Wallace F. Stettler, for more than two decades you have been the very model of an educator and builder, leading your school and community to assuredly brighter tomorrows. Born in Philadelphia, formally educated at Dickinson College and Drew Theological Seminary, ministering unto five Methodist church congregations, in 1967 you took a chance on the Wyoming Valley by taking up the challenge to be President of Wyoming Seminary. You began the job of strengthening Seminary its faculty, its Board, its enrollment, its physical campus, its financial strength-and then had much to rebuild following the devastation of Hurricane Agnes in 1972. After a decade of calculated deficit budgets directed at turning Wyoming Seminary into a premier preparatory school, you have enjoyed more than a decade and a half as president of an institution in the black and a source of pride to all who can claim an affiliation. Your dedication to your students individual by individual, your enthusiasm for a life of service, your belief in humane values modeled in your own life, your dedication and wit, your ability to inspire and to tug others into the causes to which you are dedicated-all of these qualities and more make you a center of intelligent, compassionate energy for Wyoming Seminary and for the Wyoming Valley community. Your leadership of the United Way typifies this commitment, bringing individuals with resources together with individuals in need helping each to see their own humanity in the other. Fund-raiser without peer, you have helped discover, then secure, then direct ever-growing resources for Seminary and for this community to the greater glory of all that you hold true. A very large part of the heart in the "Valley with a Heart," you deserve the embrace of your educational colleagues as you prepare to graduate from Wyoming Seminary to new responsibilities and opportunities for service. It is fitting that Wilkes University awards its first honorary doctorate to its long-time friend across the river and, therefore, by virtue of the power vested in me by the trustees of Wilkes University and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hereby confer upon you, Wallace F. Stettler, the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, with all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto.