



BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET AWARD GUIDELINES

Lighting the path for future generations.

The *Beautiful Are The Feet Award* is a lifetime achievement award for the gifts and sacrifices of ministry and social activism evidenced and bestowed upon the African American and African Church community. In the exemplary tradition of Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor – preacher, pastor, teacher, scholar, activist, public servant, administrator, mentor – the *Beautiful Are The Feet Award* was established to acknowledge, honor and celebrate the work and wisdom of its recipients.

The *Beautiful Are The Feet Awardees* will be nominated and selected through a process of the Board of Trustees. Awardees may have faithfully honored their call to ministry and service in many ways, including as pastors, scholars, social activists, Christian educators, public servants, lay leaders. Recognition of these servant leaders, upon whose work and legacy we stand as individuals and as a community of faith, will be held at the annual Samuel DeWitt Pastors Conference. Awardees need not be present to accept the award, though we will encourage and support their presence.

The words of Rev. Dr. John W. Kinney, Dean Emeritus, Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology of Virginia Union University, guide our selection process.

Our honorees, in person, pronouncement, and production, have helped us rediscover the majesty and sanctity of the sable soul and reclaim the beauty and promises of life on this garden called earth. While critically pointing out broken places they have been agents of healing and restoration calling us to authentic celebration.

Our 2004 charter honorees were Rev. Dr. Ella P. Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Henry H. Mitchell, Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor and Rev. Dr. Wyatt T. Walker.

Rev. Dr. Dennis A. Wiley, 2018 Awardee and Pastor Emeritus of Covenant Baptist Church UCC stated of our charter honorees that *“they have consistently exemplified the wholistic love of God that Jesus identified as the greatest commandment of all.”*

The Board of Trustees of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Inc. will accept recommendations for nomination. A recommendation for proposed nominees should be forwarded in writing with the following information: short bio on the nominee, any special reason(s) for the nomination, and information on how to contact the nominee. **The deadline is June 15, 2019.**

Please forward to:

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