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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY, MAY 18

Bishop Glenn Randall Phillips, resident bishop of the Denver Area of the Methodist Church, will be the baccalaureate speaker at Montana State University Sunday, June 4, at 2 p.m. in the University Theater, MSU President H. K. Newburn announced.

The baccalaureate service is a highlight of commencement activities, which will get under way with the prizes and awards convocation Friday at 9:30 a.m. and culminate in the University’s 64th commencement exercises Monday at 2 p.m. in the Field House.

Bishop Phillips was raised to the episcopacy by the Western Jurisdictional Conference and assigned to the Denver Area in 1948. He held pastorates in California communities and in Phoenix, Ariz., during the decade following his ordination in 1920, and served as minister of the First Church, Hollywood, Calif., from 1930 to 1948.

The bishop has made official visits to Methodist missions in India, Europe and Africa, and he represented the Council of Bishops at the Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1952.

He is a trustee of the Iliff School of Theology, the University of Denver and California Western Reserve University. From 1940 to 1945 he lectured in the School of Religion of the University of Southern California.

Bishop Phillips is a member of the World Methodist Council, the World Council of Churches and other church organizations; of Phi Beta Kappa and other honorary societies, and of several civic and fraternal groups.

He holds an A.B. from Ohio Wesleyan, an S.T.B. from Garrett Biblical Institute, and honorary degrees from the University of Southern California, Westminster College, Ohio Wesleyan and Garrett Biblical Institute.

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