PIONEER IN MINISTRY AWARD

HISTORY
In 2006 the Alumni Association Council approved the Recognition Program in order to recognize outstanding service to the church rendered by recent Columbia Seminary graduates. Please read the information below and give careful thought about whom you would like to nominate.

PURPOSE
Recognition shall be given to alumni who exemplify the ideals expressed in Columbia Seminary’s Statement of Mission found in the Seminary catalog as well as recognize the passion, commitment, and dedication of a recent graduate. This will help reward young alumni who are passionate about their ministry but also hope to keep them connected to the Seminary as well as keep them excited about the work they are doing.

ELIGIBILITY and NOMINATIONS
A nominee shall be distinguished through the demonstration of an obedient and faithful ministry and leadership in the service of God, courageous in conviction, the desire to continue to grow and learn in ministry to the larger church while fulfilling the intentions of seminary training in fulfillment of Columbia’s Mission Emphasis.

Examples of such service follow, but are not limited to: effective small church pastor, servant leadership, has received recognition of ministry due to impact on a community or congregation, potential leadership in the church, service in a ministry of education, or other non-parish related ministries. An eligible recipient of a Pioneer in Ministry Award would, in general, be at least three years graduated and no more than fifteen years graduated with a basic degree.

PROCEDURES
The Alumni Council shall annually commission an eight-member Selection Committee to receive nominations and make recommendations to the Council. This committee shall include the Immediate Past President, who will be chair, the current President, four at-large members of the Alumni Council, and two members of the seminary faculty.

The Selection Committee shall review all nominations and bring recommendations to the Alumni Council by letter from the President. The Council will vote on the committee’s recommendations. Those selected shall be notified that recognition will be made at the Association’s Annual Luncheon.

The Alumni Council in all cases will make the final selection of those persons to be recognized or may determine in any given year to award more than one person or may decide that no one is to be awarded in a given year.
Nominations must be received no later than September 15, 2017.

Date:

Name of Nominee:

Address:

Phone numbers
Office:
Home:

Email Address:

Current Position:

Reason/s for nomination: Be as specific as possible. If necessary, add a second page for additional information.

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Your Name:
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Current Position:

Return to: Respond by email to ThompsonV@CTSnet.edu or print and mail to: Valrie Thompson, Columbia Theological Seminary, PO Box 520, Decatur, GA 30031.