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## William Frederick Keucher

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree, WILLIAM FREDERICK KEUCHER, articulate and prophetic preacher, efficient and sensitive administrator, consistent spokesman for relevant education, and courageous herald of new patterns of ecumenical witness.

Educated at Eastern Baptist College and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, William Keucher has served as Minister of the Allegheny Avenue Baptist Church in Philadelphia and the First Baptist Church in El Dorado, Kansas. For eighteen years he was the Executive Minister of the Kansas Baptist Convention and since December of 1970 has been Senior Minister of the Covenant Baptist Church of Detroit.

His eloquent proclamation of the Word has combined the sense of mystery with a call to action. His administrative accomplishments have dignified bureaucracy and exemplified sensitivity. His persuasive logic has called a whole denomination to reset its priorities in theological education. His spirit of reconciliation has influenced men of varying persuasions to walk and work together.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon WILLIAM FREDERICK KEUCHER be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.