



United Church of Christ
MENTAL HEALTH NETWORK™

Do you know a WISE person or organization deserving recognition?

Nominate them for a UCC Mental Health Network Award!

Send the name, congregation, contact information, and description of why this individual or organization deserves a UCC MHN award to mhnucc@gmail.com through May 31st.

Becoming WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive and Engaged) for Mental Health takes an incredible amount of passion and commitment. It's not something done for recognition—its done because people of faith are willing to dedicate their time, energy, and resources to ensure individuals living with mental health challenges, substance use disorders, and brain disorders are recognized as children of God and fully included within the Body of Christ.

While most WISE advocates don't expect recognition for their efforts, the United Church of Christ Mental Health Network believes it's important to celebrate the outstanding contributions of individuals, congregations, and other church settings to mental health ministry and inclusion. So, every two years, as part of the UCC General Synod, we give out a handful of awards to celebrate the accomplishments of WISE people and organizations. But we need your help identifying the standout individuals and congregations who dedicate their time to promoting WISE!

Awards winners will be honored at the Health and Wholeness Luncheon at General Synod 2019 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The lunch will take place at noon on Sunday, June 23rd. *(UCC MHN will cover the cost of the lunch for the Award recipients.)* Individuals, churches, and other settings of the church may nominate others or themselves. Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Congregations, conferences, and other church settings that have promoted mental health ministry and becoming WISE for Mental Health;
- Individuals who have shown exceptional leadership in mental health ministry and advocacy.

Please note, each awardee must cover their own travel expenses to Milwaukee or designate an individual attending General Synod to accept their award.

Submissions will be accepted through May 31st with chosen recipients notified no later than June 5th. If you have any questions, please contact Alan Johnson UCC MHN Chair via email at mhnucc@gmail.com.