

BISHOP RUEBEN P. JOB

Rueben P. Job was born in Jamestown, ND, on Feb. 7, 1928. He was licensed to preach by Bishop E. W. Pretorius in 1952, and began serving a student appointment that summer. He graduated from Westmar College (B.A., 1954) and Evangelical Theological Seminary (B.D., 1957). In 1957 he was ordained an elder by Bishop Harold R. Heininger.

Rueben served several pastorates in North Dakota: Tuttle (1957-1960); Minot (1960-1961); Calvary Church, Fargo (1962-1965). In 1961 and 1962, he served as a U.S. Air Force Chaplain in Europe. He was on the staff of the General Board of Evangelism of the Evangelical United Brethren Church from 1965 to 1968 and on the general staff of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism and Discipleship from 1968-1977. In 1977 he was appointed District Superintendent of the Northern District of the South Dakota Annual Conference and continued as a staff member until he became World Editor of *The Upper Room*, the position he was holding at the time of his election to the episcopacy.

At the 1984 North Central Jurisdictional Conference, Rueben was elected to the episcopacy and assigned to the Iowa Area. During his tenure there, he served on the General Commission on Communications and as chairperson of the Hymnal Revision Committee. He retired in 1992. He continues to write in the area of Christian spirituality. His book, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*, has been used widely across the church.

Rueben is married to Beverly Ellerbeck Job, whom he met at Westmar College. They graduated in the same class. Beverly has also been very active in spiritual formation events and continues to lead a large number of retreats.

Rueben and Beverly are the parents of four children: Deborah, Ann, Philip, and David. They also have seven grandchildren.

GARRETT-EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Garrett-Evangelical is a graduate school of theology related to The United Methodist Church. Located on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, the seminary serves more than 400 students from many denominations and various cultural backgrounds, fostering an atmosphere of ecumenical interaction.

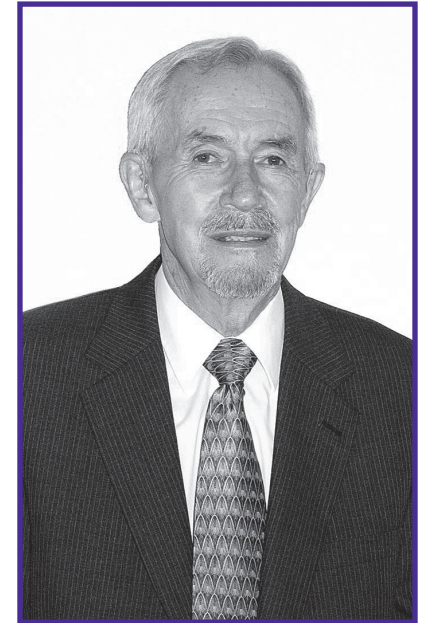
Garrett-Evangelical represents a union of three parent institutions: Garrett Biblical Institute, founded in 1853; Evangelical Theological Seminary, established in 1873 and previously located in Naperville, Illinois; and the Chicago Training School, founded in 1885. Garrett-Evangelical is the oldest United Methodist seminary in the Midwest and the second oldest in the United States.

The seminary's core purpose is "to know God in Christ and, through preparing spiritual leaders, to help others know God in Christ." The mission growing out of this core purpose is to share in the church's task of equipping the whole people of God and providing leadership in Christ's ministry of personal and social transformation. The seminary prepares persons for ordained and lay ministries, prepares persons for university and seminary teaching, and provides theological research and reflection for the church.

Garrett-Evangelical offers master of divinity, master of arts, master of theological studies, doctor of philosophy, and doctor of ministry degrees. The seminary's 4,500 living alums live and serve in every state in the United States and in 40 countries worldwide.

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AN INNOVATIVE HISTORY IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION STUDIES

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary has been at the forefront of Protestant seminaries in developing studies in Spiritual Formation. Beginning in 1984, Dwight Judy taught a Doctor of Ministry course in Spiritual Formation, an innovative class for Protestant seminary education at the time. In 1988, Barbara Troxell began serving as a faculty member and Director of Field Education and Spiritual Formation, again a rarity among Protestant seminaries. Upon Troxell's retirement in 2001, Dwight Judy was named Associate Professor of Spiritual Formation and Director of Doctor of Ministry and Spiritual Formation programs. As of August 2008, Professor Judy is a full-time faculty member in Spiritual Formation. These appointments demonstrate the seminary's commitment to the field.

Garrett-Evangelical proposed the curriculum structure for the United Methodist Certification in Spiritual Formation, which was formally adopted by the denomination in 2000. Since then, more than 100 students have been enrolled in Professional Certification in Spiritual Formation studies at Garrett-Evangelical. Most are now certified in specialized ministries in Spiritual Formation by United Methodist Annual Conferences throughout the nation.

In addition to Certification studies, Garrett-Evangelical adopted a specialized Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and Evangelism. Approximately 15 students are registered annually in this specialized degree. The MA provides academic training particularly for persons seeking Deacon ordination within The United Methodist Church.

Today all MDiv and MA students participate in a year-long course with primary focus in Spiritual Formation and Ministry Discernment. Recent innovations include an on-line course in spiritual disciplines and a PhD in Christian Education with specialized study in Spiritual Formation.

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary stands alone as a seminary offering this wide range of delivery methods for Spiritual Formation studies. It currently occupies a unique position among United Methodist seminaries in offering training in Spiritual Formation for lay, Deacon-track, and Elder-track persons, as well as offering the mid-career training and renewal of Spiritual Formation studies with the Doctor of Ministry degree. More than 140 students take advantage of one or more of these offerings each year.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

As Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary celebrates its first 25 years of leadership in Spiritual Formation studies, it recognizes it is uniquely positioned to continue developing and enhancing studies in this area at the certificate, master's, and doctoral levels. Of course, this can only be accomplished with a distinguished faculty member in Spiritual Formation studies.

Thus, Garrett-Evangelical is seeking \$2 million to permanently endow a chair in Spiritual Formation. The endowed chair will ensure that Spiritual Formation remains an essential component of the seminary curriculum. It also will ensure the seminary's continued leadership in Spiritual Formation studies, both as a discipline for ministry leadership and as an academic discipline.

The seminary proposes to name the chair in honor of one of its distinguished alums, Bishop Rueben P. Job. Bishop Job has been at the forefront in Spiritual Formation within the life of the church, serving as consultant in Christian spirituality, spiritual retreat leader, spiritual guide, and author or co-author of more than 20 books, including his latest bestseller, *Three Simple Rules: A Wesleyan Way of Living*. The Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation will be a lasting legacy to Bishop Job's lifelong commitment to this area, and a way to ensure that Garrett-Evangelical continues to prepare well-formed spiritual leaders for generations to come.

Bishop Job writes: *"I am so very pleased that Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary is establishing a Chair in Spiritual Formation. The news that the seminary that has done so much to shape and form my life and prepare me for ministry is now establishing a chair in Spiritual Formation brings great pleasure and excitement. Christian spirituality has been and continues to be the focus of my life and ministry and to know that it will be a continual focus and witness throughout the world through the establishment of this endowed chair brings great hope for new life in the Church and faithful witness in the world. I offer my name, energy, and endorsement to this endeavor, and anticipate the day when a wholesome, balanced, faithful-to-the-gospel spirituality will be the prevailing atmosphere in every congregation around the world."*

We invite you to participate in honoring Bishop Rueben Job by making a generous gift toward the Rueben P. Job Chair in Spiritual Formation. Outright gifts, pledges over a five-year period, and planned gift commitments are all welcome. Please fill out and return the enclosed Gift Intention Form at your earliest convenience.