

Alumni Award

Mary Steele Holm

Class of 1960

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan's Alumni Award, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored and privileged to recognize the **Reverend Mary Steele Holm** for her achievements as a United Methodist minister and for her long-tenured service to Ohio Wesleyan University and the Delaware community.

When Mary's husband, Robert Holm '60, returned from his Air Force commitment and began working for University Relations at Ohio Wesleyan University, she immediately initiated her involvement with the University by serving on the Advisory Board and, later, the Facility Corporation Board for the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority. Mary served many years as the chapter's Rush Advisor and served on the Advisory Board for the Student Y. In the Delaware community, she served on the Board of the American Cancer Society and was active in the League of Women Voters.

Prior to becoming a minister, Mary volunteered at both the William Street United Methodist Church and Asbury United Methodist Church in Delaware. In 1974, she enrolled in the Methodist Theological School in Delaware and graduated with a Master of Divinity in 1980.

During her ecclesiastical career, Mary held several appointments in central Ohio. Her first position was at the Worthington United Methodist as an Associate Pastor. In 1989, she became the Pastor for the Summit United Methodist Church and served there until 1995. Mary became a Chaplain at Wesleyan Glen Retirement Community until her retirement in 2001. She then returned to the Worthington church, serving part-time for ten years as the church's Visitation Pastor.

Year after year, Mary has contributed her time and resources to Ohio Wesleyan. She is a current member of the Columbus Monnett Club and the Tower Society. Previously, Mary served on her reunion planning committees, serving as a co-chair for the 50th reunion. She regularly attends University and alumni events on campus, in Columbus, and in Naples, Florida. Frequently during these events, Mary speaks or delivers the invocation.

Mary and Bob's association with Ohio Wesleyan and its graduates is lengthy and expansive. Over the course of her time spent with Ohio Wesleyan and her husband's 40-year career at the University, the couple became connected to alumni and students who span more than 100 years of graduating classes.

For her long dedication and service to Ohio Wesleyan University, the Class of 1960, the Delaware community, and thousands of individuals, we join the Class of 1960 and applaud and recognize the Reverend Mary Steel Holm with this Alumni Award.

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