

Keith P. Keeran, Ph.D.

President, Kentucky Christian College

Biographical Profile

Dr. Keith P. Keeran (*key-ran*) became the fourth president of Kentucky Christian College on August 1, 1987. Prior to his current appointment as president, he served as the Chair of the Department of Christian Ministries, a position he held for five years. Dr. Keeran joined the faculty of Kentucky Christian College in 1982, following eleven years on the faculty at Great Lakes Christian College in Lansing, Michigan. He resides on the Grayson, Kentucky campus with his wife Topsy. They have three children: Keith L., Shannon, and Angela.

Dr. Keeran has earned degrees from: **Kentucky Christian College** (*Bachelor of Arts, 1966, Bachelor of Theology, 1967*), **Abilene Christian University** (*Master of Arts in Communication, 1976*), and **Michigan State University** (*Doctor of Philosophy in Communication, History, and Religious Studies, 1978*).

Dr. Keeran maintains an international profile as a writer, speaker, educator, and consultant. He delivers approximately 200 addresses annually for conventions, conferences, professional meetings, civic organizations, colleges, and churches. President Keeran is also the Founder/Executive Director of the **American Center for Leadership Studies**. Since 1980 he has presented his multi-phased Leadership Enrichment, Assessment, and Development seminars to over 350 churches, agencies, and business organizations nationwide.

Dr. Keeran is a co-founder of **The Crimean-American College** located in Simferopol, the Capitol City of the Crimean Republic, in southern Ukraine. The College is the only fully recognized and government accredited degree granting Christian college in Ukraine - and the only such college affiliated with the fellowship of Independent Churches of Christ/Christian Churches in the Commonwealth of Independent States. The College enrolls approximately 200 Ukrainian students. In 1995, Dr. Keeran founded the **International Alliance of Christian Colleges and Universities**. The Alliance promotes strategic partnerships in evangelism and education through an inter-cultural network of Christian scholars, students, and business, professional and church leaders; and facilitates the development of educational resources to support Christian higher education institutions in the Americas and in developing countries throughout the world. The current focus of the Alliance is **The Crimean-American College**.

In 1994, Dr. Keeran was appointed to the seven member **Commission on Recognition of Postsecondary Accreditation** (CORPA) in Washington, D.C. The primary function of the Commission was to provide for the evaluation and recognition of accrediting bodies in the United States and to serve as the chief liaison between recognized accrediting bodies and the U.S. Department of Education. The functions of CORPA were assumed by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) in 1996.

Dr. Keeran served for three years (1992-1995) as the President of the **Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges**, a CHEA recognized agency which provides specialized accreditation for theological education at nearly 100 colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. He regularly Chairs accreditation affirmation committees for the **Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools**, a regional agency that provides institutional accreditation to colleges and universities to eleven Southern states and in Latin America.

Since his appointment as KCC=s fourth President, the College has experienced a period of unprecedented growth. Some of these accomplishments include:

- < Record enrollment for the past several years including this year.
- < KCC has been listed as one of America=s Best Colleges by US News and World Report for the past six years.
- < Athletic teams have won twelve national championships in twelve years.
- < Campus expansion:
 - Ruth Administration Building
 - 54 unit apartment complex for married and non-traditional students
 - Community Center
 - McKenzie Student Life Center
 - Expansion of Dorothy Waters Cafeteria
 - Wayne B. Smith Center for Christian Leadership
 - Installation of the technology infrastructure
(fiber optics and computer access across campus)
- < Reaffirmation of Accreditation (1989, 1999) by *the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*
- < Accreditation and reaffirmation of Teacher Education Programs by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board.
- < Initial accreditation of the Social Work Program by the Council on Social Work Education.
- < Founding of University Telcom, Inc.
 - A wholly owned for-profit subsidiary of Kentucky Christian College
 - Internet Service Provider for Carter, Boyd and Elliot Counties
 - Long distance provider
 - Profits generated by UTI support technology development on campus
- < Promotion of the two academic departments to “named school” status:
 - Sack School of Bible and Ministries
 - Keeran School of Education
- < Undergraduate Program expansion:

Music Education	Music Performance
Business Administration	Social Work
Counseling Psychology	History/Pre-law
Youth and Family Studies	Intercultural Studies
Humanities (Interdisciplinary)	Nursing
- < Establishment of the School of Graduate Studies and Accreditation as a Masters level institution by *the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools*, the three Masters programs are:
 - Master of Applied Theology
 - Master of Arts, Christian Leadership
 - Master of Arts, New Testament
- < 93% of Faculty hold the terminal degree in their teaching field (up from 25% in 1987)
- < Establishment of Strategic Partnerships:
 - Crimean-American College; Simferopol, Ukraine (1992)
 - Bethlehem Bible College; Damoh, India (2000)
 - Southeast Christian Church; Louisville, Kentucky (2000)
 - King=s Daughters Medical Center; Ashland, Kentucky (2000)
 - Christianville College; Port-au-Prince, Haiti (2001)
- < Expansion of academic administration to include the Senior Vice President/Provost position.