

## EDWIN THEODORE DAHLBERG

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree Edwin Theodore Dahlberg, minister of the Delmar Baptist Church of St. Louis, Missouri, and President of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School.

He has given outstanding leadership to his denomination, having held important pastorates in Baptist churches in Buffalo and Syracuse, New York, St. Paul, Minnesota, and since 1950 in St. Louis, Missouri. He served two consecutive terms as President of the American Baptist Convention, was President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, a member of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, and has furnished dynamic leadership in many phases of the Denomination's varied program, including trusteeships in two of its institutions of higher learning.

He has proved himself to be an outstanding leader in the ecumenical Christian movement. He has been a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, and on December 4, 1957, he was honored by election to a three-year term as President of the National Council of Churches.

Edwin Dahlberg has shown himself to be a successful pastor, a stimulating preacher and interpreter of the Christian Gospel, a trustworthy administrator with broad vision, an author, and a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon him be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.

