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#### WILLIAM EDWARDS NAMED 2009 FAITHFUL SERVANT

Disciples of Christ Historical Society announced today that the Reverend Dr. William Edwards is the recipient of the 2009 Faithful Servant Award. Given annually by the Historical Society, the award recognizes individuals who have given an extra-measure of service to causes in the whole Church.

The award was presented by Dr. Glenn Thomas Carson, president of Disciples of Christ Historical Society, at Lakewood Christian Church (DOC) in Cleveland, Ohio, at their morning worship service on September 13. The congregation has recently sold its property and was meeting for its very first Sunday as a nesting congregation in the Cove United Methodist Church in Lakewood, Ohio. Dr. Williams was on the program for the morning service as the church begins a new process of discernment for its future. Rev. Paul Durbin, longtime pastor in the Ohio region, is serving as the interim minister for Lakewood.

Rev. Dr. William Edwards is the Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio (DOC). He has served churches in Kentucky, Ohio and Tennessee, and served as Associate General Minister and Vice President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

A graduate of Hiram College, Christian Theological Seminary, McCormick Theological Seminary and University of Memphis, Dr. Edwards serves with excellence throughout the life of the Church. He has worked in the Office of General Minister and President, Disciples Center, Homeland Ministries, and the Department of Christian Education.

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If you would like more information about the Faithful Servant Award please contact Kristin Russell at 866.834.7563 or [russell@discipleshistory.org](mailto:russell@discipleshistory.org). Information about Dr. William Edwards is also available at <http://www.ccinoh.org/aboutus/staff.aspx>