Transformed...
by the renewing of your mind.
Romans 12:2
On October 11, 1949, the Baptist Missionary Society gave a carved English walnut lectern to Westminster Abbey in memory of William Carey, missionary in India. It was presented by his great grandson, the Rev. Dr. S. Pearce Carey. The lectern was designed by Sir A. E. Richardson and made by John P. White & Sons of Bedford, England. The craftsmen who worked on it were Arthur H. Burton, Richard Bass, Leslie W. Gilbert, and Alfred Hardiman. It stands near the High Altar and is about six feet high with a revolving top so that two Bibles can be used. The bookrests are inscribed “Expect Great Things from God” and “Attempt Great Things for God.” The inscription on the base reads: “The gift of the Baptist Missionary Society in honour of William Carey 1761-1834 missionary in India and translator of the Bible.”

On April 29, 2011, James Middleton read Romans 12:1-2, 9-18 from the William Carey lectern at the wedding of his sister, Kate Middleton, and Prince William. Incidentally, this scripture contains the verse which is the inspiration for our 2011-2012 university theme: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”

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