

Leonard R. Rezmierski, Ph.D.

It is my deep honor to receive the PW Honorary Life Membership Award for 2018. My service to the First Presbyterian Church of Ann Arbor has always been with deeply religious, caring individuals with whom I share this recognition.

My involvement at First Presbyterian Church has, thus far, included:

- Usher (over 35 years)
- Finance Committee member (10 years)
- Philippines Task Force
- UM Football game concession booth (10 years) and assisting with the School Supplies Rescue and Recycling Project (20 years)
- Haiti Mission Team (4 years) and the PAZAPA/Siloe Haiti School for the Handicapped (10 years)
- Deacon (3 years)
- Safety Group (2 years)

Professionally, I have served as a public school teacher (high school and middle school) and teacher at the University of Michigan's Children's Psychiatric Hospital (10 years) and as principal of the inpatient service (5 years). I served as Executive Director for Special Education services for the Northville Public Schools for 15 years and as Superintendent for the Northville schools for 20 years.

I have also been fortunate to serve as President for the following organizations:

- State Council for Exceptional Children, Michigan Association of Special Education Administrators
- Wayne County Association of School Superintendents
- Michigan Association of School Administrators
- Northville Rotary Club.

All these achievements have benefited from the significant support from my wife of 50 years, Virginia, (also a PW Honorary Life Member) and our children, Ryan and Sara. Further, we have been blessed with five grandchildren, Natalie, Chloe, Rya, Ben and Shannon and will welcome our first great grandson in June.

It is with humility that I look forward to the Honorary Life Membership presentation at the May 16th annual meeting.