CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS OF THE 20TH CENTURY PROJECT

Nomination Form for New Entries

Introduction to the CE20 Project:  www.christianeducators20.com

The “Christian Educators of the 20th Century Project,” funded by the Lilly Endowment, provides information on influential Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian/religious education leaders of the 20th century and makes it available to people all over the world for research and as a reference work. It is a web-based database providing biographical and bibliographical information on these leaders to assist others in understanding the development of Christian religious education in North America over the 20th century. The project currently covers approximately 150 people who have helped shape Christian religious education since the founding of the Religious Education Association in 1903. Entries include: biographical essays, assessment of contributions to the field, pictures, bibliographies of their publications and others about them and their work, excerpts of their works demonstrating their ideas (where permission can be obtained), and a recommended reading list. The project facilitates historical, philosophical, and theological research in the broad field of Christian religious education. It has an editorial advisory board and a peer-review process for all entries.

Criteria for Nomination and Evaluation of New Entries

Phase I of this project focused on those who were already deceased, retired, or past age 70. To complete the project we now want to consider all remaining persons who made a “significant contribution” to the field of Christian religious education in the North American context. The following criteria are being used in the review process:

1. The project is focused on the 20th century. There are many people active and making significant contributions today who were born in the 20th century, but for this project there must be clear, significant, contributions identifiable within the 20th century for the person to be considered. Those whose major contributions have been primarily since the new century started should not be considered.

2. They should be recognized by others within the field of Christian religious education for their contributions to the development of the field, not just their contributions through teaching. *(Our favorite professors may not necessarily belong in this project.)*

3. This recognition can either be at a denominational level (significant influence and leadership within the denomination) or broader across denominational lines or within particular ethnic communities. Some people have contributed broadly across the field, others have done more within their own tradition. Both types of contribution should be recognized.

4. While publication of writings is one important way to influence the field, it is not the only way. Those whose influence has been more through leadership roles that have resulted in changes in how Christian religious education is carried out should also be considered. *(e.g., people who pioneered movements, led organizations who have made a major contribution to the field, invested their lives as leaders enabling others to carry out work within the field)*
5. There must also be the ability to recruit a person capable of doing the research and writing of the entry within the next 12 months. The person nominating the entry may offer to do this, or may recommend others to be approached to develop the entry.

**Summary:** One way to summarize the above is to think of teaching a course about the history of Christian religious education in the 20th century. If you were to have the time needed, who would you want to include to tell the story of how Christian religious education developed and was carried forward in this century? Who would you recommend students do research papers on to better understand their contributions to the field? These are the people we want within this project. We cannot include everyone who ever taught or wrote in the field, nor all those who we respect for their lives and teaching.

If there is someone you believe fits the above criteria that you would like to nominate, please fill out the form below and send it to the project director, Kevin E. Lawson (kevin.lawson@biola.edu). He will oversee the review process and notify you of the results.

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**NOMINATION**

**Information on the person being nominated:**

Name:

Denomination or Tradition:

*In light of the criteria listed on the previous page, please provide a rationale for your nomination of this person to be included in the CE20 project. The more information you can provide about the nature and extent of the person’s contributions, the better the review board can assess the nomination:*

Rationale for Nomination:

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**Information on yourself, the person doing the nominating:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you seeking to be the author of this entry, or is there someone else you would nominate to write it – if so, who and how can we contact this person?

What background does the prospective author have that would help this person do well in developing this entry?