The Moramus Award is the Foundation’s most prestigious recognition. It was initiated in 1961 to honor scholars and others whose activities and achievements have resulted in outstanding contributions to American Moravian music and have furthered the work of the MMF, or have had a positive influence upon the goals and stature of the MMF. Possible recipients, rather than being sought out, have exhibited beyond any doubt their qualifications for this award.

1. Nominations for the Moramus Award shall be presented to the Nominations and Awards Team at least six weeks prior to a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Nomination materials shall include a vita, especially listing professional or volunteer accomplishments and recognitions, and a list of specific reasons for the nomination with particular activities which have favorably influenced and furthered the work of the MMF.

2. The Nominations and Awards Team shall consider any nominations and must approve by a two-thirds vote to recommend nominee(s) to the Board of Trustees.

3. The Board of Trustees shall receive full information on the nominee(s) before the subsequent board meeting and shall vote by secret ballot. Absentee ballots may be accepted by the beginning of the Board meeting. Approval shall be by a two-thirds vote of the full Board of Trustees.

Each award shall be inscribed with wording which reflects the achievements of the recipient. It shall be signed by the President of the Board of Trustees and the Director of the MMF. Two copies are to be made; one to be given to the recipient and the other to be framed and prominently displayed at the Foundation headquarters. Presentation should be made in person at any time or location most appropriate, preferably at a public Moravian Music Foundation event.

Moramus Award recipients are:

1961  Irving Lovens
1962  Hans T. David
       G. Wallace Woodworth
1964  Lily Peter
       Donald M. McCorkle
1966  Thor Johnson
1969  Clarence T. Leinbach
1971  Helen Copenhaver Hanes
1972  Marilyn Purnell Gombosi
       Dale H. Granley
       Ewald V. Nolte
1976  R. Arthur Spaugh
1978  Frederick Paul Stocker
1980  Karl Kroeger
1981  Margaret Leinbach Kolb
1982  Allen Spach Goslen
1983  Lee Shields Butterfield
1990  Rev. Henry Williams
       J. Robert King
1994  Richard & Monica Schantz
1999  David Lewis Crosby
       Ann B. Manning
2001  Ben van den Bosch
2003  James and Susan Bates
2003  Philip Dunigan
2006  James V. Salzwedel
2006  Richard M. Henderson
2007  J. Michael Allsen

2012  Jill B. Bruckart
2013  David Blum
2013  John V. Sinclair
2014  C. Daniel Crews
2016  Dirk French
2017  Susan Keck Foster
2018  Rebecca Kleintop Lepore
2018  Barbara Strauss
2019  Robert Steelman
2019  Jeannine Ingram

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