

CONCORD COLLEGE

Athens, West Virginia

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CITATION

GORDON ELMER HERMANSON

Doctor of Laws

GORDON ELMER HERMANSON, clergyman, missionary, educator, you have answered the highest callings of service to your fellow-men, the ministry and teaching. Born in Chicago, a graduate of Wheaton College, with advanced degrees in theology from the Biblical Seminary in New York and the Temple University School of Theology, in 1943 you were ordained into the ministry by the Presbyterian Church. Your life has been, and continues to be, one of giving your talents to youth: Field Director of the Board of Christian Education of the United Presbyterian Church, Director of youth work in the French Camerouns of West Africa, and now the distinguished President of Davis and Elkins College. We know, too, that on occasion you build bridges -- if not of Italian stone, at least of the universal material of friendship and goodwill! All West Virginians are proud that you came to our State and have served us so well. For your outstanding service to youth and further to strengthen the bond of friendship between our two institutions, one public and the other private, Concord College is happy to have this occasion to honor you by conferring upon you her degree of Doctor of Laws.

In testimony of this degree I hand you this diploma and cause you to be invested with this hood.

Given under the Seal of Concord College and conferred from the academic halls in Athens, West Virginia, on this thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy, and of the College the ninety-ninth.

Joseph Franklin Marsh, Jr.  
President