

FORMER PROFESSOR HONORED FOR TEACHING DIGNITY AND RESPECT



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recipient of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Dignity & Respect Champion Award. Jackson received the honor in recognition of his 42 years of teaching the basic principles of dignity and respect—seeking racial and economic justice, inclusion, and improved education, first as a professor at the Seminary and now as a volunteer instructor with the Seminary's Metro-Urban Institute.

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Jackson, 80, lives with his wife, Cynthia, in Gibsonia. As an assisting priest at The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, volunteer professor with MUI, and board member of Pittsburgh Interfaith Network (PIIN), he lives dignity and respect daily.

The Dignity & Respect Champion Award is part of the The Dignity & Respect Campaign of UMPC, an awareness campaign designed to join individuals, community leaders, community organizations, educational institutions, businesses, and corporations under the common notion that everyone deserves dignity and respect.

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