

Citation for Wayne MacBeth '75
Houghton College Alumni Award for Christian Service
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Since graduating from Houghton in 1975 with a major in Bible, Wayne MacBeth has devoted himself to Christian ministry. His Houghton education gave him a large vision of God's Kingdom and prepared him for a lifetime of varied and extraordinary IMPACT that he could hardly have imagined. Like John Wesley, it can be said of Wayne MacBeth that "the world was his parish." His ministry was not restricted to one local church, but extended around the globe and into many facets of the work of the church.

Over the past 45 years, Wayne has served as a church leader in Australia, an Executive Vice President in Christian higher education here at Houghton College, a fundraiser for World Hope, the relief and development arm of the Wesleyan church, and an administrator at Wesleyan Headquarters in both the areas of world-wide outreach and communications. To each of these roles, Wayne has brought a spirit of innovation and a quiet determination to see the timeless truths of the Gospel made more compelling and powerful to the circumstances of today.

Whether in pioneering the Wesleyan Church's work in Australia, supporting the early work of Journey's End with refugees in Buffalo, or leading the disaster response of World Hope to the hurricanes in Texas and Florida, Wayne brings a calming and creative presence. According to fellow Houghton alumnus and CEO of World Hope, John Lyon, "working with Wayne during the high pressure time of responding to the hurricanes was a joy. Wayne exemplifies Christian faith and resilience." Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent Emeritus of the Wesleyan Church, described Wayne as a "Man for All Seasons." He has made his gifts and his whole self available for God to use whenever and wherever He chooses, through times of great joy as well as times of great suffering.

For your life of expansive, creative and focused service to God and His Kingdom through all the seasons of your journey, we honor you today with the Alumni Award for Christian Service.