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## **Clergyman receives national award**

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The Rev. Ron Reed, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, recently received the national Apostles in Stewardship award during a luncheon at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church in Anaheim, Calif.

In accepting the award, Reed told of early-day frustrations as a young clergyman trying to connect emotionally with his new duties as an assistant to the rector at St. Thomas' Church--Whitemarsh, Ft. Washington, Pa.

Reed had lunch with the senior lay leader of the church who told him that most of his previous life—which



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had been in school—was measured by grades and degrees. There will not be such clear benchmarks of achievements from now on, the church leader said. Reed said that advice made sense to him then and it still does today.

Reed left the church in Whitemarsh in 1975 to become rector at Christ Church—St. Michael's —Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. In 1982, he took a stewardship position with the Diocese of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Then in 1984, he went to work for the national Episcopal Church in New York City as it conducted its most successful stewardship program ever, raising more than \$10 million.