

# **BWA accepts nominations for 2022 Human Rights Award**

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The Baptist World Alliance is accepting nominations for the 2022 Denton and Janice Lotz Human Rights Award.

Established in 2006, the BWA presents the award to recognize significant and effective action and activities to secure, protect, restore or preserve human rights.

“Every human being is created in the image of God. As Baptists, we want and need to reflect God’s love and care for each and every person. We do so by advocating and mobilizing for religious freedom, human rights and justice around the world,” said Thomas Klammt, chair of the BWA awards committee.

“The awards committee is privileged to support these causes by recognizing one Baptist for his or her significant effort to protect or restore human rights. Through the nomination process, the global Baptist family can help us find worthy candidates, and in doing so, support their ministries and encourage many others to make the world a better place to the glory of God.”

Named in recognition of the longstanding human rights advocacy of the BWA General Secretary Emeritus Denton Lotz and his wife Janice, the award is presented annually to an individual who embodies similar passion, leadership and service.

To access a nomination form, [click here](#).

Previous nominees who did not receive the award are eligible to be

nominated again. Nominations should be submitted no later than Nov. 30. The BWA awards committee will review nominees and recommend a recipient to the BWA Executive Committee, who will then deliberate and act upon the recommendation.

“It is encouraging to see Baptists around the world making an eternal impact as advocates for human rights. It is an honor for the BWA to be able to present an award that recognizes leadership in this critical area and pays tribute to the incredible leadership and legacy of Denton and Janice Lotz,” said Elijah Brown, BWA general secretary.

“We look forward to receiving nominations from each of the regions in our global network and the opportunity to recognize another individual in the storied history of Baptist human rights leaders.”