

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Henry Walter Spaulding, II, Ph.D.



Dr. Spaulding was named as the new Vice President for Academic Affairs and chief academic officer at Mount Vernon Nazarene University in November 2008. Dr. Spaulding will become a part of MVNU's senior leadership team. He most recently served as director of the Master of Divinity program and professor of philosophical theology and Christian ethics at Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS) in Kansas City, Missouri.

Before serving at the Nazarene Theological Seminary, Dr. Spaulding was the dean of arts and sciences and professor of theology and philosophy at Trevecca Nazarene University in Tennessee. He also served as the director of the graduate program in religion while at Trevecca. Before serving at Trevecca in 1995, Dr. Spaulding was senior pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene in Woodbridge, Virginia. He was professor of religion at Eastern Nazarene College (ENC) in Massachusetts from 1982-1992. Before serving at ENC, he served as senior pastor at First Church of the Nazarene in Thomasville, Georgia.

Dr. Spaulding holds a B.A. degree in religion and history from Trevecca in 1974, a M.Div. degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1977 and the Ph.D. in religion studies/humanities from Florida State University in 1982.

Dr. Spaulding has written a book as well as several articles for *Holiness Today*, *Come Ye Apart* and *Illustrated Life*. He contributed to the *Wesley Study Bible* and is active with the Wesleyan Theological Society where he has published several scholarly articles and book reviews. He served as the chairperson of the Commission on the Doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene for the 1989 General Assembly.

Dr. Spaulding is married to Sharon, a second-grade teacher. They have three adult children: Shelly (31), Megan (23) and Hank (21).