



International Lutheran Deaf Association

January 15, 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

In preparation for the upcoming International Lutheran Deaf Association convention to be held July 11-14, 2024 in Dearborn, Michigan we plan again to award the Uriel C. Jones Memorial "*Right Hand Award*." Will your congregation kindly nominate one or more individuals for this award?

Some rules on this nomination are:

- 1. The award is given to one deaf person who is a member of an LCMS congregation and has a record of continuous, exceptional and meritorious Christian service within his/her church and/or community. Recipient may be of either sex (male or female).*
- 2. Clergy, full or part-time lay ministers and current ILDA Board members are not eligible.*
- 3. Congregations may nominate a person from their own congregation, field or another congregation elsewhere during a formal voters assembly. The nomination form is to be filled out, signed and dated and returned to the Right Hand Award Chairperson.*
- 4. Individuals may not nominate themselves for the Right Hand Award.*
- 5. Deadline for nomination form(s) to be returned is June 5, 2024.*

The Board of Directors will meet and make their final selection a few days prior to the opening of the convention. The deadline for all nominations is June 5, 2024. Please fill out the nomination form for each person nominated, sign and date the form(s) and return to my address shown at the bottom of the nomination form.

God's blessings to you all.

In Christ,

Janet Gehlbach, 2024 *Right Hand Award* Chairperson

Uriel C. Jones Memorial “Right Hand Award”

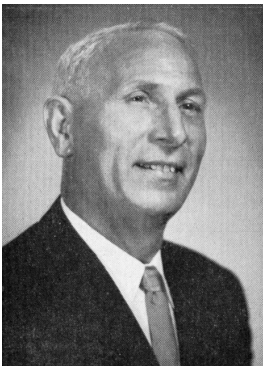
“Don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.”

Matthew 6:3

“See, I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my hands.”

Isaiah 49:15

Our actions are done voluntarily, not for praise or honor, but service to others...



Uriel C. Jones was a wonderful example of a Christian volunteer. He willingly gave time, skills and gifts to promote the work of God’s Kingdom among the deaf. He did not want praise. He wanted to show his love...

In his memory the Board of Directors has established the Uriel C. Jones “Right Hand Award.” With thanks to God this award will be given to those who have willingly served their Lord through voluntary service for other individuals through their congregation and region.

Congregations and the Board of Directors nominated the following individuals who received the “Right Hand Award”:

1977	James M. Lowell, Tacoma, WA	2007	Fred Waltz, Cleveland, OH
1979	Mrs. Judy Miller, Portland, OR	2009	Charles Kotal, Los Angeles, CA
1981	Mrs. Florence Petersen, Omaha, NE	2011	Larry Gorton, Spokane, WA
1983	Donald S. Mowl, Pittsburgh, PA	2013	Lee Ann Kotal, Los Angeles, CA
1985	Robert Schneider, Greenfield, WI	2015	Diane Francisco, Spokane, WA
1987	Elmer Francisco, Spokane, WA	2017	William Zimmerman, Monticello, IA
1989	Arthur Anderson, Spokane, WA	2019	Barbara Zimmerman, Monticello, IA
1991	Lester Ahls, Cedar Falls, IA	2021	Howard Snyder, Perrysburg, OH
1993	Joseph J. Kindred, Indianapolis, IN	2024	TBD
1995	John Riddlebaugh, Westerville, OH		
1997	Arthur C. Green, Los Angeles, CA		
1999	Archie Marshall, St. Louis, MO		
2001	Clarence F. Schultz, CA		
2003	John Woods, Woodside, NY		
2005	Russel Healey, Belleville, IL		



“Right Hand Award” Nomination Form

Deadline is June 5, 2024
(Please Type or Print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Videophone/Text _____ Email _____

Congregational Offices:

Congregational Committees and Boards:

Regional Offices, Committees or Boards:

Other Christian Service:

Nomination form submitted by:

Print Name

Signature

Date

Mail this form to:

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