



Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee has announced its Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony for December 6.

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER REV. HURMON HAMILTON** will challenge us to dream and to act for change: “When diverse communities of faith dare to DREAM CRAZY BIG, with a commitment to ACTION, the world changes! “A reflection on Habakkuk 1 & 2!””

Interested in attending? Please notify the Presbytery office ([chalverson@pbymilwaukee.org](mailto:chalverson@pbymilwaukee.org) or 414-292-2743), so we can determine whether to secure a Presbytery table.

**About our Keynote Speaker:** Pastor Hurmon helped found the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization in 1998 and served as its president for almost a decade, overseeing its rise as a significant political and moral change agent in Massachusetts. He served as Senior Pastor of Roxbury Presbyterian in Boston for 17 years, was an adjunct professor at Harvard Divinity School and Gordon-Conwell Seminary, a lecturer at Yale University and a guest preacher at Princeton and Boston Universities. He returned to his native San Francisco area in 2011 and is the Senior and Founding Pastor of New Beginnings Community Church, a large and rapidly growing, diverse church community based in Redwood City, Calif.

#### **AWARD RECIPIENTS**

##### Frank Zeidler Award

Rev. Tonen O’Connor, Resident Priest Emerita, Milwaukee Zen Center

For exceptional service to society through longtime direct work with those incarcerated within the state prison system across Wisconsin, decades of active participation and leadership with the Interfaith Conference’s Committee for Interfaith Understanding, and advancement of interreligious knowledge, tolerance, and friendship through extensive public speaking. She also currently coordinates the Milwaukee Zen Center’s prison program, serves on the Solitary Confinement Workgroup of WISDOM and on the M pact Council of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater, and tutors people new to this country in the English Language Learning program at Literacy Services of Wisconsin.

##### Rev. Herbert Huebschmann Urban Ministry Award

Milwaukee Transitional Jobs Collaborative

For providing pathways to self-reliance and dignity for thousands of people in Milwaukee and across Wisconsin who face impediments to employment, including many with prison records, by advocating for publicly subsidized transitional jobs that lead to non-subsidized employment. The Collaborative hosts jobs fairs, lobbies public officials, and serves as an information clearing house. It is comprised of faith-based and community organizations, other nonprofits, government agencies, and businesses.

##### Mark Rohlfig Memorial Award

Renee Elias, Executive Director & Co-founder, Rides and Reins, Slinger, WI

For providing physical, cognitive, and emotional benefits to individuals with special needs through therapeutic, horse-assisted activities. Founded by Renee and her late husband, Don, 19 years ago, this nonprofit organization helps build children’s self-confidence and boosts concentration. Because

horseback riding gently moves the rider's body in a manner similar to the way a person walks, riders with physical disabilities often show improvements in flexibility, balance, and strength.

See [InterfaithConference48th-annual-luncheon](#) for more details. Location: Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago St., Milwaukee, WI 53202.