



**Laity Council**  
**CALIFORNIA-PACIFIC ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**The United Methodist Church**

**2012 LAYPERSON OF THE YEAR**  
**Nomination Form**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Indicate one) a.) Lay Young Adult or Family    b.) Lay Woman    c.) Lay Man

(Please Print All)

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

A Member of (Local Church) \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Area \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

**Endorsements** (signatures of the **Pastor** and at least **two laypersons** of Nominee's Local Church are required)

**Pastor:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Laypersons:** 1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Guidelines** (more detail on reverse side):

- Nominee must be an active member of the congregation submitting the application.
- Nominee should exemplify strong leadership skills within the congregation
- Nominee should be active in service or evangelism beyond the local church
- If Nominee is paid staff include a copy of job description with the nomination form.

(Please provide comments about current activities indicating why this person should be the Lay Young Adult, Lay Man or Lay Woman of the Year. Limit your comments to two pages. Electronic Submission is encouraged.)

**Nomination forms must be received no later than March 1, 2012.**

Send to: California-Pacific Annual Conference  
Attn: Catharine Phillips - Lay Person of Year  
P.O. Box 6006, Pasadena, CA 91102-6006

Email: Catharine Phillips - [cphillips@cal-pac.org](mailto:cphillips@cal-pac.org) and The Freemans [cphilcon@aol.com](mailto:cphilcon@aol.com)



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*Pastors and Laity of the California-Pacific Annual Conference,*

The Laity Council is soliciting nominations for the Bishop Gerald Kennedy Award (Layperson of the Year). In 1961, the Bishop Gerald Kennedy Award was established. It was to be given annually to a person or persons for distinguished service, selected by a committee appointed by the Bishop. Today that responsibility rests with the Laity Council. After 1980 it was given to an outstanding Layman and Laywoman each year. In 2004 a third category was added to name an outstanding Young Adult Layperson. The award is now presented at the recipient's local church by the Laity Council - recipients are also named during the annual conference session and recognized at the Laity Dinner.

Guidelines to consider when submitting a nomination:

- Nominee must be an active member of the Congregation submitting the application.
- Nominee should currently exemplify strong leadership skills within the congregation in activities such as Bible study, training programs, local participation, Sunday school, and in general should be an example of Christian stewardship.
- Nominee should be currently active in one or more community, evangelistic or outreach programs and/or be active on a Conference, District, or ecumenical level through committee activity, Lay Speaking, training programs, and/or seminars

A congregation may make more than one nomination.

Current Board of Laity members are not eligible. If nominee is a paid staff member please provide job description with the nomination form.

The form may be completed by any layperson in the church and needs the endorsements of at least one other and the pastor.

Please complete the nomination form on the reverse side, and send two copies to the Conference office to arrive by March 1, 2012. Electronic submission is encouraged. Send to The Freemans [cphilcon@aol.com](mailto:cphilcon@aol.com) and Catharine Phillips [cphillips@Cal-Pac.org](mailto:cphillips@Cal-Pac.org).

The 2011 recipients were Alma Hartman - Chatsworth West UMC, SB Dist; Harry Kuruma, Centenary, UMC, LA Dist. No young adult nominations were submitted.

Peace and Love

Ken Ellis (Conference Lay Leader) & Connie/Phil Freeman (Associate Conference Lay Leader)

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