

Awards honor progress in diversity

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Pastor Baxter Wynn talked about the diversity of new people in the marketplace on Thursday night at the annual Upstate Diversity Leadership Awards Dinner.

Wynn, minister of pastoral care and community relations for First Baptist Church in Greenville, said everybody is

part of the family here.

And that was the theme of the night at the TD Convention Center: embracing differences.

The ninth annual banquet honored companies and individuals for their efforts to embrace differences.

"It's all about celebrating diversity," said Liz Keith of St. Francis Hospital, which received an award during the evening.

The event was presented by Bon Secours St. Francis Health System and hosted by the Greenville Chamber of Commerce and the Riley Institute at Furman, in partnership with the Anderson, Greer, Simpsonville and Spartanburg chambers.

Juan Johnston, who conducts diversity training at the Riley Institute at Furman,

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