



Northside Ministerial Alliance

Rev. Dr. Addis Moore, President

Rev. Lenzy Bell, Vice President

2025

REV. DR. OTHA GILYARD COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS

Introduction to Award & Recognition

The late Reverend Dr. Otha Gilyard, a figure of immense impact, served Kalamazoo County for 19 years as the pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. His influence was profound, providing crucial support for young, pregnant, unwed women, offering refuge for individuals battling substance abuse, and creating a loving community for seniors. Dr. Gilyard's legacy, a beacon of inspiration, continues to guide us all. He was also a key figure in the Northside Ministerial Alliance of Kalamazoo. Therefore, each year, at our Annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, we honor a member of our community who, like Dr. Gilyard, is genuinely making a difference. This award serves as a reminder of the importance of community service and the value of each individual's contributions.

Nominations

Only an active member of the Northside Ministerial Alliance can nominate someone they feel has made and is making a meaningful impact in Kalamazoo.

Vision: A Community Living in Truth and Righteousness

Mission: Leading Change in the Community Through the Unified Church

Selection of Candidate

The Northside Ministerial Alliance executive team, a group deeply committed to our community, will evaluate and select the 2025 Rev. Dr. Otha Gilyard Community Service Award recipient.

Criteria for Award

1. The nominee's achievements, accomplishments, or service must be in accordance with the mission and vision of the Northside Ministerial Alliance.
2. The nominee must have a good reputation.
3. The nominee must have displayed a strong commitment to addressing the needs of the Kalamazoo community.
4. The nominee can either have served our community as a volunteer or in a paid position.
5. The community must perceive the nominee to be a leader.
6. Any person campaigning for an elected office is not eligible.
7. If a nominee and their spouse together have achievements, accomplishments, or service, both can be nominated.
8. Nominees do not have to be members of the Northside Ministerial Alliance but **does have to be a member of a local church.**
9. Executive team members of the Northside Ministerial Alliance are not eligible.

Date, Time, and Location of Recognition

Mt. Zion Baptist Church
Sunday, January 19, 2025
4:00 PM

How to Nominate

The Northside Ministerial Alliance members wishing to nominate an individual or married couple committed to serving our community must write and submit a typed letter. The letter must include the following:

1. Name of NMA Member Nominating
2. Contact information of NMA Member Nominating
3. Name of Individual you are Nominating
4. Detailed Description of the Contribution of the Person or Married Couple You Are Nominating
5. A Brief Explanation of Why You Are Nominating this Person or Married Couple

NMA Members may submit up to one nomination letter.

Please attach to the letter any supporting evidence you feel is appropriate to make your case (such as newspaper clippings, YouTube videos, or anything else.).

Submit Letter of Nomination to:

Rev. Caressa Bryant
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
120 Roberson Street
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
or email to nmakazoo@gmail.com

Deadline for All Nominations

Sunday, December 1, 2024