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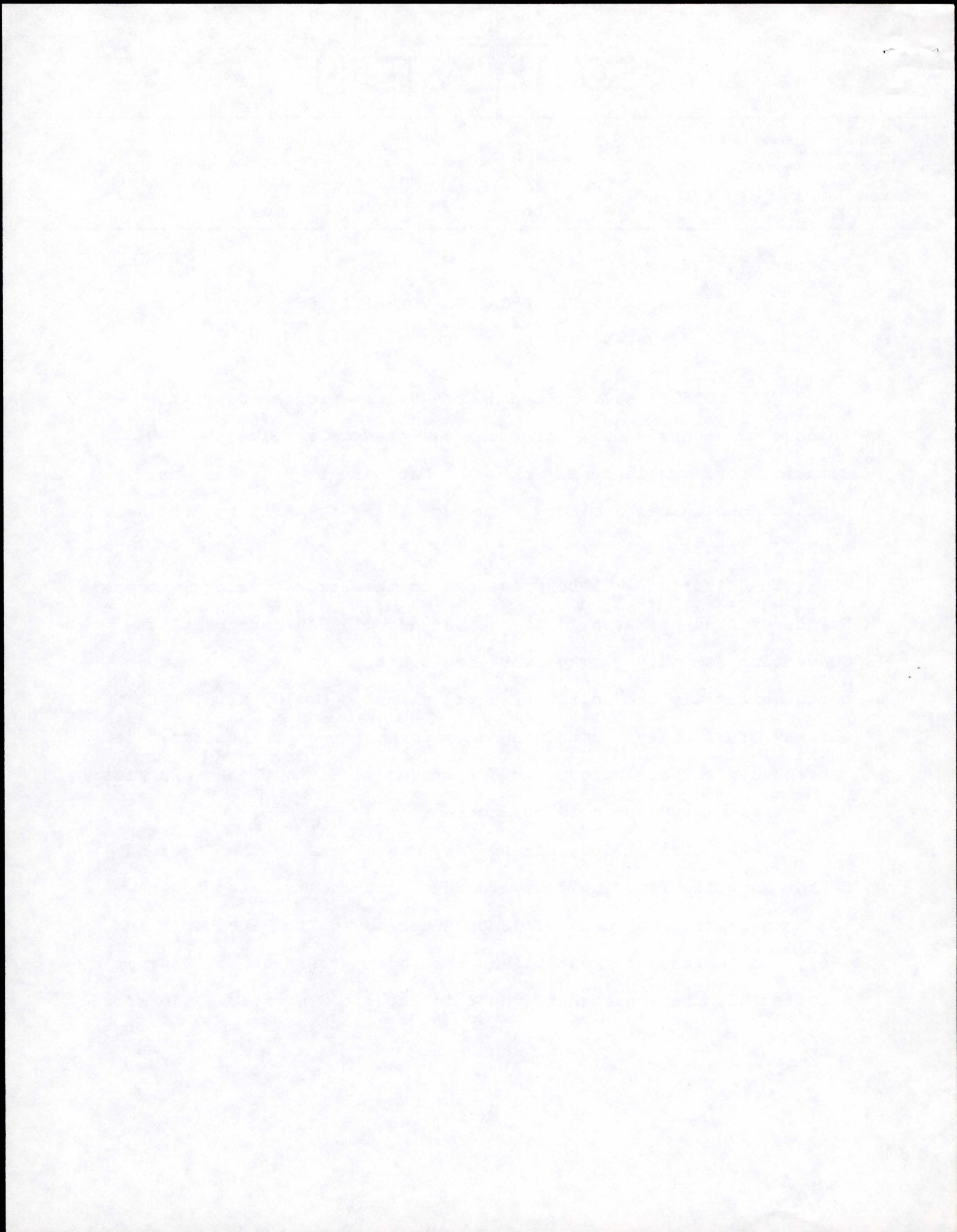
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WAKE FOREST, N.C. - Ed and Mary Price, pioneer Baptist leaders in Pennsylvania, have been selected to receive the 1984 Citation for Excellence in Christian Ministry by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, according to seminary President W. Randall Lolley.

The Citation will be presented to the Prices during Founders' Day ceremonies on March 13 at the 33-year-old Southern Baptist Convention seminary. "The award could not go to two persons who better exemplify the spirit of Baptist work," Lolley said. "It is our way of not only recognizing them for their contributions," he continued, "but of introducing our students to the finest examples of Christian laypersons in our convention."

In the early 1960s, Ed and Mary Price were in the forefront of the establishment in Pennsylvania of churches related to the Southern Baptist Convention. Soon after moving to Pittsburgh in 1961, Ed helped to establish the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association, then related to the Ohio Baptist Convention. He served

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as the Ohio representative on the SBC committee on boards, and Mary was president of the Ohio Woman's Missionary Union.

In 1970 when the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey was organized, Ed Price was chosen to serve as the new convention's first president. Mary was elected president of the Woman's Missionary Union of that convention.

Now retired as a senior vice president after 41 years with Westinghouse Corporation, Ed Price was elected second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention during its annual meeting in Pittsburgh in 1983. In his nominating speech, Ellis Bush, executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, said that Price "has been an effective spokesman for laymen concerned for the involvement of executive and professional laymen in the mainstream of Southern Baptist Convention life."

Commenting on Mary Price as a "warm, friendly person, a challenging and inspirational speaker, an effective organizer," Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the national Woman's Missionary Union, said that Mary gives "strong leadership, not only to Woman's Missionary Union, but to every phase of church and denominational life."

The Citation for Excellence is presented from time to time by Southeastern Seminary to people whose ministries embody the values which the seminary seeks to uphold. Previous Citations have gone to Sue Fitzgerald, Mars Hill, N.C.; Wesley Enzor, Raleigh, N.C.; and Lawrence Matthews, Vienna, Va.

