The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans award is given annually to an Episcopal lay person who has given leadership and unique witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ within his or her congregation, community, diocese, and in the world over a significant period of time. Additionally the nominee must be someone who has exhibited, in a volunteer capacity, outstanding personal initiative in creating and providing leadership for a new ministry outside their parish.

The Nomination Process:

Nominations for the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award may come from bishops, clergy, or lay people. Candidates for the award must be active laypersons and communicants in good standing of an Episcopal congregation and must reside in Alabama, the District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia or West Virginia.

The nomination process requires completing the enclosed nomination form, a one-page biography of the nominee, and the submission of two letters of recommendation. Nominations for the 2013 award must be received by January 15, 2015, and the award recipient will be announced in early spring of 2015.

The award recipient will be honored by the Seminary at their home parish, and a financial contribution will be made by the Seminary to a ministry chosen by the award recipient.

About Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans:

Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans, a devoted member of the Episcopal Church, unselfishly supported over 130 charities and institutions throughout her life, including Virginia Theological Seminary. Mrs. Evans was known for her concern for others and genuine benevolent spirit. Her first husband, Joseph Brown Whitehead of Oxford, Mississippi, was an original bottler of Coca-Cola. Upon his death in 1906, Mrs. Whitehead assumed leadership of the family’s Coca-Cola interests. She died in 1953 after an extended illness. Virginia Theological Seminary established The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award in 1998 to more fully honor her life and ministry.
Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award
2015 Nomination Form

Nominations must be submitted on this form and must fit in the spaces provided below.

Nominator’s name and address: _______________________________________________________
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Phone and email: ________________________________________________________________

Nominee name and address: _________________________________________________________
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Phone and email: ________________________________________________________________
Parish name: ________________________________________________________________

Describe at least three ways in which your nominee has reflected outstanding personal initiative in creating and leading, in a unique and creative volunteer capacity, a new ministry outside the Church, serving either a particular community or the world over a significant period of time.

Describe how your nominee has embodied a unique witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ both within and outside the Church over a significant period of time.

Nominations, biographical page, and letters of recommendation should be mailed to: The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award Committee, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22304. Nominations must be postmarked by January 15, 2015 for consideration in the 2015 Award process.