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Robert Edwin Black
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FAMILY

Married to Judy (1967); parents of three adult children with four grandchildren

DENOMINATIONAL AFFILIATION

The Wesleyan Church
Ordained minister since 1971

EDUCATION

B.A. in Theology, Central Wesleyan College
(now Southern Wesleyan University),
Central, South Carolina, 1967

M.Div., Asbury Theological Seminary,
Wilmore, Kentucky, 1970

Ph.D., Union Theological Seminary, Richmond,
Virginia, 1984

Department: Church History
Dissertation: "The Social Dimensions
of John Wesley's Ministry as
Related to His Personal Piety"

HONORS/AWARDS

College valedictorian; graduated *summa cum laude*

Member, Theta Phi (theological honor society)

Graduate fellowship, Union Theological Seminary
in Virginia, 1980-81

Teaching fellow, UTS-V, 1981-82

Faculty Member of the Year, Bartlesville Wesleyan
College -- 1986

Faculty Member of the Year, Southern Wesleyan
University -- 1987, 1991, 1999

Alumnus of the Year, Southern Wesleyan
University -- 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Faculty member, Division of Religion, Southern
Wesleyan University, 1986-present; chair,
1989-99

Faculty member, Division of Religion, Bartlesville
Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan
University), 1982-86; chair, 1984-86

Director of Special Ministries and Assistant General
Director of Youth, Wesleyan World
Headquarters, 1975-79

Pastor of Wesleyan churches in North Carolina
(1970-75) and in Virginia (1979-82)

RELATED ACTIVITIES

Member, General Board of The Wesleyan Church,
2000-present

Member, Alumni Board of Directors, Asbury
Theological Seminary, 1993-98

Educational coordinator, North Carolina West
District of the Wesleyan Church

Bible teacher at denominational and
interdenominational conferences and seminars

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Church History
Wesleyan Theological Society

PUBLICATIONS

Author, **1 & 2 Timothy** in Wesleyan Bible
Commentary Series (2004)

Author, **How Firm a Foundation: Southern
Wesleyan University, 1906-2006** (2006)

Co-author, **The Story of The Wesleyan Church,**
the official denominational history (2012)

Contributing author, **Reformers and Revivalists:
The History of the Wesleyan Church**, edited
by Wayne Caldwell (1992); **The Church Jesus
Builds**, edited by Joseph Coleson (2007); **Be
Holy**, edited by Joseph Coleson (2008)

Contributing editor, **Library of Christian Worship,**
edited in seven volumes by Robert Webber (1994)

Regular contributor of devotional literature and
curriculum materials for Wesley Press and other
religious publishers

References furnished on request.