

2026 VAUMC Discipleship Awards Announcement

Dear friend, thank you so much for helping spread the word about the awards. Please feel free to adjust the announcement to fit your context. We are looking forward to recognizing those who are making a difference in our world! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rev. Nilse Furtado-Gilliam at nilsefurtadogilliam@vaumc.org or (901) 674-2577.

Help Us Say “You Matter” to Someone Doing Good

Do you know someone who is helping others learn about Jesus and making a big difference? Maybe you know a group or church that is bringing new people to Christ or helping people get baptized for the first time. Has someone helped make our community feel alive and full of hope again? Now is the time to tell those amazing stories! Let’s celebrate the people and churches who are showing love and helping others grow in their faith. That person could be any age. They could be a church leader or not a pastor at all. They could be a kid, teen, adult, or elder. If they are making a difference, they count. There are two special awards:

- The Wesley Flame Award is for people who try new, brave ideas to help others grow closer to God.
- The One Matters Award is for churches that went from nothing happening to new life, new people, and new beginnings.

Sometimes the best work happens quietly. This is your chance to shine a light on it. Do not assume someone else will do it. You might be the one who helps that person feel encouraged to keep going.

The deadline to nominate someone is **March 1**.

Nominate someone here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTEbmF6SI55yb2GSe5UxkIP1HyDec17MsGN5fje5nCRB9B2w/viewform?usp=header>

Thank you for helping us celebrate people who choose love, courage, and kindness - one person at a time.

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Nominate them for an Award!

