



**The Inauguration of**

***Jon S. Kulaga, Ph.D.***

**as Indiana Wesleyan University's  
Tenth President**

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**Achieving**  
*Through Faith*

James 2:22

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*Do you see that faith was working together with his works,  
and by works faith was made perfect?*

James 2:22 NKJV

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## MISSION

Indiana Wesleyan University is a Christ-centered academic community committed to changing the world by developing students in character, scholarship, and leadership.

# Inauguration Ceremony

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 • 10:00 A.M. • CHAPEL AUDITORIUM

<b>Prelude</b>	Ms. Deborah J. Myers, Organ Accompanist, Division of Music
<b>*Processional</b>	IWU Orchestra Dr. Jason Thompson, Director, IWU Orchestra; Associate Professor of Music
<b>Welcome</b>	Mr. Barry Hines, Board of Trustees Member; Chairman, Presidential Search Committee
<b>Invocation</b>	Mr. Eric Whitaker, Student Success Liaison
<b>*Hymn</b>	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Music by William M. Runyan • Words by Thomas O. Chisholm Mr. Michael Flanigan, Conductor; Chair, Division of Music; Assistant Professor of Music; Director of Bands
<b>Greetings to the President</b>	Mr. Kurt D. Dykstra, J.D., President and CEO, Independent Colleges of Indiana Mr. Art Faulkner, Community Member Shirley V. Hoogstra, J.D., President, Council for Christian Colleges & Universities Dr. Wayne Schmidt, General Superintendent, The Wesleyan Church
<b>Inaugural Address</b>	Dr. Timothy Dalrymple, President/CEO, Christianity Today
<b>Chorale</b>	"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Music by Carl G. Gläser • Words by Charles Wesley • Arranged by David Schwoebel Mr. Davy Chinn, Director, IWU Chorale; Assistant Professor of Music
<b>Investiture</b>	

## Installation Ceremony

Remarks	Dr. Carl Shepherd, Chairman, Board of Trustees
IWU Community Response	Ms. Sarah Abell, Student Government Association President Dr. Bart Bruehler, Chairman, Faculty Senate; Associate Professor of New Testament Ms. Tiffany Kidwell, President, Wildcat Advisory Council; Billing Supervisor
Litany from The Discipline	Dr. Wayne Schmidt Rev. Johanna Rugh, Executive Director of Education and Clergy Development, The Wesleyan Church Dr. Jo Anne Lyon, General Superintendent Emerita and Ambassador of The Wesleyan Church Dr. Carl Shepherd

*\*Audience Standing*

## **Installation Ceremony, continued**

Presentation of Medallion

Dr. Carl Shepherd

Prayer of Dedication

Dr. Jim Lo, Professor of Intercultural Studies; Campus Intercessor

Dr. David Wright, IWU President, 2013-2022

Dr. Henry Smith, IWU President, 2006-2013

**President's Address**

Dr. Jon S. Kulaga, IWU President

**\*Closing**

"The Doxology"

Music: Old Hundredth • Words by Thomas Ken

Mr. Michael Flanagan, Conductor

**\*Benediction**

Dr. Yamil Acevedo, Director of Theological Programs in Spanish

**Recessional**

IWU Orchestra

Dr. Jason Thompson

*\*Audience Standing*

## **Dr. Timothy Dalrymple**

PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, CHRISTIANITY TODAY

Dr. Timothy Dalrymple was raised in nondenominational evangelical churches in California. A national champion gymnast, he went to Stanford University where he suffered a broken neck his sophomore year. Then followed many years in academia, at Stanford, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Harvard's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, where he made suffering a key theme of his research and teaching in modern western religious thought. Dalrymple helped to launch Patheos.com, an online marketplace of religious ideas, and pioneered many of the techniques that led Patheos to become the world's largest platform for multi-religious conversation.

In 2013, Dalrymple founded Polymath, a creative agency that serves businesses and nonprofits serving the world. In May 2019 he became President and CEO of Christianity Today, the flagship evangelical media ministry founded in 1956 by Billy Graham. In addition he now carries the title Editor in Chief for the magazine. Tim leads a dynamic team, working together to expand the CT reach through media and resources both in the United States and around the World.

Tim is married to Joyce and they have three daughters, Sophia, Sarah and Hannah.

# *Jon S. Kulaga, Ph.D.*

TENTH PRESIDENT OF INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



Dr. Jon S. Kulaga has a distinguished 34-year career in higher education with visionary leadership, effectual strategic planning, expertise in advancement, focus on innovation, and a commitment to growing a Christ-centered university. Prior to his selection as president of IWU, Dr. Kulaga served as president of Ohio Christian University (OCU) for five years, beginning in 2017. Dr. Kulaga has made notable achievements while serving in various executive and leadership roles, including Chief Academic Officer and Chief Operating Officer at Asbury University, and in academics, advancement, and student life development roles at Spring Arbor University.

Born and raised in and around Flint, Michigan, Dr. Kulaga was an ordained deacon and elder in the Free Methodist denomination for 30+ years before transferring his ordination to the Wesleyan denomination. He holds a Ph.D. from Kansas State University, M.A. from Michigan State University, and B.A. from Spring Arbor College. He is an honorary Kentucky Colonel and has authored and contributed to six published books. He has presented and preached to students and churches in England, France, Haiti, Mexico, Japan, and China.

When not working, Dr. Kulaga enjoys hiking and biking with his wife, as well as fly fishing and golfing with family and friends. He avidly reads Wesleyan theology, Christian worldview, eschatology and leadership, and poetry/fictional writings of authors like C.S. Lewis, Chesterton, Frederick Buechner, and Wendell Berry.

Dr. Kulaga and his wife Lena have been married for 35 years and have four adult children, all of whom live in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

## **SYMPOSIUM SERIES**

### **WHERE FAITH MEETS WORK**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022 • 1:30 P.M. • BARNES STUDENT CENTER

## **Symposium Speakers**



### **ENTREPRENEUR, BUSINESS & TECH**

Just a few months before his 30th birthday Ranjy Thomas was featured in Entrepreneur Magazine's annual "Young Millionaires" edition. From that moment, Ranjy was propelled into a lifetime of helping Kingdom-minded leaders navigate the startup stage of a new venture to an IPO or acquisition. Ranjy is an investor and advisor to a dynamic portfolio of companies in the faith, technology, and entertainment markets. Ranjy is the co-founder of Servant.io, co-founder of Loveology.org, and Chairman of Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott Ministries, and the Chairman of CREATR.

For the last 20 years, Ranjy has supported seasoned C-suite executives of his portfolio companies and can always be found mentoring next-generation Kingdom leaders. Ranjy is a teaching pastor and elder at Mannahouse in Portland, Oregon, where he lives with his wife and two kids.



### **FAITH & MINISTRY**

Kevin Myers is the Senior Pastor of 12Stone® Church in Gwinnett County, Georgia. Kevin and his wife Marcia sold everything in 1987 and left Michigan to plant a church for spiritually unresolved people. Having no contacts or core group, they worked toward a November launch in a movie theater. After a very slow start, this story is more about ministry endurance than ministry explosion. After seven years and their first building, they broke through, serving 200 a weekend. By the 11th year, they had gained momentum in the community and were reaching 1,000. Within a couple of years, John Maxwell came alongside Kevin and forged a life-changing leadership mentoring relationship. Near the 20th year, they launched a second campus and soon moved into the 2,500-seat 12Stone® center on 70 acres. Now there are eight campuses and a strong online viewing presence. But the story is not in the numbers; it's in the lives being changed - one person, one family at a time! We love God, value people, and serve our county!



### **INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE & RETAIL**

Dr. David McDonald received his Doctorate in 1998 from the University of Washington. He has been recognized nationally by his peers with the American College of Dentist Professional Ethics Award and three Meritorious Service Awards from the American Dental Association. He currently serves with BOMI (Book of the Millennium International), is a Director for Health Teams International, and serves as Global Director for Kingdom Education. McDonald believes that the Bible must be the foundation for flourishing nations. He lectures domestically and internationally on Biblical worldview, healthcare, discipleship, liberty, God's first government, "the family," parenting, policy, world religions, and education. He is an author of "The Third Education Revolution," a global initiative to return education back to the church within an ecosystem of veritas and virtue. David and his wife celebrated their 30 anniversary this year and are thankful for their five children and three grandchildren.

# HERITAGE OF FAITH & EXCELLENCE

PREVIOUS PRESIDENTS OF  
INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY



## **HENRY C. BEDFORD – FIRST PRESIDENT, 1920-1922**

The Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Church elected Henry Clark Bedford the first president of their planned new college in Marion, Indiana, on July 2, 1919. President Bedford led a tiny college of 250 students in the middle of rural Indiana on a campus that had seen two other colleges come and go in just a few decades and laid the foundation for a lasting legacy. He took a fractious student body of strong-minded Bible school students and “worldly” college students and taught them to live together as a single school. He also began building relationships with the city of Marion. The community he forged remains strong to this day. Though he only spent two years as president, H.C. Bedford left an indelible impression on IWU.

## **J.W. LEEDY – SECOND PRESIDENT, 1922-1927**

“Our education must not only be in knowledge, but in Godliness.” These words, from President Leedy’s message in the first edition of the Marionette yearbook, defined his vision for Marion College. “A man must not only be a businessman, but a Godly businessman; he must not only be a Physician, a Lawyer, or a Teacher, but a Godly Physician, Lawyer, or Teacher.” Though his own field was biology, he served as Dean of the Theological Department as well as president; he also oversaw the construction of Marion College’s first gymnasium.

## **A. JONES – ACTING PRESIDENT, 1927-1928**

Acting President A. Jones was a living connection between IWU and the earliest college days in Marion. He was an instructor at Marion Normal College beginning in 1890, which later became Marion Normal Institute. Marion Normal ceased to exist in 1918, but when Marion College bought the property and started classes in 1920, Jones was still a part of the campus. Over his years in Marion, he taught more than 15,000 students. “The school is a fine Christian institution, doing high-grade work,” Jones once wrote.

## **JAMES S. LUCKEY – ACTING PRESIDENT, 1928-1929**

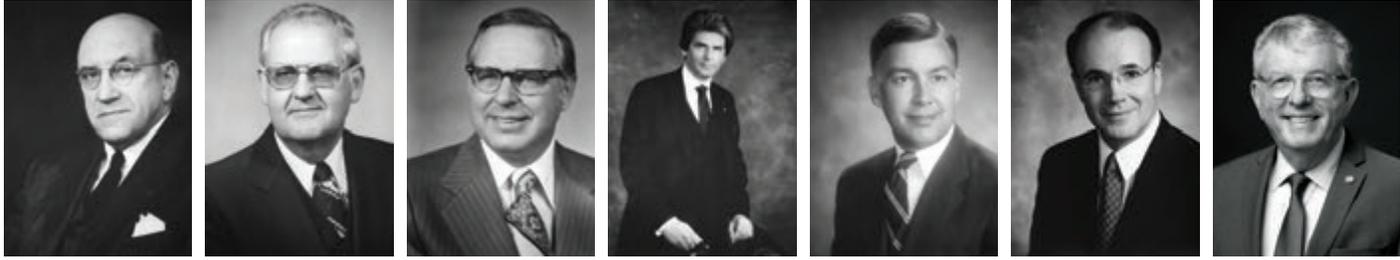
The first official president of IWU’s sister school Houghton College and the father of a later IWU president, James Seymour Luckey would only spend a year in Marion before handing the office over to the next Acting President. But in that year, he did a great deal, putting together a plan to revamp Marion College’s administration and preparing West, who served under him, to take the college into the next decade. Luckey returned to Houghton, where he served until his death in 1937.

## **HENRY A. WEST – ACTING PRESIDENT, 1929-1932**

The grandson of a Wesleyan abolitionist, Henry West guided IWU during a formative time in its early history. Through wise hiring choices, the Princeton Theological Seminary graduate built a faculty and administrative structure that would solidify IWU’s commitment to academic excellence. His son Theodore West wrote many years later, “My father was a sensitive, sincere, high-principled man whose success as a teacher led to the recognition that transformed him into administrator.”

## **WILLIAM F. MCCONN – THIRD PRESIDENT, 1932-1960**

The name “McConn” may be on the lips of IWU students more than any other president, thanks to McConn Coffee Co., the coffee shop and social hub at the center of campus life. It is an appropriate namesake for the builder of IWU’s first student center. William McConn spent nearly half his life as a college president, first of Marion College and later of Miltonvale Wesleyan (now Oklahoma Wesleyan). McConn led Marion College through World War II and laid many foundations for IWU’s future, building a library, a dormitory, a physical education center, a bookstore, and a home economics building. “An all-wise providence has directed us and is still leading us on to greater days,” he once wrote.



**WOODROW I. GOODMAN –  
FOURTH PRESIDENT, 1960-1976**

The son of a Pilgrim Holiness minister, Woodrow Goodman was the first president of Marion College's first Student Council in 1938. He later became the youngest college president in the United States as the founding president of Bethel College, an office he assumed before he even left graduate school. Inaugurated as IWU's president in 1960, he became a major force in growing Marion College. Under Dr. Goodman, IWU grew from 420 students to 849, built five new buildings, earned regional accreditation, and accepted and graduated the first nursing students.

**ROBERT R. LUCKEY – FIFTH PRESIDENT,  
1976-1984, ACTING PRESIDENT, 1986-1987**

The son of a previous IWU president, Robert R. Luckey said he never remembered a time when he did not want to teach. The Cornell University mathematics Ph.D. was teaching analytical geometry classes at age 18. The governor of Indiana honored him as a "Sagamore of the Wabash," then the state's highest honor, in 1980.

**JAMES P. HILL, JR. – SIXTH PRESIDENT,  
1984-1986**

"In the Christian liberal arts setting," Dr. Hill said in his inaugural address, "Christ is the plumb line for all our calculations, whether in breadth or depth or height." A professor of chemistry and biology by training, Dr. Hill was conversant with the art of calculation; as a lifelong Wesleyan, an evangelist's son, he applied his scholar's mind to the work of advancing the kingdom.

**JAMES B. BARNES – SEVENTH PRESIDENT,  
1987-2006**

James Barnes was the last president of Marion College and the first president of Indiana Wesleyan University. The name change was more than cosmetic. In the first presidency of the IWU era, the institution grew from 1,766 students to 12,632. IWU grew from a small,

penniless college in central Indiana to an institution that spanned three states with a \$40 million endowment that logged eighteen years of record enrollments, balanced budgets, and increased giving. The Barnes years were a pivotal moment in IWU history that redefined the university.

**HENRY L. SMITH – EIGHTH PRESIDENT,  
2006-2013**

After the twenty-year presidency of James Barnes, Dr. Henry Smith assumed stewardship of an intimidating legacy, which he filled with talent and grace. During Dr. Smith's presidency, enrollment grew to a record 15,953 students, making IWU the largest independent university in Indiana and the largest institution in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities. The university also added a School of Nursing, a School of Health Sciences, and the Wesley Seminary at IWU.

**DAVID W. WRIGHT, NINTH PRESIDENT,  
2013 – 2021**

Dr. Wright served 25 years at IWU as a faculty member, associate dean, vice president, provost, and president. He served on the task force that proposed and implemented the university's first online education plan in the mid-1990s. He expanded IWU's academic programs through the additions of master's and doctoral programs and launched the football, marching band, and engineering programs. He encouraged the Wesley Seminary to drive innovation through its Spanish-speaking programs and championed and celebrated greater diversity, equity, and inclusion. Under Dr. Wright's leadership, IWU's endowment grew from \$50 million to \$229 million.



Dear Family and Friends,

Feeling the need for an institution to train and educate the growing number of people being called to the ministry, after much prayer and planning, in June of 1906, the Indiana Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church launched Fairmount Bible School with James Oliver Baker serving as the founding – and only – president. Thirteen students – male and female – showed up in November of that year to begin their first session of courses. Three things highlighted that opening service – the singing of hymns (worship), the reading of Scripture (the Word), and prayer. In 1919, when the denomination assumed ownership of the teacher’s college in Marion, just a few miles up the road, Fairmount Bible School (FBS) was folded in – and Marion College was born.

In the small pamphlet, *History of the Fairmount Bible School*, one sentence stood out to me that I felt described not only the founding of FBS but also the life and legacy of what would become Marion College, and is now Indiana Wesleyan University.

*“Would it be saying too much, would it sound like boasting, if we should say... it was an **achievement of faith**, and that God has so recorded it in His heavenly diary of our lives?”*

I have chosen the theme *“Achieving Through Faith”* for my inauguration theme to link it to our past, but in using the present tense, to declare that our past has a future! We are not done achieving for God because God is not done working in and through us. Our actions will be grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ, but our faith does require action.

One hundred and sixteen years ago, a small group of faithful, action-oriented, Spirit-filled Wesleyans gathered to form an academic community. Yes, there would be lectures, homework, studying, and discussions. But they made sure there would also be a place for worship, the Word, and prayer. Insofar as that was our beginning, nothing has changed. It is our present and will continue to be our future.

By God’s grace, Indiana Wesleyan University will continue to **Achieve Through Faith!**

Sincerely,

Jon S. Kulaga, Ph.D.  
President

**1920**

Founded 1920

# INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

**312**

**312 Academic Programs**

across IWU-Marion, IWU-National & Global, Wesley Seminary



A University of The  
Wesleyan Church

**11.4K**

**11,417 Current Enrollment**

across IWU-Marion, IWU-National & Global, Wesley Seminary

**100K+**

**100,000+ Alumni**

across IWU-Marion, IWU-National & Global, Wesley Seminary

**14**

**14 Accrediting Agencies**

ACBSP • NASAC • CAATE • CACREP  
CAAHEP • COAMFTE • ATS  
NASM • AMTA • ACOTE • CAPTE  
CSWE • CAEP • CCNE

**1086**

**Faculty: 237 Full-time • 849 Part-time**

across IWU-Marion, IWU-National & Global, Wesley Seminary

**62**

**62 Countries Represented**

across IWU-Marion, IWU-National & Global, Wesley Seminary

**229M**

**\$229M Endowment\***

\*6.30.22

**HLC**

In 2020, IWU received institutional reaccreditation with the  
**Higher Learning Commission (HLC)**

**#4**

**#4 Ranked  
Endowment in CCCU\***

\*6.30.21



**Residential Campus**

**350 acres located in Marion, Indiana**

**Regional Sites:**

**Indiana** – Fort Wayne, Greenwood, Indianapolis,  
Kokomo, Merrillville

**Ohio** – Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton

**Kentucky** – Florence, Louisville



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