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*27th President of ARF (2005-06)*  
**Calvin Zongker**



Calvin Earl Zongker's commitment to education and meeting the life needs of students began with a BA from Oklahoma State University in 1950, followed by earning a Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Theology at Louisville's Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1955. He served the University of Kentucky as a Campus Minister for 11 years, and similar positions at Georgia Tech and Texas

Tech. Throughout his ministries, counseling students had progressively consumed both time and dedication, so he changed his focus. In 1973, at Texas Tech he completed both a Master and Ed. D in Counseling, during which he was chosen for a special counseling-training program with Dr. Carl Roger's at U.C.S.D.

Since coming to FSU in 1973, he was Director of the Inter-divisional Marriage and Family Therapy Clinic for 11 years, served on numerous university-faculty committees, and was awarded the President's Teaching Award in 1983. In 1992, he became Chair of the Department of Family and Child Sciences, and remained in that position until he retired in 1997. Upon retirement he was awarded by FSU with the recognition as "Professor Emeritus".