



## ACC Fellowships

ACC has a long established way of recognising the contributions that individuals have made towards the work of ACC /PCUK and the wider world of Christian counselling and pastoral care through the awarding of Honorary Fellowships and Fellowships

### **Honorary Fellows**

Honorary Fellows are not and do not have to been past members of ACC or PCUK. The award is in recognition of their contribution to the fields of Christian counselling and pastoral care, not necessarily directly towards the work of ACC and/or PCUK.

An Honorary Fellow will have demonstrated their eligibility for the award by having made a significant contribution to the field through for example:

1. Academic research, teaching and writing on the subject of Christianity and mental health and wellbeing in relation to the ministry of counselling or pastoral care
2. Professional teaching and writing on the subject of Christianity and counselling or pastoral care
3. Exceptional provision of Pastoral Care and/or Counselling Services, for example the setting up and running of a charity with a Christian foundation, which delivers counselling and/or pastoral care services on a significant scale.

### **Benefits / Rights**

Honorary Fellows are kept in touch with ACC / PCUK through mailings, are entitled to membership discounts at ACC / PCUK events and are sent a free copy of the quarterly Accord Journal.

Honorary Fellows do not have voting rights as a member of ACC / PCUK i.e. at AGMs or Extra-ordinary General Meetings.

### **Fellows**

Fellows are current or former members of ACC or PCUK. The award is in recognition of their contribution to the work of ACC and / or PCUK.

A Fellow will have demonstrated their eligibility for the award by having made a significant contribution to the work of ACC / PCUK through for example:

### **Direct Service to ACC / PCUK**

1. Voluntary or semi voluntary service that is sustained over an extended period of time (5 years +) in support of ACC / PCUK as an organisation. This could be as a trustee, committee member, or in an administrative or ancillary capacity

### **Service in the wider community of Christian Counsellors and Pastoral Carers**

2. Exceptional service in the establishment or leadership of an ACC / PCUK affiliated organisation over a sustained period of time (3+ years).
3. Achievements. An individual member who demonstrates a portfolio of significant achievements that have contributed to developments in the field of counselling or pastoral care over a period of time.

## **Benefits / Rights**

If a Fellow is continuing to practice in any of ACC / PCUK's membership categories they will continue to pay full fees and be required to follow the annual renewal process appropriate for that membership category. Once a Fellow has ceased practicing and no longer needs a professional membership they will be provided with the equivalent of free lifetime Friends Membership. This means that they are kept in touch with ACC / PCUK through mailings, entitled to membership discounts at ACC / PCUK events and are sent a free copy of the quarterly Accord Journal.

Fellows and Friends in their do not have voting rights as a member of ACC / PCUK i.e. at AGMs or Extra-ordinary General Meetings. However, if they hold another ACC /PCUK professional membership, they will have the voting rights appropriate to that membership

## **Awarding Fellowships**

Individuals can be nominated by ACC / PCUK members, staff and officers. All nominations should include details of how the individual meets the criteria for the award and will be considered by ACC Board in the Autumn of each year with awards being made in December.

Honorary Fellows and Fellows are sent a letter by the Chair informing them of their award.

## **Nominations for Awards**

If you would like to recommend an individual for either a Fellow or Honorary Fellow Award, then please e-mail [office@acc-uk.org](mailto:office@acc-uk.org) providing:

- Your name and contact details
- The name and contact details of the person who you are nominating
- Details of their work that you believe makes them eligible for such a reward in-line with the above criteria

**All nominations must be received by 31 October each year**

## **Retaining and Removing Fellowships**

The status and benefits of Honorary Fellow and Fellow are awarded for life and do not have to be renewed each year like other ACC / PCUK memberships.

An individual would cease to be an Honorary Fellow or Fellow if they:

- requested it to be ceased or
- behaved in such a way as to bring ACC / PCUK into serious disrepute such that ACC Board deemed it necessary to remove the status, in which case the individual would be notified of the decision

## **Publication of Awards**

With the permission of the recipient ACC / PCUK will:

- publish a list in Accord each year of new Honorary Fellows and Fellows, including the name of the recipient, the award given and a short citation about their work.
- maintain on the website a list of all current Honorary Fellows and Fellows, including the name of the recipient, the award given and a short citation about their work.

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