

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Alan F. Geyer

Class of 1952

It is a privilege to celebrate the many achievements of Dr. Alan F. Geyer and to honor him with Ohio Wesleyan's Distinguished Achievement Citation.

With distinction, Dr. Geyer has served, and continues to serve, as professor, theologian, political scientist, author, Christian ethicist and peace activist. He was Professor of Political Ethics at Wesley Seminary from 1987 until he retired last year. From 1977 to 1987, he was the first Executive Director of the newly formed Churches' Center for Theology and Public Policy of Wesley Seminary at American University in Washington, D.C. Ecumenical in both scope and sponsorship, the center deals with the theological implications of political issues. His interests and activities have brought him international recognition and friendships, and have led to his participation in organizations and seminars in Europe, the Middle East and Far East.

Formerly, he was editor of Christian Century, the most distinguished theological weekly and, later, Dag Hammarskjold professor of peace studies at Colgate University.

An ordained United Methodist minister, he has served pastorates in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Newark, New Jersey, and drafted the United Methodist Bishops' declaration on In Defense of Creation. He developed and chaired the George Hammond Sullivan department of political science at Mary Baldwin College, and subsequently served as director of international relations for the United Church of Christ. He has taught also at Lycoming College and the University of Virginia.

Dr. Geyer is author or editor of, or contributor to, more than twenty books, and has published numerous articles in magazines and journals. He is also a talented musician and composer.

Among his responsibilities are those of chairman of the American Committee for the Conference on Christian Approaches to defense and Disarmament, director of the American Society for Christian Ethics and Trustee of the Council on Religion and International Affairs.

He is a 1952 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and recipient of an honorary degree from his alma mater in 1970, and holds degrees from Boston University. He is grandson, son, brother and father of alumni, making part of a four generation Ohio Wesleyan family! A former member of Ohio Wesleyan's board of trustees, he has been applauded as an on-campus speaker here on several occasions.

We are pleased to express admiration of and gratitude to Ohio Wesleyan alumnus Alan Geyer for his contributions to the causes of ecumenical vision and promotion of peacemaking and peacekeeping. We salute him as recipient of this award.

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