

**NJ COALITION FOR INCLUSIVE MINISTRIES
FIFTH STATEWIDE AWARDS CELEBRATION – 2007**

**2007 AWARD NOMINATIONS FORM
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The New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Ministries will present awards to recognize outstanding and creative efforts to support the spiritual lives of people with disabilities or special needs at our Fifth Awards and Recognition Dinner on Thursday, November 8 at Sharon Baptist Church in New Brunswick. Honorees will receive two complimentary tickets to the conference and ceremony.

We are looking for examples of creative efforts in areas such as

- *Advocating for the religious rights of children or adults with disabilities or special needs.*
- *Providing exemplary worship and religious education opportunities.*
- *Helping to further involvement of people with disabilities or special needs in fully participating in religious life.*
- *Fostering awareness of religion and disabilities issues.*

Nominations of individuals or organizations representing both religious and secular settings will be accepted in the following categories.

- **Parents or families**
- **Religious organizations (congregations, diocesan offices, denominational bodies...)**
- **Secular agencies (government, advocacy, provider and other organizations)**
- **Individual religious leaders (lay or professional)**
- **Individual members of a religious community**
- **Youth groups**
- **Self-Advocates (person with disability)**
- **Media representative**
- **Direct Support Professionals**

Please **circle** the category for your nomination. Use the reverse side for the nomination. You do not have to use this form. We prefer to receive the nominations in electronic format at bill.gaventa@umdnj.edu. If you have questions about the process, please call Bill Gaventa at 732-235-9304.

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