

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 THOMAS JEFFERSON DISTRICT AWARDS

Nominations are now being accepted for awards as detailed below. The Thomas Jefferson District annually presents awards for outstanding service to the denomination, to the district, and to member congregations. Each award is considered each year, though not necessarily given each year. The Awards Committee considers nominations and selects the recipients, who will be invited to the Annual Meeting to be recognized. The Annual Meeting will be held this year on April 30 at Eno River Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in Durham, North Carolina.

Awards Submission and Selection Process:

All nominations should be submitted by e-mail or USPS mail to be received no later than April 1, 2011 to the email or street address listed below.

The nomination should be in narrative form and contain:

- The Award Name
- Nominee name(s) and affiliated congregation or organization
- Nominator name (person or organization and affiliated congregation)
- Contact information for both the nominator and nominee
- Achievement of the nominee

The nominations should be sent via:

- E-mail to: Denise.Rimes@bankofamerica.com or
- USPS mail to: Denise Rimes, 1108 Johanna Bay Drive, Midlothian, VA 23114

District Awards Committee:

Denise Rimes, Chair
First Unitarian Universalist Church of Richmond, VA

Jim Key
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Beaufort, SC

Gracia Basham
Holston Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation

District RE Awards Committee:

Vicki Benavides
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Hendersonville, NC

Margaret Sequeira
Williamsburg, VA Unitarian Universalists

Thomas Jefferson District Awards

The Laurel B. Amabile Award for Excellence in Religious Education is presented to an individual whose achievements include several of the following: contributions to the quality of religious education at the congregational level that benefited more than one congregation, contributions to the quality of religious education at the District level through leadership or publications, participation in continuing professional education, and demonstration of innovation in the development or use of religious education resources.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to that individual who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to Unitarian Universalism over a long period of time (20+ years). When appropriate, the District winner may be submitted to the UUA for consideration for the continental Distinguished Service Award. The congregation from which the winner comes will be awarded \$250.

The Congregational Excellence Award (formerly the Excellence in Congregational Leadership Award) is presented to those individuals nominated by their congregations for outstanding service over a lifetime, or for contributions under special circumstances. These awards are not competitive within the District, but limited to one per congregation per year. All honorees receive certificates and recognition at the District Annual Meeting and in the TJD UPDATE.

The District President's Award is selected and presented by the District President to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of the District in recent years. The congregation from which the winner comes will be awarded \$250.

The Outstanding Newsletter Award is presented to the congregation whose newsletter most reflects the total life of the congregation in a manner that is pleasing to the eye. The factors considered in this selection are content, layout, and design. [Judging criteria](#) are found on the TJD website.