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- Congregational initiatives in social ministry
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- Advocacy efforts
- Education of members on social justice
- Partnership with LSSI

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Nominations can be made by anyone familiar with the congregation being nominated; any ELCA congregation in Illinois is eligible for the award.

**Nomination forms are due August 31, 2010.**

## Past Winners include:

**Central-Southern Illinois Synod**

St. John's Lutheran Church, Springfield (2004)  
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Springfield (2005)  
Grace Lutheran Church, Champaign (2006)  
Epiphany Lutheran Church, Carbondale (2009)

**Metropolitan Chicago Synod**

Salem Lutheran Church, Chicago (2004)  
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Schaumburg (2005)  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hinsdale (2006)  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Arlington Heights (2007)

In 2009, six MCS congregations that collaborated with LSSI in support of the West-Northwest Suburban Counseling Center won the award:

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,  
Prospect Heights  
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Downers Grove  
Grace Lutheran Church, La Grange  
Epiphany Lutheran Church, Elmhurst  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Des Plaines  
St. Paul Lutheran Church, Villa Park

**Northern Illinois Synod**

Zion Lutheran Church, Rockford (2004)  
First Lutheran Church, Galesburg (2005)  
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St. John's Lutheran Church, Rock Island (2007)  
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