



## Racial Justice Awards NOMINATION GUIDELINES -2016

- The Racial Justice Awards Ceremony is an annual event of InterFaith Works to recognize and honor individuals and organizations who work towards ending racism and promoting social equity.
- Individuals or organizations may be nominated. There are three designations: adult, youth, and organization. Youth nominees must be under 21 years of age.
- The “Racial Justice Award” is given annually to individuals whose efforts shall have produced change, or have contributed to make a change, towards ending racial injustice and promoting social equity.
- The “Racial Justice Award - Organization” is given occasionally to organizations whose efforts shall have produced change, or have contributed to make a change, towards ending racial injustice and promoting social equity.
- The “Catalyst” award is given occasionally for outstanding achievements towards ending racial injustice. “Catalyst” nominees will have demonstrated leadership in inspiring others to end racial injustice and promoting social equity.
- The “Lifetime” award is given occasionally for outstanding and sustained (i.e., over a career) achievement, including inspiring others, towards ending racial injustice and promoting social equity.
- The person or organization nominated must be a resident of or be based in Central New York.
- Nominations may come from any resident of the Central New York community, including IFW staff and Board members.
- The nomination summary (to be attached to nomination form) **must** not exceed 300 words (or nominee will be disqualified).
- Nominations must be received no later than ***Friday, November 6, 2015***.
- You may attach supporting documents of the person’s or organization’s contribution to eliminating racial injustice and promoting social equity (e.g., newspaper article, written statement by persons affected, etc.).
- All nominations will become the property of InterFaith Works. All material submitted will not be returned.
- The award will be presented at a special event at Syracuse Stage on *Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 5:30pm*, followed by the first preview performance of *“To Kill a Mockingbird.”*



**Ahmad & Elizabeth El-Hindi Center for Dialogue  
2016 Racial Justice Award  
Nomination Form**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Person/Organization Nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name at Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominator Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee is being nominated as: \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Youth (under 21) \_\_\_\_\_ Organization

Please attach a nomination summary (**300 words or less**) describing the nominee's qualifying accomplishments towards ending racial injustice and promoting social equity, including the timeframe of the efforts and any specific examples of leadership. With your nomination you may attach any supporting newspaper articles, letters of recommendation, or other documents.

**Please Return to:**

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**Past Recipients of the Racial Justice, Catalyst and Lifetime Achievement Awards include:**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Lisa Dunn Alford 2015       | Daren C. Jaime 2013     | Eva Williams 2009              |
| Francis McMillan Parks 2015 | Gretchen E. Lopez 2013  | Geneva Hayden 2009             |
| Ranya Shannon 2015          | Sheryl Aiello 2012      | Linda Hall 2008                |
| Kevin J. Agee 2014          | Michael Crinnin 2012    | Samuel Rowser 2008             |
| Abdulilah Al-Dubai 2014     | Abdullahi Ibrahim 2012  | Imam Abdur-Rahim Muhammad 2007 |
| Cimone Jordan 2014          | Arcenia London 2011     | Nathalie Quezada 2007          |
| Wilauer Mateo 2014          | Melanie Littlejohn 2011 | Jim Clark 2006                 |
| Ella Neville 2014           | Beth Broadway 2010      |                                |
|                             | Mark Cass 2010          |                                |