Ken Henderson was born in Dayton, Ohio, December 29, 1943, the sixth of nine children born to Stanley and Beatrice Henderson. His siblings and in-laws have all been active Christian leaders (elders, deacons, ministers, teachers, missionaries, musicians, a Bible college professor, and a Bible college president). Ken grew up in Lebanon, Ohio, and attended the Ferry Church of Christ (now Crossview Church) in Waynesville, Ohio, where his father, Stanley, was an elder for many years. Ken was baptized at the church at age of 12 in March, 1956.

Carol Faraoni Henderson was born in New Brighton, Pennsylvania, on June 21, 1947. Carol was the first of two children born to Domenic and Mary Faraoni. Her sister, Linda Ridgely, lives in Zelienople, Pennsylvania.

Ken and Carol met while they were both students at Cincinnati Christian University. Ken would later graduate from there in 1968 with a BA in ministry. He later completed 28 hours of graduate studies toward a Master of Arts in Ministry. They were married on June 9, 1967, at First Christian Church, Ellwood City, Pennsylvania. Three children were born into their family. Ken and Carol also took in several dozen foster children over a period of about 16 years, adopting two of them. This brought their family number to five children, three boys and two girls. Carol was the main source of parenting for the children, since Ken was frequently “on the road” speaking and doing concerts in churches, camps, schools, and colleges. The Lord has also blessed them with 11 grandchildren, with one more on the way in October. Also, in July, their first great-grandchild was born.

Ken wrote extensively (more than 300 articles) for several Christian magazines reaching millions of readers. As an Assistant Editor for Straight (Standard Publishing’s weekly teen magazine), Ken wrote the weekly “Straight from Ken” column from late in 1964 until early 1969.

In the 1960s and 70s, Ken also recorded 7 music albums, performed hundreds of concerts, singing and playing guitar, dulcimer, and autoharp. In addition to the many Christian venues, his performances included assemblies in hundreds of public high schools and colleges.

In 1970, Ken founded Teen Mission, USA, an outreach to teens and parents, and served as Executive Director. In 1985, he began Mission Journeys, an outreach of Teen Mission, USA, that has now sent over 8,000 teens and adults on nearly 800 evangelistic, construction, teaching, benevolent, disaster recovery, and medical mission trips. Through these ministry outreaches, Ken has now presented the gospel in over 45 countries.

Carol serves alongside Ken in his work. Since Mission Journeys began, she has helped with stateside and international trips nearly every year. Her work and witness has presented Christ’s love to many thousands of individuals and families here and afar.

From 1983 to 1993 Carol served on the board of Women for Life (now Assurance), in Lexington, Kentucky. She volunteered in the pregnancy help center with clients. Currently, she works as a substitute para-educator for Fayette County Schools and volunteers at Friendship International, a Christian group that hosts women from other countries and cultures. She also volunteers through Kentucky Refugee Ministries, teaching ESL to refugees from Iraq and Nepal.

The Hendersons worship and serve with the Gardenside Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky, where Ken serves as an elder and Carol has helped with the children’s ministry and with women's Bible studies.

Ken is perhaps best known for his “Taming Dinosaurs” creation seminars and his Egyptian series, “When the Gods Met GOD!” He travels worldwide speaking and teaching on many other topics for Bible colleges and preacher/church leader training seminars, churches, missions, camps, conventions, and for public and private schools, and for Christian and secular colleges.

It is thus with great pleasure and pride that the Alumni Association of Cincinnati Christian University recognizes Ken and Carol Henderson as Distinguished Alumni.