

Portrait of John Leith presented to Union Theological Seminary

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RICHMOND, Va. – The Foundation for Reformed Theology has honored Dr. John Haddon Leith, one of the nation's theological lions during the three decades that he taught at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia, with the presentation to the seminary of a portrait of the late theologian and writer.

A formal presentation of the portrait took place June 8 at the William Smith Morton Library on the seminary campus in Richmond.

Leith was the Pemberton Professor of Theology at the seminary from 1959-1990 and professor emeritus until his death in 2002.

In a brief ceremony, seminary President Dr. Louis B. Weeks accepted the portrait, painted by Tim O'Kane of the Charlottesville, Va. area. It was presented by foundation President Dr. William P. Wood, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., and Vice President Dr. James C. Goodloe IV, pastor of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond, where Leith was an active participant.

In his remarks, Wood praised Leith as a pastor who deeply loved the church and the seminary. He recalled that Leith kept in regular contact with as many as 500 of his former students, always encouraging them to grow the church.

Acknowledging the presentation on behalf of Leith's family was his daughter, Caroline Leith, also a member of the board of the Foundation for Reformed Theology. In her remarks, she recalled her childhood days on the seminary campus with her family and the extended family of the seminary.

Leith thanked the foundation for commissioning the portrait and the seminary for accepting it in



A presentation of a portrait of the late John Leith recently was made at Union Theological Seminary-PSCE in Richmond, Va. Participating in the ceremony (from left to right) were William T. Thompson III, James C. Goodloe IV, Caroline Leith, William P. Wood and Herbert H. Browne, Jr.

honor of her father. Also attending the presentation were former students, friends, seminary contemporaries of Leith and members of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The Foundation for Reformed Theology represents a living legacy of the ministry of Leith, and was established by the Fund for the Explication and Application of Reformed Theology in September 1998.

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1. Graduate scholarships for committed Reformed theologians.
2. Lectureships.
3. Research.
4. Translations.
5. The purchase of Reformed books.
6. Seminars for the study of Reformed theology.