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The WMSCOG "Awarded by President Obama"?

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On July 7, 2011 a [World Mission Society Church of God](#) member named "STAR" made the following comment below the ["Top 10 Reasons People Cease To Believe in the WMSCOG"](#) article:

"President Obama just awarded the Church of God with a Call into Service Plaque. What is your church doing to receive such a high reward."

What Award Did The WMSCOG Receive?

According to the ["awards list"](#) section of the official WMSCOG site (click on "WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON"), the WMSCOG received the [President's Volunteer Service Award](#) this year. The [Presidential Service Awards website](#) describes the purpose of the award as *"a way to thank and honor Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service"*. What are the requirements for the award? How did the WMSCOG go about being recognized and receiving this award?

President's Volunteer Service Award Requirements

According to the [Presidential Service Awards website](#) any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for volunteer hours earned over a 12-month period or over the course of a lifetime at home or abroad. There are bronze, silver, gold and lifetime awards for those individuals or groups that have completed the required number of hours for each. It is important to note that lifetime awards cannot be awarded to groups, and groups that are awarded with any of the other three (bronze, silver, gold) awards must assure that the each individual in the group has contributed a minimum of 25 volunteer hours to the total. Individuals must submit their hours to a **certifying organization** that will **review, verify** hours served, **order** and **distribute** the award.

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Nonprofit, community and faith-based organizations, businesses, schools and colleges, membership and trade associations, and federal, state or local government agencies can all serve as certifying organizations. In order to become a certifying organization, the entity is required to fill out a [short application](#) that will be reviewed within 10-15 business days. Once approved, the certifying organization orders the awards and present them to the nominees. The cost of each award varies between \$1.00-\$4.75 each. Click [here](#) for a list of award packages.

The WMSCOG Is Their Own Certifying Organization?

A representative of the Presidential Volunteer Services Award office informs us that the WMSCOG registered to be a certifying organization and that the registered agent on their account is Tara Byrne Whalen, WMSCOG missionary of the Ridgewood, New Jersey location. The World Mission Society Church of God **certified and ordered** President's Volunteer Service Awards and numerous bronze, silver, and gold pins for the following 15 WMSCOG locations:

1. Boston, MA
2. Delaware
3. Long Island, NY
4. Manhattan, NY
5. Queens, NY
6. Louisville, KY
7. Maryland
8. New Hampshire
9. Philadelphia, PA
10. Puerto Rico
11. Richmond, VA
12. Washington, DC
13. Central New Jersey
14. Bogota, NJ
15. Ridgewood, NJ

According to the representative of the Presidential Volunteer Service Award office, the WMSCOG **should not have nominated their Ridgewood, New Jersey location** for the award since the "certifying organization" would in essence be **awarding themselves**.

The WMSCOG added their award to the English site [here](#) (click on "THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON") and in contrast to their English site, the WMSCOG added the award they presented to Joo Cheol Kim on their official Korean site [here](#). Why did they choose to **omit Joo Cheol Kim's award from their English site**? Could it be because one of the requirements of the award is that the volunteer [must be a U.S. Citizen](#)?

Conclusion

What did the WMSCOG announce to its members regarding this award that would lead someone like "STAR" to walk away with the impression that President Obama had recognized the organization? I seriously doubt that President Obama is even aware of the WMSCOG's existence. Are WMSCOG members wearing the pins that the Ridgewood location ordered for them when they are out recruiting? Does the WMSCOG consider the hours that members spend recruiting as volunteering in the community?

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Larissa *January 12, 2012 1:30 PM*

U know what's sad, is that someone would apply to get recognition for serving others. Clearly not the Jesus I know "do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing". The Pharisees gave in public to be seen before men. True followers of Jesus serve anonymously.

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REPLY

baldmanrox *April 30, 2012 11:00 AM*

I am not at all a religious person – but I believe it is also taught that if you are looking for recognition of your charitable givings – you are being charitable for the wrong reasons.

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REPLY

ELOHIM *June 15, 2012 2:47 AM*

que pena me dan los que dejan estos comentarios y lo que se explica en esta pagina; se puede ver y sentir cunta ira tienen a la WMSCOG, estan llenos de envidia y celos.. pero solo les digo que no es un solo reconocimiento que han recibido, sino muchos premios grandes y pequeños, comensando con la medalla presidencial, otorgado por el mismo presidente de corea del sur, y en todo el mundo

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admin *June 17, 2012 5:24 PM*

English translation:

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how sad I feel for those who leave these comments and what is explained on this page, you can see and feel the "cunta ira" they have toward the WMSCOG, they are full of envy and jealousy .. but all I can say is that they have not just received a single recognition they have received many awards, large and small, beginning with a presidential medal, awarded by the very president of South Korea, and around the world

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REPLY

John June 20, 2012 10:49 AM

Bible also says let the world see your good deeds.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

So once again the Bible says differently than what you think it says. you are in error because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God.

[Translate]

REPLY

admin June 20, 2012 12:32 PM

Hello John and thank you for commenting. Yes the Bible says to let the world see your deeds but it also says not to announce your deeds with trumpets.

Matthew 6:1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

It seems that you are the one in error.

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