

# *The Marion E. Wade Center*

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

Bakke Auditorium | October 29, 2015

### WORD OF WELCOME AND REMEMBRANCE

Marjorie Lamp Mead, Interim Director, Wade Center

### INVOCATION

Lisa Welchert, Wade Family representative

### WORD OF GRATITUDE

Philip G. Ryken, President, Wheaton College

### HISTORY OF THE WADE

Leland Ryken, Wade Board

### LOOKING BACK:

*50 years of the Marion E. Wade Center*

### SPIRIT OF THE WADE

Jeannette Bakke, Friend of the Wade

### INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Gerald Root, Wade Board

### A LAMP-POST IN A DARK WORLD:

*Fifty Years of Light from the Marion E. Wade Center*

Lyle W. Dorsett, Director Emeritus, Wade Center

### HYMN

*O God Beyond All Praising*

William Phemister, Professor Emeritus of Piano, Wheaton College

### LITURGY OF DEDICATION AND BLESSING

Philip G. Ryken, President, Wheaton College

### READING

*The Space Within*

Luci Shaw, Poet and Wade Board Emerita

### SPECIAL MUSIC

*Upon the Hearth and The Road Goes Ever On*

Music by Donald Swann; words by J.R.R. Tolkien

Carolyn Hart, Associate Professor of Voice, Wheaton College

### BENEDICTION

G. Walter Hansen, Wade Board

Traditional English Change-ringing

The church bells of St. David, Moreton-in-Marsh

Reception following – Courtesy of Martha's Table

**Dr. Jeannette Bakke** wrote her dissertation on Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia* using the resources of the early Wade Collection. She is a retired professor from Bethel Seminary. Her husband Stan serves on the Wade Board. Both the Bakkes were students of Clyde Kilby during their undergraduate studies at Wheaton College.

**Dr. Lyle W. Dorsett** was the second director of the Marion E. Wade Center, serving from 1983 to 1990. A prolific author and accomplished speaker and historian, Dr. Dorsett's academic career took a turn after he published the first biography of Joy Davidman Lewis titled *And God Came In*. His great interest in the writings of C.S. Lewis led him to accept the position of director of the Wade Center after Dr. Kilby's retirement. In 1990, Dr. Dorsett left the Wade Center in order to return fulltime to the classroom. In 2005, he moved to Birmingham, Alabama as the Billy Graham Professor of Evangelism at Beeson Divinity School, Sanford University. Lyle and his wife Mary have two children and four grandchildren.

**Dr. G. Walter Hansen** is a scholar, pastor, and theologian. He has over 40 years of ministry experience, both in pastoral and academic contexts, including serving abroad in Singapore. Dr. Hansen is Professor Emeritus, Fuller Seminary, and is deeply interested in the relationship between visual arts and theology. He has served on the Wade Board since 2013.

**Dr. Carolyn Hart**, soprano, is Chair of Vocal Studies at Wheaton where she was recently honored with the Senior Teaching Achievement Award. A frequent performer of recital, oratorio and orchestral repertoire, she performs regularly in the Chicago area and has toured extensively throughout the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

**Marjorie Lamp Mead** is Interim Director of the Marion E. Wade Center. She has held various positions at the Wade Center since first coming to work at the collection in 1977, and was a student of Clyde S. Kilby while an undergraduate at Wheaton.

**Dr. William Phemister** is Professor Emeritus of Piano, Wheaton College Conservatory of Music, and since his arrival in Wheaton in 1972 has been passionate about the Wade Center, including writing for their journal *UHL*. He and his wife Mary Anne have been long time friends, volunteers, and supporters of the Wade.

**Dr. Gerald Root** is associate professor of Evangelism and Leadership at Wheaton College and Director of the Evangelism Initiative in the Billy Graham Center. He has served on the Wade Board since 1989, and is a sought-after speaker on the works and life of C.S. Lewis.

**Dr. Leland Ryken** is Professor of English Emeritus at Wheaton College, where he has taught since 1968. He has written widely on the study of classic literature from the Christian perspective. Dr. Ryken has served as a member of the Wade Board since 1992, and is currently writing the history of the Wade Center.

**Dr. Philip G. Ryken** is the eighth president of Wheaton College and has served in that capacity since 2010. Dr. Ryken has a doctorate in historical theology from the University of Oxford, and while a student there, represented the Wade at the dedication of a plaque by the Dorothy L. Sayers Society at Sayers's Oxford birthplace. Dr. Ryken will be the inaugural speaker for the Wade Center's Hansen Lectureship this November.

**Luci Shaw** is a 1953 high honors graduate of Wheaton College, and has lived in England, Canada, and Australia. She became co-founder and later president of Harold Shaw Publishers, and since 1988 has been a Writer in Residence at Regent College, Vancouver, Canada. A charter member of the Chrysostom Society of Writers, Luci is a prolific poet and author of many books, including several volumes of poetry, and works with and about Madeleine L'Engle. She has been a long-time friend of the Marion E. Wade Center, and studied under Dr. Clyde S. Kilby during her time at Wheaton College.

**Lisa Welchert** is the great granddaughter of Marion E. Wade and currently serves on the Wade Board as a representative of the Wade family. She lives in Scottsdale, Arizona with her husband Joe and three children.