

Certified Lay Servant
Certified Lay Speaker
Certified Lay Minister

2018 Lay Servant of the Year Awards



Rocky Mountain Conference

**Plains Sub-District
Suzan Aggson**



The Plains 2018 Lay Servant Leader of the Year is Suzan Aggson from the United Methodist Church in Fort Morgan, CO. Suzan began her journey as a lay servant in 2006 and has continually been busy serving her Lord as a lay servant in many different ways sharing her talents with others. Suzan has participated in caring ministries by making regular visits to the nursing home, volunteering at the Food Bank of the Rockies and participating in communion to shut-ins. Suzan has a beautiful voice and shares her talent singing at funerals, her church choir and is a member of her church Praise Team. Suzan also shares her time with the children and youth in her church giving children sermons, being a confirmation sponsor and was excited to serve as a mission chairman taking 20 youth and adults on a mission trip to Denim in Denver. (Denver Urban Matters). Suzan is a member of DCOM for Peaks & Plains; she is a member of her church council and a member of the worship committee. Suzan is always helping others in so many ways, but most of all she is there for others with a hug, a smile, a prayer and maybe tears when others are suffering or just need someone who cares.

**Metropolitan District
Melba Taylor**



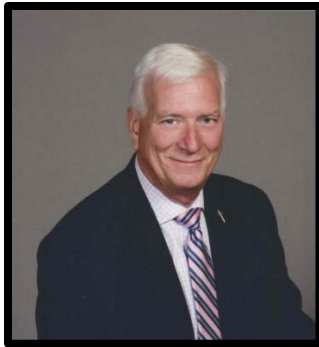
Melba is Metro's Lay Servant of the year for 2018. She has been chair, co-chair, and general subject matter expert on Lay Servant procedures, practices, methods, implementation, policies and mentor to many in this field for at least ten years if not longer. Just as importantly, if you know Melba you know a good, Christian woman. Just in the last year she has: put together district lay servant classes, donated blood at Children's Hospital, participated in weekly bible study, finance, trustees, missions, and delegate for annual conference for her local church. She sings in the choir, acts a liturgist, and has preached a sermon at Burns. She supports the youth at her church and participates in vacation bible school. She also has participated as a committee member putting together the yearly district annual conference for Metro.

Within her family her son is a CLM and local licensed pastor at a Metro church along with being a program director that is housed at his church. Melba is always supportive and supporting her grandchildren whom she dearly loves.

More than this it would be hard to itemize but suffice to say we love Melba and are so lucky to have her in our district and conference.

Blessings and Thank You Melba!

**Mile High Sub-District
Scott Hartrich**



Reverend Trudy Robinson states that Scott Hartrich is one of those consistently willing and joyfully serving members of the church. He became a member of Littleton United Methodist church in 1989. As a member of the Trustees, Scott has helped with clean up days, repairs and general upkeep of our facilities. As a member of the Mission Vision Team, he helped articulate a vision for the church's service to the community and as a member of the Building Committee, he kept the vision for the church's mission to feed our neighbors in front of us at all times. As a member of the Transportation Ministry, Scott is often behind the wheel of the church's bus, picking up shut-ins for Sunday morning or driving groups of church members to events. Scott serves as a key person for our church to the local ministry that provides shelter to those without homes on severe weather nights. The thing about Scott about is that he does so as a true extension of his faith, his commitment to following Jesus Christ, and his love of God through the church. He does all this and more with a sly smile, a hope-filled perspective, joyful disposition and a sense of humor that reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously.

**Pikes Peak District
Gudiva (Twinkle) Gordon**



Twinkle has been very active in the program for eight years. She has been a Certified Lay Minister since 2015, the only one in the sub-district. She is an active member of Pikes Peak UMC in Colorado Springs, as Chairperson of the Prayer Committee, provides devotionals at the PPUMC UMW meetings, she gives the children's message on the 2nd Sunday of the month, and is involved in hospital and nursing home visits. She is a member of the choir, a liturgist, a communion steward, and an administrative council member. She alerts the pastor on the need for healing prayers from members of the congregation. She is the memorial service assistant, works with the pastor to provide a Melancholy Christmas Service to those who request it, and provides prayer articles for the PPUMC Lamplighter Newsletter. Last, but not least, she fills the pulpit whenever the pastor is away.

Outreach activities include providing pulpit coverage at Simla and Ellicott UMCs when the pastor is absent, as well as helping the pastor with a first time (2017) Blessing of the Animals Service. She offers healing prayers, most Tuesdays, at the Trinity UMC Food Pantry.

In conclusion, Twinkle welcomes opportunities to fill in for absent pastors, as needed anywhere in the sub-district, serve anyone with spiritual needs and in any other capacity as needed.

**Peaks Sub-District
Cindi Ross-Bell**



Cindi is an active member of First Fort Collins. She serves often as worship leader, teaches classes, is a Communion server, and Liturgist coordinator.

Her pastor Rev Melanie Rosa speaks very highly of her. She is active in the community by volunteering at Putnam Elementary to support teachers and staff. Cindi also gave the message at the Johnstown UMC this past year, led a non-denominational Women's Spiritual Retreat weekend, compiled an Advent devotional booklet, helped build a Chancel set for the Easter Sunrise Service, and assists in running the power point for services at times.

Cindi is only two classes away from completing the seven-class requirement to be a Certified Lay Speaker. She often encourages others to join her in these courses too.

We in the Peaks Sub-district wish to thank Cindi for all she

has done and continues to do for the church and her community.

**Trinity District
Pat Blasi**



Pat Blasi is a very dedicated servant that has served in so many capacities at the local, district and conference level and is well known but most everyone. She has served as our lay delegate to annual conference, was on the Mission U team, she is a district officer for UMW, has volunteered at the McCurdy School in New Mexico annually, is on our missions committee and still finds time to visit and take food to homebound parishioners.

Pat as a Certified Lay Servant strives to increase her knowledge by taking any lay servant courses, Mission U, other trainings or retreats offered nearby and encourages others to attend the training or retreat with her. She attends two weekly bible studies and helps to lead one of them.

This past year she led the worship services at the Fowler and Manzanola Methodist Churches one Sunday during the absence of the pastor. She often serves as liturgist at her church and is involved with the planning and execution of laity Sunday.

We are honored to have Pat Blasi as Trinity's Lay Servant of the Year.