



HARRY DENMAN

Harry Denman was once described by a bishop as the kind of man who could carry the flag at the head of the parade and at the same time beat the drum, setting the cadence for the march. His leadership in evangelism was unique as was his personal life and witness. He was one who went up to persons and always held out his hand, saying, "Where do you preach?" His friendship encircled the world, and he was at home in a variety of settings.

Dr. Billy Graham refers to Harry Denman as "one of the Lord's greatest servants." He further states "I had no better friend or greater supporter or better counselor in my evangelistic work than Harry Denman."

Dr. Maxie Dunnam states that "Harry Denman was a person filled with the Spirit who patterned his life after our Lord, living the life of a servant. In his unique and powerful way, he challenged us to a life consistent with our prayers, for his life was consistent with his own prayers. He was humbly dependent upon God. Christ was the center of his life and his daily living reflected a style of self-giving."

To meet Harry Denman was to feel the force of his personality and to be challenged by it. The impact of his spiritual and physical presence is not easily forgotten. He moved tirelessly, confidently, dedicated to one objective: to witness for the Lord, Jesus Christ. When he was part of a group, whether with colleagues or strangers, businessmen or politicians, the conversation was shifted by Harry to the Bible, prayer, and the Risen Lord whom he sought continually to serve. He commanded attention by his dedication and singleness of purpose.

Harry Denman was a layman who had the gift of making people want to listen whether he was speaking with one person or to a multitude. He was a person who never accepted "no" as final. He sought to try that which others thought could not be done, and he succeeded.

Love for the Lord and his fellow human beings was the keynote of his life. He stood for many things that are today coming to pass, but were not popular causes in his own day: the equality of persons regardless of sex, nationality, or race; simplicity of life-style, disregard of false values of materialism; and a search for the true values of life taught by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

Harry Denman was truly a "fisher of all persons." He sought to lead the Board of Evangelism into wide presentations of the Gospel to reach people. His personal dedication forced him to follow Christ totally, and he sought to lead others to have what he had: total commitment to a life of faith. He told it like it was as best as he understood it. He did not hesitate to give answers to the tough questions of personal faith, nor did he fail to admit his own personal weakness and frequently asked another person to "pray for me."

Harry Denman died on November 8, 1976. As a driving force which had been felt all across North America and into the far reaches of the world, his voice was silenced, but his memory lives on in the thousands of men and women who were touched with the love of Jesus Christ as shared through him. It is little wonder that he bears a reputation as "The St. Paul of the United Methodist Church."

Dr. Denman founded The Foundation for Evangelism in 1949. He believed that Methodism is inherently evangelistic, and that Jesus Christ's command to "go make disciples" must be held up constantly before the church. The MISSION of The Foundation is to promote, encourage, and provide resources for responsible evangelism, enabling the United Methodist Church to bring persons into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and help them grow as His disciples. The Foundation for Evangelism is an affiliate of the General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church and is located at 125 North Lake Shore Drive, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.



The Harry Denman Evangelism Award
Clergy Nomination Form

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Telephone Number: () _____ Email: _____

Church/Charge: _____ District: _____

Clergy eligible for this prestigious award are persons respected for their outstanding success in helping others experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. Please provide the following information for each nominee:

- I. How long has this person served as an ordained United Methodist pastor and as the pastor of this church?
II. What objective factors represent the nominee's effectiveness in carrying out the Great Commission of Christ?
III. Provide a brief biography of this nominee including a description of how this person lives the call to Offer Them Christ...
IV. Describe how this person embodies the passion of The Foundation for Evangelism and The United Methodist Church...
V. Please add any other comments, information, or letters of recommendation...

Person making nomination: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Each Annual Conference establishes its own submission deadlines and nomination procedures. Please visit your Annual Conference on the Internet or call for details.

Submit this form by _____ to: _____
(Date designated by Conference) (Conference Evangelism Chair, Council Director or other)

Address: _____

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**Denman Evangelism Award
Laity Nomination Form**

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone Number: () _____ Email: _____

Church/Charge: _____ District: _____

Lay persons eligible for this prestigious award are respected for their life and ministry in helping others experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. Please provide the following information for each nominee:

- I. How long has this person been a member of the United Methodist Church?
- II. Describe how this person embodies the **passion** of The Foundation for Evangelism and The United Methodist Church that is to help all persons experience God's transforming love through **Jesus Christ**.
- III. Tell the story of this person's life and how she/he has lived the Great Commission. What difference has this person made in the lives of people, the church, and the community?
- IV. Please add any other comments, information, or letters of recommendation you believe would be helpful to the selection process.

Person making nomination: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

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**Denman Evangelism Award
Youth Nomination Form**

Nominee:

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Youth eligible for this prestigious award are recognized for their living example and passion in helping others experience God's transforming love through Jesus Christ. Please provide the following information for each nominee:

- I. How long has this person been a member of The United Methodist Church?
- II. Describe how this person embodies the **passion** of The Foundation for Evangelism and The United Methodist Church that is to help all persons experience God's transforming love through **Jesus Christ**.
- III. Tell the story of this person's life and how she/he has lived the Great Commission. What difference has this person made in the lives of people, the church, and the community?
- IV. Do you believe this young person will enter into full-time Christian service? If so, please describe the area of service.
- V. Please add any other comments, information, or letters of recommendation you believe would be helpful to the selection process.

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