

# Distinguished Achievement Citation

Avery D. Post

Class of 1946

Minister, administrator, educator, and promoter of social reform, Dr. Avery D. Post is currently serving his second term as President of the 1.8 million members United Church of Christ. As head of a religious coalition which has been cited as “one of the most socially liberal church groups in the United States,” Dr. Post has advocated increased power for blacks, women and the poor, and leads his church in emphasizing its current priorities of peace and family life. After receiving his undergraduate degree at Ohio Wesleyan in 1946, Dr. Post earned a bachelor of divinity and a master of sacred theology at the Yale Divinity School.

A parish minister for twenty years, he has helped direct both Massachusetts and New York UCC Conferences. He has served on various committees of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches, as well as several developmental and outreach components of the United Church of Christ.

His pastoral experiences are international in scope: he has been a member of church leader groups traveling to Angola and Asia, and accompanied a Church Leader Delegation to the Paris Peace Talks in 1971.

Dr. Post has received the First Ecumenical Award from Massachusetts Council of Churches.

Dr. Post, who describes his church as an “ecumenical catalyst,” has been active in promoting religious, political, and cultural forces which separate the members of our global family.

Dr. Post’s optimistic encouragement of trust and support among all people, regardless of ostensible differences, lends much-needed impetus to the human struggle for unity, equality, and peace.

