

THE ROGER LEONARD FREDRIKSON BIOGRAPHY

1920 Born in Mission City, British Columbia, Canada where his father was a pastor. Born to Alfred Leonard Fredrikson and Elvira Michaelson Fredrikson.

1938 Graduated from Salem, SD High School

1938-1941 Attended Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, SD

1942 Graduated from Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS

1944 Married Ruth Beaver June 1, 1944

1944 Graduated from Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, KS

1948 Received his BD from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton, Mass.

1948 Ordained into the ministry at 1st Baptist Church, Andover, Mass.

1949 Received his STM degree from Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.

1950 Began teaching at Ottawa University

1954 Became the Pastor at 1st Baptist Church, Ottawa, KS

1958 Received an Honorary Doctorate from Ottawa University

1959 Resigned as pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Ottawa, to become pastor of 1st Baptist Church Sioux Falls, SD

1960 Elected Vice-President of the American Baptist Churches USA

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1971 At the ABC Convention in Minneapolis, Fredrikson was made an honorary member of the Kiowa Tribe

1975 Accepted a call to the 1st Baptist Church of Wichita, KS

1987 Retired as pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Wichita, KS

1988 Moved to Sioux Falls, SD, where he still makes his home

2007 Inducted into the South Dakota Hall of Fame

Over the years Dr. Fredrikson has been involved in many activities that spread the Word and help humanity. Among these are: Baptist World Alliance, Habitat for Humanity, Renovare, an intra-church renewal movement to spread the Gospel, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Alcoholics Anonymous; the American Assembly at Green Lake Wisconsin, Faith at Work and multistate renewal conferences with various churches.

During his ministry in Sioux Falls he also hosted two TV programs called: A CUP OF COFFEE WITH ROGER and THE OPEN DOOR, with a Lutheran pastor and Catholic priest. During his ministry in Sioux Falls Dr. Fredrikson was also a leader in starting the Glory House, a halfway house for men and women coming out of prison, The Firehouse, an interfaith coffee house and worked in outreach with troubled teens.

Dr. Fredrikson has written four books: IT COST YOUR LIFE, GOD LOVES THE DANDELIONS, THE CHURCH THAT REFUSED TO DIE, and LEANING TO DANCE.