

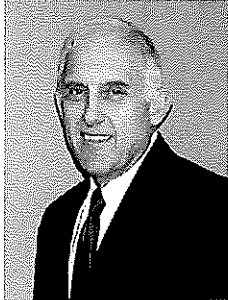
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In 1978, Dr. Weed received his PhD from the Graduate School of Religion at Emory. His area of specialization is Christian Ethics. Since 1978 he has taught Theology and Church History at AGST, helping students more fully understand and pass on the tenets of the Christian faith.

Drs. Anthony Ash, Rick Marrs, James Thompson, Wendell Willis, Gary Holloway, Allan McNicol, Jeff Peterson and Mark Shipp are among Dr. Weed's former and current teaching colleagues.

Jeff Peterson, Faculty Chair at AGST notes, "Michael Weed's contribution to Austin Grad would be difficult to overestimate. I especially appreciate his consistent reminder that our scholarship should be in service to the church, his readiness to explore the implications of theological questions, and his unparalleled gifts as a storyteller and raconteur. The faculty looks forward to continued interaction with Michael as he becomes Austin Grad's first Emeritus Professor."

Dr. Weed's classroom teaching is complemented by his writing for the church. He is the author of *The Letters of Paul to the Ephesians, the Colossians, and Philemon* in the Living Word Series and editor of *The Minister and His Work*. With Wendell Willis he authored *Churches of the New Testament* and *Basic Christian Beliefs Parts I and II* and he joined C. Leonard Allen and Richard T. Hughes in writing *The Worldly Church: A Call for Biblical Renewal*. Allan McNicol, New Testament Professor, recalls that Dr. Weed was very instrumental in the start of the AGST Journal *Christian Studies: Scholarship for the Church*. "As editor, Michael would select a topic, assign research, and regularly call the faculty together for discussions. From those discussions would come a theme for the next publication—a theme that served the church and promoted unity.

Dr. Weed is married to Mary Elizabeth (Libby) Summerlin. They have two grown children and five grandchildren. In retirement, Dr. Weed plans to spend more time with his grandchildren, teach an occasional class, and return to writing on the topic of Theological

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According to President Reid, “Michael Weed is a gifted professor who models the dictum ‘Faith seeking understanding.’ Although he is well-informed and able to debate the finer points of academic theology, Dr. Weed has given his life to helping a generation of students understand the importance of knowing the history and practice of Christian doctrine within the context of the church. His contributions to the mission of Austin Grad have been significant and will be long-lasting.”

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Dr. Beyer was passionate about caring for people and he dedicated his life to practicing and teaching pastoral care. To say that Dr. Beyer was loved by his students is only half the story; he was equally devoted to the students. For that reason it seems wholly appropriate that Jim Beyer's name should be on the Austin Grad computer lab.