



Concordia Historical Institute Awards Program Nomination Form

Each year Concordia Historical Institute honors individuals and groups who have rendered significant service to the mission of preserving our American Lutheran history and heritage during the previous year. The CHI Awards Committee will be meeting spring 2026 to consider publications that appeared and activities that were carried out in the calendar year 2025 that meet these qualifications. The committee will also consider nominations for the Distinguished Service Award for people who have made outstanding contributions to American Lutheran history and archives. To place an individual or group in nomination for any of the categories, please complete this nomination form and return it to CHI by January 31, 2026.

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Title of Work (article, book, project, etc.): _____

Nominated by: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Documentation submitted with the nomination will become part of the Institute's collection, unless other arrangements are made. Please supply sufficient documentation for the Awards Committee to make a judicious decision. Please send two copies when submitting a publication or other media.

Categories (*check one*)

- Distinguished Service Award:** This award is granted to an individual whose career contributions and service to the cause of American Lutheran history and archives is exemplary.
- Major Publications:** Books, either popular or scholarly, dealing with a major topic or serving as a reference work
- Congregational Anniversary or History:** Historical work that covers one congregation or parish; the product of a congregational anniversary, including all materials and activities produced by the anniversary committee
- District or Regional History:** Historical works that cover a group of congregations within a church-body; the LCMS districts or circuits; ELCA synods; geographical regions, such as states, cities or counties
- Institutional History:** Historical works that cover a particular agency of a church; an auxiliary, social ministry organization, college, or parish school; general ministry, such as the chaplaincy
- Family History:** Historical works that deal with families that are either predominantly Lutheran or which contain unique biographical information about a major American Lutheran person
- Journal Articles and Other Brief Publications:** Articles in professional journals and popular magazines will be considered; essays published in brochure or tract form
- Non-Print Media, Events, Displays, and Performances:** Any presentation of historical materials using non-print media, such as film, video, audio, multi-media presentations, computer programs, websites, displays, performances, parade floats or historic celebrations
- Historic Preservation:** Programs for, or specific instances of, historic preservation, including archives, museums, manuscript collections, art collections, historic artifacts, historic buildings or properties
- Other:** Any entry not described in the previous eight categories
- Youth:** This award is granted to an individual of age 17 or younger, in any category listed above.

Description for nomination of an unpublished program and project: On a separate piece of paper, summarize the program for which the nomination is being made. Describe in detail the program and the person's special contribution to it, giving appropriate names and dates. Include a discussion of supporting documentation in your description, if necessary. Documentation may include photos, news clippings, brochures, testimonials, scrapbooks, etc. If you have questions you may contact, Todd D. Zittlow (tzittlow@concordiahistoricalinstitute.org). Mail or deliver this nomination form and supporting documentation to: Concordia Historical Institute, 804 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO, 63105