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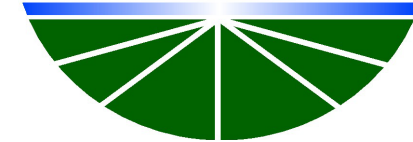
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FAMILY MEDICINE STYLE Award

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We seek expressions of the core attitudes and beliefs - the personal philosophies - about caring for others. Authors should write up to a few hundred words expressing the core principles that guide your approach to caring for others. Feel free to use any format that helps you to convey your beliefs: a story, an anecdotal experience or you may use discursive writing. We seek that personal, inner vision that drives your passion to serve, to teach, and to be with those who need your service.

We know that those engaged in Family Medicine have a broad range of interests; from full scope Family Medicine; to international health; to care of seniors, adolescents; children; maternity care and women's health; end of life and palliative care; care of underserved, rural and inner city populations; research; education; practice improvement and health care leadership to name just a few areas of special interest. Statements of belief that share the passion that led you to your special interest are welcome as well.

Modeled on the successful "This I Believe" project as heard on National Public Radio, the FMEC offers physicians, physicians-in-training, and medical students engaged in Family Medicine organizations, the opportunity to express their core beliefs about serving others. We believe that sharing our passion for being healers will not only strengthen our ability to serve others but also will connect us to one another and strengthen our mission in Family Medicine. We invite students, residents, faculty, and practitioners to submit statements of their beliefs. The submissions will be reviewed and those selected as "best of" will be invited to share their statement from the podium during the 2009 STFM: NorthEast Region meeting. The "best of" statements will also be shared in print with all conference attendees and will be distributed through the FMEC web site following the meeting. The authors of the winning submissions will receive a complimentary registration to the 2009 STFM NorthEast Region meeting in Rye Brook, NY October 30-November 1, 2009. Authors will be responsible for their own travel expenses.

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We invite you to contribute to this project by writing and submitting your own statement of personal belief. We offer these suggestions:

Tell a story: Be specific. Take your belief out of the ether and ground it in the events of your life. Your story need not be heart warming or gut wrenching. It can even be funny, but it should be real. Tie your story to

the essence of your life philosophy and to the shaping of your beliefs.

Be brief: Your statement should be no more than 500 words. The shorter length forces you to focus on the belief that is central to you. Essays longer than 500 words will not be accepted. The winning essays should be short enough to be presented verbally in no more

than three minutes.

Name your belief: If you can't name it in a sentence or two, your essay might not be about belief. Rather than writing a list, consider focusing on one core belief.

Be positive: Say what you do believe, not what you don't believe. Avoid statements of religious dogma, preaching or editorializing.

To view the 2008 This We Believe Award winning and honorable mention submissions, please go to "Award" located on the FMEC website or use this link: (<http://www.fmec.net/awards/past.asp>).

Some suggestions to the writers:

- Frame your beliefs in positive terms.
- Articulate what you believe rather than describing what you do not believe.
- Avoid restatement of doctrine.
- Focus on the personal, the "I".
- While you may hold many beliefs, write mainly of one.
- Convey your beliefs, philosophy and motivations without religious dogma, lecturing or criticizing others.
- Some writers will do best to tell a story, perhaps of a moment a belief was forged or tested, or confirmed.
- Others peel the onion of what they were taught to believe, what they think they should believe, and even what they always believed they would.
- Share your thoughts with personal conviction recognizing the existence of others' beliefs.

Attribution: This project and its description quotes heavily from "This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women", published by Henry Holt, NY, NY. 2006—ISBN 13: 978-0-8050-8087-2

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