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## AWARDS 2009

Professor Eduard Wentz Award  
*For the best scholastic record in Constructive Theology*  
**Maria Del Riesgo and Dwight Wagenius**

The Francis X. Pirazzini Award  
*To the graduates demonstrating exceptional theological acumen and ethical sensitivities regarding contemporary social and cultural problems*  
**Gage Church and Maria Del Riesgo**

Susan Noble Blons Scholar in Theology and the Arts  
*To a student who shows exceptional talent in the study and integration of the arts within the life of the Christian community*  
**Lindsey Kluver**

Henry Felix Kapp Memorial Award  
*For the best scholastic record in Old Testament Theology*  
**Michael MacMillan and Dwight Wagenius**

Walter F. Kuentzel Memorial Award  
*For the best scholastic record in New Testament Theology*  
**Cynthia Coffin and Damen Heitmann**

Historical Theology Award  
*For the best scholastic record in Historical Theology*  
**Janice Palmer and Dwight Wagenius**

Lydia Myrl Kapp Memorial Award  
*For outstanding work in Preaching*  
**Gage Church**

Alfred and Catherine Koch Memorial Award  
*To a graduate doing outstanding work in parish service in a single year*  
**Timothy Harmon**

Horace Bushnell Award in Educational Ministry  
*Awarded by the Comstock Fund Committee of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Alpena, Michigan, for outstanding work in Christian Education*  
**Samuel Kautz and Dixie Laube**

Creative Religious Leadership Award  
*To a Master of Arts student for outstanding work in Religious Leadership preparation*  
**Katharine Monson**

Douglas Horton Award  
*To the middler students who have done outstanding work in the junior year*  
**Jacqueline Falk and Karen Larson**

Charlotte L. Matthews Community Leadership Award  
*To the graduating students who have demonstrated outstanding service within the UTS community*  
**Lindsey Kluver, Dixie Laube, and Dwight Wagenius**

Horrisberger Rural Ministry Award  
*To a UCC student who is committed to serve congregations in small town and rural settings*  
**Bonnie Jacque-Gorecki**

Clyde J. Steckel Prize in Pastoral Care  
*To a M.Div. or M.A.R.L. graduate demonstrating excellence in her/his pastoral care and/or counseling courses, and/or Contextual Studies placement*  
**Candraeah Carey**

Donald R. White Prize in Theological Interpretation of Culture  
*To the graduating students demonstrating excellence in interpreting culture theologically*  
**Katharine Monson and Steven Protzman**

Merrill Memorial Scholarship Award  
*For the best senior research project in the Master of Divinity program by a student whose stated goal is the pastoral ministry or missionary service*  
**Janice Palmer**

Re-Imagining Community Award  
*For innovation and creativity in the field of feminist theology*  
**Emily Meyer**