

September 3, 2025

Dear Friends,

We would like your assistance in the selection of the person or persons to receive the **2026 Iverson Freking Ecumenical Recognition Award**. Bethany St. Joseph Corporation initiated the award in 1987. Previous honorees are listed below.

The Award is named in honor of the late Carl Iverson and the late Bishop Frederick Freking. It reflects their unselfish dedication to foster and promote ecumenical endeavors based on mutual respect of all faiths. Both men were instrumental in the founding of Bethany St. Joseph Corporation (<https://www.bsicorp.com/iverson-freking-ecumenical-recognition-award/>).

**Iverson Freking Award Guidelines are *ONE OR MORE* of the following:**

1. Spiritual example.
2. Respect for the faith of others.
3. Participation in a Spiritual congregation.
4. Commitment to community.

Enclosed is a nomination form. Please consider your many acquaintances that are deserving of this special recognition. Be as complete and concise as possible. Submit your person(s) for review by **October 13, 2025**.

The 2026 Iverson Freking Award honorees will be named in mid-December. The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 2026, at the La Crosse Radisson Center. Thank you for your participation!

Sincerely,

Kim Gochanour, President/CEO

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