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UPPER PENINSULA HISTORY AWARDS PRESENTED TO REV. ROBERT LANGSETH AND  
DELTA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

IRON RIVER AND CASPIAN, Mich.— **Rev.**

**Robert Langseth and the Delta County Historical Society won top honors at the Historical Society of Michigan’s 68th annual Upper Peninsula History Conference** for their outstanding efforts to preserve and promote the history of the Upper Peninsula.

**Langseth, who hails from Calumet, Mich., received the Charles Follo Award**, which acknowledges the work of an individual. The **Superior Award**, which recognizes the achievements of historical societies, museums and other history-related organizations, **was awarded to the Delta County Historical Society.**



The awards were presented during the Society’s Upper Peninsula History Awards Banquet that took place at the Iron County Historical Museum in Caspian, Mich., on **June 24, 2017**. For more information about the Historical Society of Michigan and its award programs, visit [www.hsmichigan.org](http://www.hsmichigan.org) or call (517) 324-1828.

**THE 2017 CHARLES FOLLO AWARD**



**Historical Society of Michigan President Paul M. Keep (right) presents the Charles Follo Award to Rev. Robert Langseth (left) of Calumet.**

The Charles Follo Award was established in 1979 and is named in honor of Charles Follo, a school teacher from Escanaba who worked to establish historical societies and promote the history of the Upper Peninsula. This award is presented annually by the Historical Society of Michigan to the individual who has made the most outstanding contribution to the preservation and promotion of Upper Peninsula history.

This year, the Society awarded the Charles Follo Award to Rev. Robert Langseth, who has spent decades developing the history of his Copper Country community. Langseth spearheaded the effort to create the Keweenaw National Historical Park and worked to save one

of Calumet's most historic buildings: St. Anne's Catholic Church.

### **THE 2017 SUPERIOR AWARD**

Established by the Historical Society of Michigan in 2006, the Superior Award recognizes historical societies, museums and other historical organizations that preserve and advance Upper Peninsula history.

The 2017 Superior Award recipient was **the Delta County Historical Society in Escanaba**. A group of volunteers founded the Delta County Historical Society in 1948 to collect, preserve and interpret the county's rich history. Since then, the society has undergone enormous growth, but its mission remains the same: to be a learning resource for residents and visitors alike.

The Historical Society of Michigan, publisher of Michigan History and Chronicle

magazines, is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications,



**The 2017 Superior Award was presented by Historical Society of Michigan President Paul M. Keep (center) and accepted by the president of the Delta County Historical Society, Charles Lindquist, and his wife and society volunteer, Karen.**

conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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Download high-resolution photos of the winners using the links below. Please credit the Historical Society of Michigan.

**Rev. Robert Langseth**

**Delta County Historical Society**

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