

The Evangelical Coptic Church commemorate the anniversary of its founder

The Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS) will hold a ceremony on Tuesday evening to commemorate its founder, Dr. Rev. Şamu'īl Ḥabīb, and to distribute the prize award bearing his name.

Dr. Andriyā Zaki, head of the Evangelical Church in Egypt, said in a statement on Monday that CEOSS grants annually two awards to organizations in recognition of their social work and services they offer without discrimination of any kind. Each prize involves as well a monetary award worth 50,000 Egyptian Pounds. While the first award is granted to social leaders or NGOs, the second prize is granted to a Christian [clergy] personality that has presented outstanding works and services that contribute to maintain and develop national unity.

The selection of winners is done by a distinguished group of intellectuals and social and scientific expertise of the Egyptian society.

The Samuel Ḥabīb Award was established in 2000 to commemorate the CEOSS late founder, Rev. Ḥabīb who used his role as president of the Protestant Churches of Egypt to strengthen cross-cultural and inter-faith understanding, peacebuilding, and dialogue in the region.

It is noteworthy that the late Dr. Ḥabīb was also a leader in the Evangelical (Presbyterian) Church of Egypt. The Egyptian State honored him twice with the Order of Merit. [taken from MENA, *al-Shurūq*, Feb. 27, 2017]

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