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Biography/Administrative History

Claude Raymond Welch (1922 - 2009) was Dean and President of Graduate Theological Union from 1971 to 1982 and served as Dean from 1982 to 1987. He was a historical theologian specializing in Karl Barth and nineteenth-century theology. Welch received a BA in history from Upper Iowa University; a BD and MDiv, Yale Divinity School; and a PhD from Yale. Prior to coming to GTU, he taught and held administrative positions at Princeton, Yale and the University of Pennsylvania. He was elected President of the American Academy of Religion in 1970. His books include Protestant Christianity: Interpreted through its Development, coauthored with John Dillenberger (1988) and the two-volume Protestant Thought in the Nineteenth Century (1985). Among his accomplishments at GTU were planning for the GTU Common Library building and the completion of Phase I in 1981; expanding the academic ties between the GTU and the University of California; expanding the number of affiliated centers, institutes, and programs such as the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute, Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Institute of Buddhist Studies, Pacific Asian-American Center for Theology and Strategies, and the Center for Ethics and Social Policy; and establishing the GTU Distinguished Faculty Lecture in 1976.

Scope and Content of Collection

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