Bush gets award from Methodist men: For leadership following 9/11 attacks

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President George W. Bush has been awarded the highest honors from the United Methodist Men society for his leadership following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The group inducted Bush, a United Methodist, into the Society of John Wesley Fellows during a meeting in the Oval Office with Gilbert Hanke, national president of the group. Bush, a member of a Dallas congregation, is the 426th person to be given the honor.

During the meeting late last year to receive the award, Bush asked Hanke how many presidents had been Methodists. (There have been five.) "I don't know, but you're the best," Hanke responded, according to United Methodist News Service. "Right answer," the president replied.