

Annual "Tarr" Award Presented to Writer and Editor

(Guelph, Ontario) Larry Matthews, former editor of The Canadian Baptist, has won the Leslie K. Tarr Award for 2001. This award celebrates a major career contribution to Christian writing in Canada. Faith Today magazine presents the award annually at its June writers conference.

"Through his teaching he has set many on the path to write with intelligence, clarity and emotional impact. In his 10 years editing The Canadian Baptist, he shepherded many writers to reach a national audience with their writing for the first time," said Bill Fledderus, a member of the Tarr selection committee in Toronto. Fledderus is senior editor at Faith Today, a publication of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

Matthews, a Senior Consultant with KMA Consultants Inc., specializes in communications for Canadian charities. He also writes for magazines on a freelance basis. He teaches regularly, including recent stints at Tyndale College and Seminary and at many God Uses Ink conferences for writers.

The award is named for Les Tarr (d. 1995), who was given the first award in 1988. Tarr wrote for The Toronto Star and was one of the first editors of Faith Today. Other distinguished recipients have included John Redekop, Maxine Hancock, Margaret Clarkson, Harold Jantz, Phyllis Mitchell, John White, Harold Fuller, Hugh Cook, Jim Taylor and Audrey Dorsch. The award is officially intended for "a writer who has been significant in communicating Christian truth and developing a high standard of writing among Christians."

Faith Today and its publisher, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, presented the award at God Uses Ink 2001, in Guelph, Ont. (From an EFC press release, July 3, 2001)

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