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Towel & Basin Honors 9-11 Heroes

Towel & Basin Ministries honored seven partners who served others in the aftermath of the September 11, 2001, attack on New York City. A luncheon and awards ceremony was held September 9, 2002, at New York City's Millennium Broadway Hotel.

“We gather one year after this shocking disaster to celebrate the good that can result from an evil act,” said the Rev. David Best, director of Towel & Basin Ministries. “These organizations and leaders gave of themselves and their resources to help heal the hurt of a grieving city. They did it out of hearts of compassion, without seeking thanks. But we felt it important on the first anniversary to recognize them, remember and review the services provided, while also taking time to assess future needs and opportunities for collaborative relationships of service.”

The range of services represented by the organizations included providing relief supplies and meals, housing emergency workers, offering public services of remembrance, equipping individuals for pastoral and grief counseling, distributing scriptures and inspirational resources, and retraining and replacement for those who lost jobs and businesses.

Best presented “Servant Leader” sculptures designed by artist Scott Stearman to the following organizations and their representatives for their assistance to the people of New York City:

- **Goodwill Industries of Greater New York & Northern New Jersey, Inc.**
Rex L. Davidson, president & CEO
- **Heart to Heart International**
Dr. Gary Morsch, founder and president
- **The Lamb's Manhattan Church of the Nazarene**
Rev. John P. Bowen, senior pastor
- **Metro New York District Church of the Nazarene**
Dr. Dallas Mucci, district superintendent
- **Nazarene Compassionate Ministries USA/Canada**
Dr. Oliver R. Phillips, coordinator
- **Nazarene Disaster Response USA/Canada**
Rev. J. V. Morsch, national field director
- **Nazarene Disaster Response - New York City**
Rev. Brian Kido, on-site disaster coordinator

The sculptures, which depict a towel and basin, included the inscription: “With gratitude for your servant leadership in response to September 11, 2001. We were all partners.”

Rev. Best was active in a number of citywide anniversary services to honor those affected by 9-11. He has written two articles on the tragedy to appear in upcoming issues of the Nazarene publication *Holiness Today*. He also developed a resource guide to help the Christian community formulate a biblical response to evil and study the Church's relationship with the State's use of armed force to combat terror. (See <http://www.towelandbasin.org/nyc.html>)

Towel & Basin Ministries was established in 1984 and is dedicated to “serving so others may serve” by helping organizations and individuals discover their God-given visions and develop excellence in service.