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Cal Turner Chancellor Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies  
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EDUCATION:

Rhodes College, B.A., 1963 with majors in English and Philosophy.  
Duke University Divinity School, B.D., 1966 (magna cum laude).  
Duke University (in cooperation with Tübingen University), Ph.D., 1971.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor in Theology and Preaching, Duke Divinity School, 1966-1968.  
Wissenschaftliche Assistent in the Protestant Theological Faculty of Tübingen University, 1968-70.  
Assistant Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Huntingdon College in Montgomery, Alabama, 1970-1971.  
Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics, Eden Theological Seminary, 1971-1975.  
Associate Professor of Theology and Ethics, Eden Theological Seminary, 1975-1978.  
Professor of Systematic Theology and Philosophy, Eden Theological Seminary, 1978-90.  
Dean and Professor of Systematic Theology, Wesley Theological Seminary, 1990-98.  
Cal Turner Chancellor Professor of Theology and Wesleyan Studies, The Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, 1998-  
Adjunct Professor of Theology, Christ Seminary (Seminex), 1975-79; adjunct faculty, Washington University Medical School (medical ethics), 1976-78.  
Visiting Professor: Boston University School of Theology (1982), and Garrett-Evangelical Theological School (1988).

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Theological Society  
American Academy of Religion  
Fellow of the Society for Values in Higher Education  
Society for Biblical Literature  
Gesellschaft für Evangelische Theologie  
American Society of Christian Ethics  
Barth and Bonhoeffer Societies  
Society of Biblical Theologians

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Origins of the Theology of Hope. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1974.

God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1989.

Korean edition, God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy (Seoul: Hanul Press, 1998)

German edition, God the Economist: The Doctrine of God and Political Economy, due to be published by Neukirchener Verlag in 2000.

The Future of the Methodist Theological Traditions, editor, New York: Abingdon, 1985.

What Should Methodists Teach? Wesleyan Tradition and Modern Diversity, editor, Nashville: Abingdon/Kingswood Press, 1990.

The Portion of the Poor: Good News to the Poor in the Wesleyan Tradition, editor, Nashville: Abingdon/Kingswood Press, 1995.

Love: The Foundation of Hope, editor, with Frederic Burnham, Charles McCoy, San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988.

Christian Social Ethics in a Global Era., editor, with Max L. Stackhouse, Peter L. Berger, and Dennis P. McCann, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995.

Trinity, Community and Power: Mapping Trajectories in Wesleyan Theology. editor, Nashville: Abingdon, 1999), with articles by Jürgen Moltmann, Frances Young, José Miguez Bonino, Roberta Bondi, Philip Wogaman. To be published February 2000.

Theology and Corporate Conscience: Essays in Honor of Frederick Herzog, editor with Jürgen Moltmann and Frederick R. Trost, (Minneapolis: Kirk House, 1999).

Introduction to Systematic Theology, editor, Durham: Duke University Divinity School, 1968.

Editor, translator, with an Introduction. The Experiment Hope by J. Moltmann. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1975.

Editor, translator, with an Introduction. Passion For Life: A Messianic Lifestyle. by J. Moltmann. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1978.

Editor, translator, with an Introduction. On Human Dignity: Political Theology and Ethics. Philadelphia: Fortress Press, 1985.

Editor, Human Identity in Christian Faith, by Jürgen Moltmann. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1976.

Editor and translator, *Three Lectures on the Theology of Hope*. Kalamazoo: Kalamazoo College Review, 1970.

Chapters in Books:

"The 'Crucified God' and the Power of Liberation," *Proceedings of the American Academy of Religion: Philosophy of Religion and Theology*, 1974. (Missoula, Mont.: Scholars' Press, 1974), pp. 31-43.

"Moltmann's Contribution to Practical Theology," in *Hope for the Church*, ed. by Theodore Runyon, (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1979), pp. 57-74.

"John Wesley's Heritage and the Future of Systematic Theology," in *Wesleyan Theology Today*, ed. Theodore Runyon (Nashville: The United Methodist Publishing House, 1985), pp. 38-46.

"Political Theology and Political Economy," in *Gottes Zukunft - Zukunft der Welt*, ed. Herrmann Deuser, et al. (Munich: Chr. Kaiser Verlag, 1986), pp. 446-456.

"Love and the Hope for a Just Society," in *Love: The Foundation of Hope*, ed. Frederic Burnham, Charles McCoy, and M. Douglas Meeks (San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1988), 41-59.

"Liberation Theology and the United Church of Christ," in *Theology and Identity: Traditions, Movements, and Polity in the United Church of Christ*. Ed. Daniel L. Johnson and Charles Hambrick-Stowe (Philadelphia: Pilgrim Press 1990), 152-163.

"Globalization and Oikoumene in Theological Education," in *Ecumenical and Interreligious Perspectives: Globalization in Theological Education*, ed. Russell E. Richey (Nashville: QR Books, 1992), 3-16.

"Global Economy and the Globalization of Theological Education," *The Globalization of Theological Education*. Ed. Alice Fraser Evans, Robert A. Evans, and David A. Roozen. (Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Books, 1993), pp. 247-261.

"God's oikonomia and the New World Economy," in *Christian Social Ethics in a Global Era* by Max L. Stackhouse, Peter L. Berger, Dennis P. McCann, and M. Douglas Meeks (Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1995), pp. 111-126.

"The Future of Theology in a Commodity Society," in *The Future of Theology: Essays in Honor of Jürgen Moltmann*, ed. by Miroslav Volf, Carmen Krieg, and Thomas Kucharz (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1996), pp. 253-266.

"Die Zukunft der Theologie in der Gütergesellschaft," in *Die Theologie auf dem Weg in das dritte Jahrtausend*, ed. by Carmen Krieg, Thomas Kucharz, and Miroslav Volf (Gütersloh: Chr. Kaiser/Gütersloher Verlagshaus, 1996), 205-22.

A *Economy and the Future of Liberation Theology in North America*, @ in *Liberating the Future: God, Mammon and Theology*, ed. Jörg Rieger (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 1998)

A *Sanctification and Economy: A Wesleyan Perspective on Stewardship*, @ In *Rethinking Wesley's Theology for Contemporary Methodism* ed. Randy Maddox (Nashville: Abingdon/Kingswood, 1998).

A *Trinity, Community, and Power*, @ in *Trinity, Community and Power: Mapping Trajectories in Wesleyan Theology*, ed. M. Douglas Meeks (Nashville: Abingdon, 1999).

#### Recent Articles:

"Christ and Culture Reconsidered: Globalization in the Market Economy," *Christ and Culture: A Sino-American Dialogue*, Columbia Theological Seminary, October 23-25, 1992.

"Gott und Ökonomie: Kann das Gemeinwesen die Freiheit gegenüber dem Diktat der Wirtschaft zurückgewinnen?" *Berliner Theologischen Zeitschrift* 9 (Beiheft 1992), 12-28.

"Personalism and the Problem of Scarcity: A Comment," 25/1 (Fall 1995) *Forum for Social Economics*, 33-36

"Peace and Justice: The Eucharistic Community of Gifting," *Liturgy* 13/1 (Winter 1996), 16-21.

"Jürgen Moltmann's Systematic Contributions to Theology," *Religious Studies Review* 11/2 (April 1996), 95-102.

A *Weltgesellschaft aus christlicher Perspektive*, @ *Una Santa* 54/1 (1999), 3-15.

A *Wesleyan Theology in a Postmodern Age: The Spirit of Life in an Age of the Nihil*, @ *Wesleyan Theological Journal* 35/1 (2000), to be published March 2000.

#### CHURCH STANDING:

Ordained minister of the United Methodist Church (Memphis Annual Conference); Dual standing: United Church of Christ

#### PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Human Studies Committee of Washington University Medical School, 1976-78.  
Member of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Theological Consortium and chairperson of the Consortium Committee on Systematic Theology (1973-1976).  
Member of the Association of Theological Schools Issues Research Team (1982- 1985) to study a new theological grounding of theological education.

Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches study on "Points at Issue Between Black and White Theologies."

Council on Religion and International Affairs projects dealing with "The Ethics of Liberation in Latin America," "The Multinational Corporation," and "American Civil Religion."

Professional Theologians Task Force of "Theology in the Americas."

Member of the "Theological Education and Church Consortium" (United Methodist, UCC, United Presbyterian, etc., 1977-79), a group of theologians and church leaders who reflected on theology and theological education in relation to the life and practice of North American mainline churches (see Theological Education, Autumn, 1979, for the position paper of this group).

World Council of Churches Conference on "Faith, Science and the Future" at MIT, July 1979.

Co-chairperson of the Oxford Institute of Methodist Theological Studies (1981). Seventh Institute at Oxford, England, July 26-August 5, 1982: "The Future of the Methodist Theological Traditions." Eighth Institute, July 27-August 7, 1987: "The Significance of Methodist Teaching and Practice for Confessing the Apostolic Faith." Ninth Institute, July 28-August 6, 1992: "The Portion of the Poor: Good News to the Poor in the Wesleyan Tradition." Tenth Institute, August 12-22, 1997: "Trinity, Community, and Power: Mapping Trajectories in Wesleyan Theology." Member of the 1977 Oxford Institute, whose theme was "Sanctification and Liberation."

Co-Chairperson, Liberation Theology Working Group, American Academy of Religion, 1974-1982.

Member of Steering Committee, Euro-American Studies Group, American Academy of Religion, 1988-95.

Editorial Board of The Journal of Religious Thought, 1975-1984; Prism, 1986-1991; The Living Pulpit, 1993-.

Member of World Council of Churches Committee on "The Holy Spirit and Economy" (1989-91).

Chairperson, Council of Deans, Washington Theological Consortium (1991-95).

Member, Board of Directors, The Churches Center for Public Policy (1992-).

American Theological Society, Program Chairperson, 1995-97.

#### REPERESNTATIVE ACADEMIC NAMED AND OCCASIONAL LECTURES:

Convocation, Candler School of Theology, Emory University; Hope College Annual Lectures; Oglethorpe University; University of Tennessee; Southern Illinois University; University of Missouri; University of Michigan; Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary; Augustana College; Illinois Wesleyan University; MacMurray College; Hamline University; Southern Illinois University, Carbondale; Chicago Theological Seminary; United Theological Seminary; Lancaster Theological Seminary; Drew University School of Theology; Union Theological Seminary, New York; Doane College; Nashotah House Theological Seminary; Greifswald University; University of Halle; Kirchliche Hochschule, Wuppertal; Emory University/Carter Center; Tübingen University; Princeton Theological Seminary; Columbia Theological Seminary; Theology in the Americas Conference; Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries; Law Lectures at Texas Tech University Law School; West Virginia Wesleyan College; Oxford Institute of

Methodist Theological Studies; Eden Seminary Consultation on Theology and Economics; Association of Theological Schools Conference on Theological Education; Lectures on Christology, The Smithsonian.

REPRESENTATIVE ECCLESIAL LECTURES:

Massanetta Springs Pastors' School Conference; Montreat Conference on Theology and Sexuality; Eden Theological Seminary Convocation; National Lutheran Human Relations Conference; National Conference of Presbyterian Christian Educators; National Staff of Presbyterian Church U.S.A.; National Convocation on the Nature of the Church and the Augsburg Confession; Leadership Conference, Methodist Health System; Missouri East Annual Conference (UMC); Memphis Annual Conference (UMC); Illinois Central Annual Conference (UMC); Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference (UMC); Wisconsin Annual Conference (UMC); Tennessee Annual Conference (UMC); Central Pennsylvania Annual Conference (UMC); Ohio Conference UCC; Illinois Conference UCC; Indiana-Kentucky Conference UCC, Wisconsin Conference UCC; Missouri Episcopal Diocese Convention; Illinois Area School of Evangelism (UMC); National United Methodist Conference on Stewardship; National Episcopal Leadership Conference; Florida Council of Churches; Ohio Council of Churches; Missouri Leadership Forum (Council of Churches); Hawaii Council of Churches; Michigan Council of Churches; Kansas Council of Churches; Wisconsin Council of Churches; Eighth National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations; National Association of Protestant Armed Services Chaplains; Consortium on Theology and Science, Oak Ridge; National Council of Churches, Commission on Stewardship, 1985, 1988; Reihlen Lectures, Kirchliche Hochschule, Berlin; Georgia United Methodist Pastors' Conference on Evangelism; United Methodist Boston Area Pastors' Conference on Theology and Economy. Numerous pastors' schools and lay conferences and synods of the United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church.; National Episcopal Foundation; The United Methodist Council of Bishops.

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