

PUBLIC RECOGNITION – GARY B. REIERSON

Recipient personally of the following awards:

- Outstanding Unity Award of the Minnesota State Baptist Convention (2006)
- Recognition Award, Ogoni Youth Leadership Forum (for advocating for the resettlement of Ogoni Nigerian refugees and the development of services for West Africans in the Twin Cities) (2006)
- Distinguished Alumnus Award, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities (2003)
- David W. Preus Leadership Award (2002)
- WCCO Good Neighbor Award (2002)
- International Leadership Institute Award (in recognition of a decade or more service towards the elimination of social injustice and intolerance) (1999)
- Ecumenical Partners Award from Urban Ministries (1994)

Under his leadership, the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches received the following awards:

- Top Workplace (*WorkplaceDynamics* and *StarTribune*) (2010 and 2011)
- Award of Excellence of the National Council of Churches (for long and distinguished history in furthering ecumenical life and ministry) (2009)
- President's Volunteer Service Award of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation (for Urban Immersion Service Retreats) (2008)
- Honor of Hope Awardee of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (for the Compassion Capital Fund Program) (2008)
- Best Practices Award of the Governor's Council on Faith and Community Service Initiatives (for the Community Justice Project) (2008)
- Spirit of Caring Award of the Community Action Council (2008)
- Recognition by the U.S. House of Representatives for Minnesota FoodShare's twenty-five years fighting hunger in Minnesota (2007)
- Recognition by the U.S. Department of Justice of the Division of Indian Work's Family Violence Program for work on behalf of crime victims (2007)
- The Community Justice Project was cited as a best practice in offender re-entry by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the U.S. Department of Justice (2006)
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition presented to Minnesota FoodShare (in recognition of outstanding and invaluable service to the community) (2005)
- African Award from the Consortium of African Community Organizations (in appreciation for the welcome and support given to African immigrants and refugees) (2004)
- Partnership Award presented to Minnesota FoodShare by Second Harvest Saint Paul Food Bank in recognition of outstanding and sustained support (2001)
- Committee on Urban Environment Award for partnership between Metro Paint-A-Thon and Hirshfield's Paint Recycling Program (2001)
- Ecumenical Service Awards from the National Council of Churches:
 - For Welfare Reform Programs (1999)
 - For Minnesota Churches Anti-Racism Initiative (1997)
 - For Indian Work Ministries (1993)
 - For Ecumenical Partners Program (1991)
- Minnesota Churches Anti-Racism Initiative recognized nationally as a model project by the White House Initiative on Race (1997)
- Samuel H. Scheiner Human Relations Award for Minnesota FoodShare from the Jewish Community Relations Council (1994)

Recipient of two national speaking awards:

- Joseph Jones Russell Sermon Award (1986)
- Awards for Preaching of the Christian Sermon Society (honorable mention) (1976)