awards will also be presented to recognize Best Practices throughout the Church. Each diocesan bishop was invited to nominate a program, project, parish, committee or individual exemplifying the finest in stewardship education, training, recruitment or communication. Three selections to be honored for Best Practices were chosen by TENS' Board of Directors after careful review of the fifteen submissions. The programs selected are: St. David's Episcopal Church, Bean Blossom, IN, in the Diocese of Indianapolis; St. Augustine's In-the-Woods, Freeland, WA, in the Diocese of Olympia; and the Diocese of Michigan Stewardship Committee's "Which Star Are You Following?" tithing challenge program.

The July 12, 2009, Apostles in Stewardship event will include a reception, luncheon and the awards program at the Anaheim Marriott (adjacent to the Anaheim Convention Center.) The reception will be open following the 10 a.m. UTO Ingathering Eucharist, which is to be held in the Convention Center, and luncheon will be served at 12:15 p.m. with awards to be presented immediately afterwards. Invitations are being sent to all General Convention deputies and bishops.

Early reservations are encouraged. Tickets will be available by advance purchase only at a cost of \$45 for reservations made and guaranteed no later than July 1, and \$50 for tickets purchased at the General Convention. Tables seating ten may be reserved at a cost of \$450 each. Special arrangements are available for TENS' Corporate and Diocesan members.

Information for advance ticket orders will be available online by May 22, 2009 by clicking through "Apostles in Stewardship" (in the left hand column) at <http://tens.org>. Individuals and table groups may make reservations by contacting TENS, and orders may be placed by mail, telephone, fax or e-mail, or by using the form available at TENS' web site <http://tens.org/apostles-in-stewardship.htm> to print and fax orders. Please provide your name, address, telephone number, number of tickets desired and method of payment: check (by mail,) credit card (Master Card or VISA) or cash (in Anaheim.)

Past Apostles in Stewardship awards from 2000, 2003 and 2006 can be viewed online at:
<http://tens.org/apostles-in-stewardship.htm>