



Dear friends,

I'm delighted to invite you to participate in the **John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea** as a sponsor, demonstrating your commitment to Christian unity, sharing your message with diverse Christians and community members throughout our region, and celebrating our 2026 honorees: Bishop Emeritus Kurt F. Kusserow and Bishop Emeritus David A. Zubik.

The **Sunday, August 30, 2026** event at **Shadyside Presbyterian Church** is a key opportunity to support Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania: a unifying voice in the name of Jesus Christ, bringing together 29 regional church bodies through collegiality, collaboration, and connectedness. All proceeds from the event support Christian Associates' work in building trusting relationships among Christian leaders; facilitating collaboration among churches; and building bridges between the church and civic, community, and interfaith partners.

Christian Associates is excited to present **Bishop Emeritus David A. Zubik** of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh and **Bishop Emeritus Kurt F. Kusserow** of the Southwestern PA Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America with the first ever John 17 Awards, recognizing outstanding achievement in Christian unity, judicatory leadership, and interfaith engagement. The bishops were installed within weeks of one another in summer 2007, and both retired in summer of 2025. Throughout their ministries, both were leaders among Christian Associates' Council of Bishops and Judicatory Executives, and engaged in many initiatives promoting Christian unity and interfaith relations.

The John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea features food, drink, and fellowship among diverse people of faith and community partners. During the event, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary President **the Rev. Dr. Asa J. Lee** will moderate a conversation between Bishops Zubik and Kusserow, exploring the ways that friendship, trust, and curiosity build bridges across denominations and faith traditions.

We hope your organization will join us in saluting these champions of ecumenism, and joining with them in the good work that Christian Associates does on behalf of the church and community. You can find out more about our sponsorship opportunities on the next page. If you would like more information, please reach out by email ([lbarlow@casp.org](mailto:lbarlow@casp.org)) or phone (412-688-9070).

Yours sincerely,

The Rev. Liddy Barlow  
Executive Minister



## Sponsorship Levels

- **Platinum Sponsor (\$2,500)**
  - Table for eight guests at the John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea, with your organization's name and logo on the table sign
  - Speaking opportunity during the event
  - Full-page advertisement in the event program
  - Custom slide in event slideshow
  - Name and logo featured on event website and in social media posts
  - Half-page advertisement in any 2026-7 edition of *The Call*, Christian Associates' bimonthly newsletter
- **Gold Sponsor (\$1000)**
  - Table for eight guests at the John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea, with your organization's name and logo on the table sign
  - Acknowledgment by emcee during event program
  - Half-page advertisement in the event program
  - Custom slide in event slideshow
  - Name featured on event website
  - Quarter-page advertisement in any 2026-7 edition of *The Call*, Christian Associates' bimonthly newsletter
- **Silver Sponsor (\$500)**
  - Four tickets to the John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea
  - Quarter-page advertisement in the event program
  - Name included in event slideshow
- **Bronze Sponsor (\$250)**
  - Two tickets to the John 17 Awards Afternoon Tea
  - Name listed in event program
  - Name included in event slideshow

Additionally, event tickets are available individually (\$50 each) or per table seating 8 guests, with the organization's name and logo featured on a table sign (\$360).



## SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

### SPONSOR INFORMATION

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### COMMITMENT LEVEL

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor - \$2,500  | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Sponsor - \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor - \$1,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Sponsor - \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Tickets - \$50 each – Quantity: _____                  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Tables for Eight Guests - \$360 each – Quantity: _____ |   |

Total Commitment Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

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### PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Check enclosed (payable to Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania)
- Please send invoice.

Please return this form to Christian Associates via email ([lbarlow@casp.org](mailto:lbarlow@casp.org)) or post (P.O. Box 5241, Pittsburgh, PA 15206). Sponsorships must be fully paid by August 20, 2026. Thank you!