

Douglas Oldenburg Is Seventh King Medal Recipient

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"God made us brothers and sisters, and we should live that way and act that way," says Dr. Douglas Wayne Oldenburg, the winner of this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Medallion Award given by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

"He has espoused--and lived--the basic ideals Martin Luther King tried to promote," attested Kitty Huffman, chairman of the sub-committee which planned the celebration and gave the medallion.

Those ideals, according to the criteria for



Dr. Douglas W. Oldenburg

the award are "the worth of every human being, that nonviolent means of pursuing equal rights be maintained, that all people would live together in the spirit of love and acceptance,

that each person has the right to dream and to pursue the dream of excellence and that each person should be encouraged to achieve his/her potential."

Caroline Myers, the director of Crisis Assistance Ministry, nominated Oldenburg. She noted his "attention to those who are oppressed."

"His leadership in the establishment of Crisis Assistance Ministry was

critical," she said. "He recruited our first board, wrote the by-laws, asked Covenant Church to give me to CAM as director. He served as Chairman of the Board several terms until he rotated off and was re-elected."

Both Huffman and Myers told of his leading Mecklenburg Presbytery in raising money and developing the Haiti Project, a ten-year program to assist the resi-

dents of one region there to dig an irrigation ditch (for a second growing season) and to get better health care and education.

Myers, who is a member of Covenant Presbyterian, says that he has preached peace and economic justice. See Oldenburg On 15C

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