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*William Richard Stegner*

## **Evanston Prof Elected to Illinois Wesleyan Board of Trustees**

BLOOMINGTON, Ill.--A professor at the Evanston-based Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary was elected last Saturday (May 14) to the 39-member Board of Trustees at Illinois Wesleyan University.

William Richard Stegner is a professor of New Testament at the seminary.

He served as an assistant and associate professor of Greek and religion at Illinois Wesleyan University from 1961-66.

Prior to joining the IWU faculty, Stegner was a lecturer in Latin at Uppsala College in East Orange, N.J., and an instructor in religion at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa.

After serving on the IWU faculty, Stegner joined the Evangelical Theological Seminary, where he taught New Testament. When the seminary merged with the Garrett Biblical Institute to form the Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in 1974, Stegner became a professor of New Testament.

He is the author or co-author of four books, including, "Narrative Theology in Early Jewish Christianity" and "An Introduction to the Parables." He has written more than a dozen journal articles and numerous book reviews, and other articles for several noted publications, such as *The Christian Century*.

Stegner is a member of several learned societies, including the Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Chicago Society of Biblical Research, Institute of Biblical Research, and Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas. Among the executive positions he has held with these organizations are president (1985-86), vice president (1984-85), and treasurer (1976-84) of the Chicago Society of Biblical Research and national treasurer (1990-present) and a member of the Executive Council (1988-present) of the Institute of Biblical Research.

He has delivered many papers before learned societies, seminars, and national meetings sponsored by organizations such as the Society of Biblical

Literature, Association of Chicago Theological Schools, and the Oxford University Seminar.

He earned a bachelor of arts degree (magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) in classics from the University of Cincinnati in 1952; a bachelor of divinity degree (magna cum laude) from Drew Theological Seminary in 1955; and a doctorate in 1960 in New Testament from the Drew Graduate School, where he was a teaching fellow in New Testament Greek.

Stegner is an Ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church and is a member of the Central Illinois Annual Conference.

Stegner and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of two adult daughters, Martha Ann and Sarah Elizabeth. The Stegners live in Evanston, Ill.

IWU, founded in 1850, enrolls about 1,800 students in a College of Liberal Arts, College of Fine Arts, and a four-year professional School of Nursing. For five consecutive years, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked IWU No. 1 in the Midwest among regional colleges and universities in its annual "America's Best Colleges" edition. *U.S. News* also listed IWU as a "best buy" in higher education in its first survey, "Paying for College," published in October, 1993.