



## NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS NOMINATION FOR 2021 EDLER G. HAWKINS AWARD



I nominate \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**One EDLER G. HAWKINS AWARD will be granted at the 2021 Virtual Historic National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.**

**The person you nominate must agree to have their name placed in nomination. Please submit one page describing your specific reasons for making the nomination; a photo and contact information for the person you are nominating. Return your nomination by May 18, 2021, to the Rev. Dr. Mary Newbern-Williams, 5616 Infinity Lane Unit 426, Virginia Beach, VA 23464, 218.831.0882, [Mary.newbernwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:Mary.newbernwilliams@gmail.com).**

**Nominees are expected to have demonstrated similar character and exceptional, distinguishing achievements reflected in the following biographical sketch of Edler G. Hawkins.**

### EDLER G. HAWKINS



Edler G. Hawkins was a trailblazer in the truest sense of the word. In 1964, he became the first black person elected to the position of Moderator. This achievement was due to his fierce loyalty to Presbyterianism: a loyalty that prompted him to prove that Blacks are an integral part of the United Presbyterian Church. He sought to establish the fact that Blacks who possessed enough persistence and sheer audacity could successfully ascend to the highest office within the denomination. Because of his performance, he raised the consciousness of the denomination to the existence, the abilities and the inherent rights of its minorities, blacks in particular, as perhaps no other events in the previous history of the Church. He was a stellar role model and a proponent of faith in one's self and holding steadfast to that faith until what one believes is accepted by others; and, therefore, becomes manifest. He looked for no excuses and no rationalizations for conceding even the possibility of second-rate church membership for Blacks. Firmly convinced of who and what we are, he held fast, unruffled by circumstances, unmoved by apparent defeat, until through sheer perseverance he achieved complete vindication in victory. A veritable Rock of Gibraltar - he was firm, quiet, deceptively strong and immovable in purpose.

- Adapted using excerpts from *Periscope2*



**NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS  
NOMINATION FOR 2021 DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE AWARD**



**I nominate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**One DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE award will be granted at the 2021 Virtual Historic National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Convention in Charleston, South Carolina.**

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**Nominees are expected to have demonstrated similar character, exceptional achievements and/or leadership style reflected in the following description:**

### **Drum Major for Justice Award**

*"...let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" Amos 5:24 (NIV)*

The Drum Major for Justice Award recognizes an individual who has displayed a passionate commitment to the biblical principles of justice by consistently and unselfishly pursuing that utopian reality of "liberty, justice, and equality for all of God's people." In the midst of adversity and potential risk, they have displayed admirable courage and strength, never failing to lift a prophetic voice that speaks truth to power.

Their leadership style and basic interactions reflect the Christian ethic found in Micah 6:8 ... *"to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God."* They have reached out with love and compassion to positively change lives, mend brokenness, repair relationships and inspire hope.



**NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS NOMINATION  
FOR 2021 INNOVATION IN MINISTRY AWARD**



**I nominate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone No.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**One INNOVATION IN MINISTRY award will be granted at the 2021 Virtual Historic National Black Presbyterian Caucus 46th Biennial Convention in Charleston, SC.**

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**Nominees are expected to have demonstrated similar character, exceptional achievements and leadership style reflected in the following description:**

### **Innovation in Ministry**

The Innovation in Ministry Award acknowledges an individual who approaches ministry with a curious mind, a dedicated heart and visionary eyes. Such a person witnesses to God's amazing grace through ministries that are creative, innovative, fresh and inspiring, while meeting real human needs. Individuals with such gifts are rare. They listen to the voice of the Spirit despite surrounding echoes of "we've never done it this way before." In response to questions of "Why?" their response is a simple "Why Not?" Innovators in ministry lead by example reflecting a caring heart, imagination, persistence and faithfulness to a Savior who continues, "...to make all things new" (Rev. 21:5)

**RETURN YOUR NOMINATION(S) BY MAY 18, 2021 (postdated) :**

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**NATIONAL BLACK PRESBYTERIAN CAUCUS  
NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 PIONEER LUNCHEON**



**DIRECTIONS:** Print legibly the name of each nominee with **whom you have consulted and confirmed their agreement to accept** the honor in this manner. Fill in your information and rationale. Mail in the form.

**CRITERIA:**

1. The nominees must have either past or current membership in NBPC.
2. The nominees must demonstrate similar character, exceptional achievements and /or leadership style as that of Maria Fearing. (See below for more information.)

**Your name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Maria Fearing (1838-1937)**



Age was no restriction for Maria Fearing! After the end of slavery, at age 33, she worked her way through the Freedman’s Bureau School, learning not only how to read and write, but how to teach as well. Determined to be a missionary, the Presbyterian Church finally commissioned Maria at the age of 56 to the Congo, where for more than 20 years she served as a Presbyterian missionary and established the Pantops Home for Girls in 1915. Although she was encouraged to retire at the age of 78 from the mission field, upon returning to Alabama, she taught at a church school in Selma. Having lived a long and productive life of making a positive difference in the lives of others, she transitioned from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant at age 99.

**The Maria Fearing Award**

The Maria Fearing Award recognizes individuals who stare insurmountable odds in the face and garner the courage to pursue what seems to be an impossible dream. When faced with a difficult problem or negative predicament, they maintain a positive outlook. Motivated by the curiosity to try new things, they aim for the stars. While others are declaring what they cannot do, they respond by doing it anyway. They overcome major life challenges to achieve their life goals.

**For the MARIA FEARING HONOREE (Any age)**

**I nominate** \_\_\_\_\_



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NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 PIONEER LUNCHEON**



**Your Reason for this Nomination**

**Maria Fearing (any age)** (If you need more space you may attach a separate sheet.)

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Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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