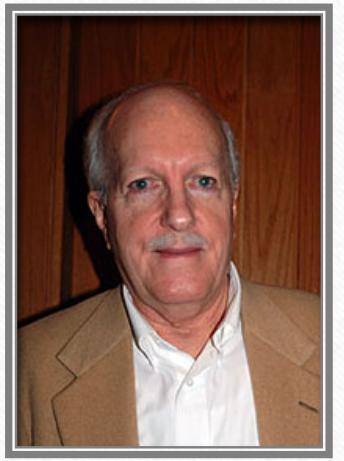
Al Murdock



Mr. Murdock graduated from North Texas State College in 1958 with a B.A. in History and English. Three years later he graduated from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a B.D. He returned to Denton and served as Associate Minister at First Methodist Church in Denton. In 1964 he completed a Master's degree at NTSU. During his work in Sociology, Al became involved in the growing field of Gerontology under the direction of department chairman Hiram Friedsam. After teaching Sociology at Kilgore College for one semester, Al became involved in administering facilities for senior citizens in Minnesota and Texas. In 1968 he became Senior Consultant in Aging for the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church. Four years later he became the head of the Health and Welfare Ministries, which at that time was a unit of the church's Board of Global Ministries. He remained at that position until 1989, when he returned to Denton to work through the offices of the Center for Studies in Aging at UNT on a grant from the Board to encourage ethnic minorities to enter administrative fields in health and welfare. Upon completion of this project Al became the Executive Director of SPAN in Denton, retiring from that position in 1997.