PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lay Chaplain of the Year!
Dot Uthlaut





The Board of Directors of POP is overjoyed to present the 2014 Lay Chaplain of the Year Award to Dot Uthlaut, a Lay Chaplain greatly loved and respected. Her phenomenal dedication is matched by her gentle and graceful spirit with patients and their families, as well as her mentorship to many POP Lay Chaplains. While never calling attention to her spiritual care for a vast number, Dot has quietly strengthened the legacy of POP and there is no doubt why she is continually

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"I've been proudly serving in the POP ministry for almost 30 years. I joined the ministry in 1985 after my return to the United States from four years in London where my husband George was working. Lawrence Johnson, an associate pastor at Memorial Drive Presbyterian had formed the ministry a few years earlier with a few volunteers to help provide spiritual support for patients that had traveled to Houston for their medical care. When he asked me to join I jumped at the chance to train in such a vital ministry. I began to serve at Methodist Hospital, and have been volunteering there every Monday since then. My weekly visit consists of a friendly conversation with patients and family members, and if he or she agrees, a short prayer is offered for their healing. I can honestly say participating in the POP Ministry has changed my life in so many ways."

The Reverend Robert Kidd, MDiv, BCC, Director of Spiritual
Care and Education offers his thoughts about Dot..."At
Houston Methodist Hospital, Dot has been as constant as the
sunrise. She is always faithful, always positive. Dot absolutely
radiates a sense of confidence, assurance, and encouragement.

She is a pearl of great price."