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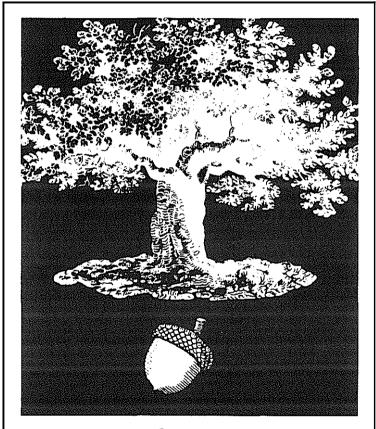
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## Illinois Wesleyan University



Founders Day February 20, 1985



DR. WOODIE W. WHITE Bishop, Illinois Area United Methodist Church

Dr. White was graduated from Paine College in Augusta, Ga., and Boston University School of Theology. A native New Yorker, he was ordained an elder at the 1963 Detroit Conference and subsequently served pastorates in Worcester, Mass., and in Detroit, where he later was appointed Urban Minister for a metropolitan church.

He rapidly gained prominence in the Church, becoming the first General Secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church in 1969, a promotion that led to his election to the episcopacy in July 1984.

He has lectured at Wesley Theological Seminary and Howard University School of Religion, both in Washington, D.C., and co-authored a book, *Racial Transition in the Church*, published by Abingdon Press in 1980. Dr. White was also elected a delegate to General Conferences in 1968, 1972, 1976 and 1984.

Early in his ministry, he was awarded honorary doctoral degrees by Adrian College in Adrian, Mich., and Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss. Later, he received the Distinguished Service Award from Boston University, the Urban Award from the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity, the Distinguished Service Award given by the United Committee on Negro History, and the Brotherhood Award.

Bishop White and his wife, Kim, are the parents of four daughters, Kimberly, Hope, Valeria and Sharon. The family lives in Springfield.

# ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION

#### HONORING THE FOUNDERS

Westbrook Auditorium, Presser Hall February 20, 1985 11:00 a.m. President Robert S. Eckley, *Presiding* Professor Henry Charles, *Mace Bearer* 

ORGAN PRELUDE	
Prelude and Fugue in F minor	George Frideric Handel (b. Feb. 23, 1685)
Two Chorale Preludes	Johann Sebastian Bach (b. Mar. 21, 1685)
"O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig" (BWV 6 ("O Lamb of God, most Stainless")	
"Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott" (B ("Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God")	W <b>V</b> 651)
PROCESSIONAL	
Alla Breve in G	George Frideric Handel
INVOCATION	
MOTET "Der Geist hilft unsrer Schwachheit	auf" (BWV 226)Johann Sebastian Bach
-	giate Choir
	y, Harpsichord
Professor David	Nott, Conductor
PRESENTATION OF SPEAKER	
AWARDING OF HONORARY DEGREE	
ALMA WESLEYANA  From hearts aflame, our love we pled Where'er we wander, over land or se Through time unending loyal we will to True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.	a;
When college days are fully past and While life endures, from twilight drear Grandly thy soul shall with us linger o Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesle	n till dawn n—
ORGAN POSTI LIDE	

#### DER GEIST HILFT UNSRER SCHWACHHEIT AUF: Translation

The Spirit helps our weakness, for we do not know how we should pray, how it is proper; but the Spirit itself intercedes for us in the best possible way with unutterable sighs.

He, however, who searches our hearts knows what the Spirit's meaning is, for He intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.

O holy Ardour, sweet Comfort, now help us to remain, happy and comforted, steadfastly in Your service, affliction not driving us from You. O Lord, by your power prepare us, and strengthen our flesh's timidity, that we here strive valiantly to make our way through death and life to You. Hallelujah!

Romans 8, 26, 27; Martin Luthe