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Albert Calhoun Pittman

Mr. President, I have the honor to present as a candidate for an honorary degree, ALBERT CALHOUN PITTMAN, a sensitive pastor, an articulate preacher, a creative liturgist, and a thoughtful leader, fit for this time of change in church and society.

Educated at the University of Richmond and Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Mr. Pittman served churches in Dayton, Ohio, and Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, before he became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Kalamazoo in 1965. His ministry, characterized by prophetic preaching and wise counsel, has served not only the church but the college and the community as well. Leading the church in a major decision to remain in the central city and to the development of unique programs of outreach; experimenting with new forms of worship within the liturgical framework; creatively seeking to re-symbolize the Christian faith to meet the spiritual needs of contemporary men and women, Mr. Pittman exemplifies the values we espouse and seek to serve as a church-related liberal arts college.

Therefore, on behalf of the Faculty of Kalamazoo College, I recommend that upon ALBERT CALHOUN PITTMAN be conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity.