



The Virginia Annual Conference Board of Discipleship has announced a new award to be given at Annual Conference. The award, “*One Matters*,” recognizes significant improvement of baptisms and professions of faith. “With the One Matters Discipleship Award, we want to lift up the importance of discipleship and help interpret, across the connection what zeros in professions of faith and baptism mean and what moving away from the zeros means,” said Jeff Campbell, director of Annual Conference Relationships at Discipleship Ministries. “Each ‘one’ in those categories represents a transformed life – a life that matters to God, and a life that should matter to us.”

The award, which includes \$1,000 and a One Matters Discipleship Award plaque, will be presented to the pastor and lay leaders of a congregation that has done significant work to make its zeros from previous years become positive numbers.

Criteria for the award is a church that has a history of zero baptisms and zero professions of faith for a minimum of three to five years and has significant increases in these two areas in 2016. Nominations should include the historical record which can be verified through Year End Statistics for at least four to six years. Included in the application should be a short story of how the church has turned itself around.

Applications are due no later than Friday April 21st, 2017.

Mail to:

Office of Lay Leadership

P.O. Box 5606

Glen Allen, Virginia 23058

One Matters Award Application

Virginia Annual Conference

Name of church: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person/s: _____

Pastor: _____

District: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Historical record of baptisms:

Historical Record of Professions:

2009 _____

2010 _____

2011 _____

2012 _____

2013 _____

2014 _____

2015 _____

2016 _____

Briefly share a story of the church and how the church has turned around significantly in baptisms and professions of faith:
