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## TENTH AVENUE NORTH GARNERS PRESTIGIOUS "SONG OF THE YEAR" DOVE AWARD FOR "BY YOUR SIDE"

## Momentum builds towards May 11 Release of Sophomore 'The Light Meets The Dark'

(NASHVILLE, Tenn) April 22, 2010 -- **Tenth Avenue North** continues to generate buzz as one of the Christian music's most successful breakthrough bands by picking up the prestigious **Song of the Year** Dove Award for its hit, "**By Your Side.**" The song released to radio in late 2008 and garnered so much airplay that it ranked No. 3 on *Billboard*'s overall listing of Christian songs of the decade.

"The comfort that this song has brought has been way bigger than us and way bigger than a song, and we just want to thank God for letting us be a part of that," said Mike Donehey of Tenth Avenue North. Donehey wrote "By Your Side" with *Over and Underneath* co-producers Jason Ingram, Rusty Varenkamp and Phillip LaRue. (Ingram, SESAC's Christian Songwriter of the Year, was also named Producer of the Year last night. It was one of four Dove honors of the evening.)

Donehey also scored a trophy for his contribution to the Special Event Album winner, *Glory Revealed II: The Word of God in Worship*.

Following the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual GMA Dove Awards taping, the band boarded its tour bus to join GMA's newly named Artist of the Year, Casting Crowns, on tour. Tenth Avenue North releases its highly anticipated sophomore album, *The Light Meets The Dark* on May 11.

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual GMA Dove Awards will air on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm EST on the Gospel Music Channel. www.watchgmctv.com

## **About Tenth Avenue North:**

Named GMA Dove Awards New Artist of the Year at the 40th Annual GMA Dove Awards, Tenth Avenue North first impacted the music community as the best-selling and most played new Christian artist of 2008, scoring three No. 1s at radio ("By Your Side" finished the year at No. 2 on the Hot Christian Songs chart, and at No. 3 overall for the decade on Billboard Magazine's decade ranking of Christian songs.) Tenth Avenue North, made up of members Mike Donehey (lead vocals/acoustic guitar), Jason Jamison (drummer) and Jeff Owen (electric guitar/background vocals), is one of the few debut bands that has experienced enough momentum to headline its own tour – the "Inside and In Between" Tour -- with only one album under its belt. The band is currently on tour with Casting Crowns this spring and will embark on its second headlining tour this fall.

For up-to-date information on Avenue North please visit www.tenthavenuenorth.com or www.providentpress.com.