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TEXAS WESLEYAN AWARDS HONORARY DEGREE TO REV. MICHAEL MCKEE

Texas Wesleyan University will award Rev. Michael McKee with an honorary doctorate of divinity at graduation exercises Friday, Dec. 16. Rev. McKee is a senior minister at First United Methodist Church in Hurst. He is known as a leader not only in the Central Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church, but also in his local church, community and beyond.

Rev. McKee was born in Fort Worth and attended the University of Texas and Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He has served for more than 30 years in the North Texas area. "His vision for the possibilities of the United Methodist Church in bringing hope to communities and individuals has led him to successfully challenge his congregations to effective involvement," noted Tom Locke, a trustee of Texas Wesleyan and president of the Texas Methodist Foundation. "His creativity has spurred the imaginations of other clergy as they have sought to make a difference in their own congregations."

Rev. McKee's current conference involvement includes serving as chairperson to the Mid-Cities District Committee on Ordained Ministry and serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry. In the past, he has served as chairperson for the Camps and Assemblies Committee. During his eight years as chair, more than \$4 million was raised for capital expenditures resulting in the construction of a new chapel, dining hall, activities center and water park.

In addition to his service to the United Methodist Church, Rev. McKee serves the broader community as well. His numerous community posts include member of the Board of Trustees of Harris Methodist Health Systems, chair of the Pastoral Care Committee of Harris Methodist Health Systems, chairperson of the Executive Board of Perkins School of Theology, and chair of the Board of Directors for the Texas Methodist Foundation.

Commencement for Texas Wesleyan University will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16, at the Will Rogers Auditorium.