

Judge Woodrow B. Seals, who helped to establish Perkins eological School for the Laity in 1974 to provide in-depth theological education for laypersons, was a noteworthy leader in the church, the community and the world.

An active layperson, Judge Seals served at St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Houston. As chair of Evangelism, he reached out to the local community and brought in many new members. He instituted a program of support to the needy, which later became the Society of St. Stephen. He also founded a Peace Advocate program, which received national United Methodist recognition and

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Nominations to be submitted by December 1

Award presented at the annual Perkins Theological School for the Laity





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presents the Seals Award annually to a layperson in the United States who exempli es an exceptional commitment of service to Christ through faith and action in the church, community and world. e Seals Award receives support from the Howard-Holbert Endowment Fund.

NOMINATIONS must include documentation representing the three areas listed above, as well as:

- A one- to four-page document including a biographical narrative and examples of nominee's activities showing commitment to Christian service in the church, community and world
- ree letters of recommendation from clergy and lay leadership of nominee's congregation and/or denomination, as well as supplemental letters of support from o cials in other churches or community organizations
- Contact information for primary sponsor who will serve as the contact for Perkins School of eology

e sponsor should compile all nomination materials and mail or e-mail as one package. Selection is made by a committee of the Perkins Lay Advisory Board. Nominations remain active

#### DEADLINE

Nominations should be submitted by December 1 to:

e Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award Committee c/o Associate Dean for External Programs Perkins School of eology Southern Methodist University P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133

Or by email to: theoexternalprograms@smu.edu

#### **INFORMATION**

To obtain additional brochures or information about the Woodrow B. Seals Laity Award or Perkins eological School for the Laity, please contact:

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