

The William Pollard Papers

The Work and Faith Collection at Seattle Pacific University was established in 2008 with an initial donation by InterVarsity's Pete Hammond and now includes an extensive range of print, manuscript, audiovisual, and digital materials. Hammond served as InterVarsity's director of Ministry in Daily Life for much of his 47-year career, and it is precisely the everyday life of the Christian that has remained the hallmark of the collection's approach to work, business, and economics as it has grown to become one of the most comprehensive of its kind anywhere in the world.

In 2017, former ServiceMaster CEO and Chairman C. William Pollard donated his personal papers to the Seattle Pacific University Library to become part of the Work and Faith Collection. As the newest addition to the collection, the Pollard Papers, ranging from 1978 to 2017, cover a wide variety of topics and reflect not only Mr. Pollard's business background but also his lifelong commitment to religious and educational institutions such as the Billy Graham Evangelical Association and Wheaton College. In them, Pollard considers such diverse topics as globalisation, academic tenure, and the morality of profit creation. Connecting these topics is the author's lifelong commitment to both servant leadership and people, whom he calls the 'soul of the firm'.


The speeches, notes, and marginalia in the Pollard Papers will provide researchers with insight into some of the most significant questions faced by students, scholars, and business professionals:

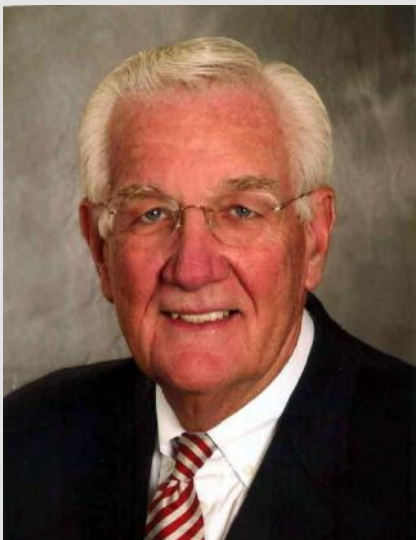
- What does it mean to be a servant leader in the 21st century?
- How can monetary profit contribute to human well-being?
- How should people of faith conceive of the business enterprise?
- What are leaders called to do in politically and economically turbulent times?

Most of the Pollard Papers are available in searchable PDF format through the SPU Library's institutional repository: http://digitalcommons.spu.edu/pollard_papers/. Interested viewers can view them by date or by the author's seven self-created categories:

1. Ethics/Knowing What is Right and Doing It
2. Business as a Calling
3. The Virtue of Profit
4. The Awesome Responsibility of Leadership
5. Mission as an Organizing Principle/The Value of Values
6. The Role of the Firm as a Moral Community
7. Management as a Liberal Art

Those that are not accessible online may still be viewed in-person upon request at the SPU Library. Contact the SPU Library at (206) 281-2228 or reference@spu.edu.

Additional information about the Work and Faith Collection is available from the library's research guide at <http://spu.libguides.com/workandfaith/getstarted>. 



William 'Bill' Pollard is Chairman of Fairwyn Investment Company, a private investment firm, and for over a twenty-five year period, Bill participated in the leadership of The ServiceMaster Company serving not once but twice as its Chief Executive Officer. Bill has also served as a director of several public companies and a number of charitable, religious, and educational organizations, including Wheaton College and the Billy Graham Evangelical Association. He is the author of several books including the best seller *The Soul of the Firm* and his most recent book *The Tides of Life*. A native of the Chicago area, Bill and his wife Judy have been married for over 57 years and have been blessed with four children, fifteen grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.