

CURTISS PAUL DEYOUNG

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Rev. Dr. Curtiss Paul DeYoung has served in the academy, nonprofits, and congregations with a central concern for racial and social justice in Minneapolis, Chicago, New York City, and Washington, DC. He is an author and editor of thirteen books on racial justice, reconciliation, interfaith social justice activism, intercultural competency, multiracial congregations, and the cultural diversity of the Bible. DeYoung's work gained an international focus in 1999 when he participated as a McKnight Foundation Fellow at the Salzburg Seminar in Salzburg, Austria—an event that convened 70 people from 39 different nations to discuss issues of race and ethnicity. Since 2000 he has been to South Africa on fourteen occasions building relationships with leaders in the work of reconciliation and social transformation. Since 2006 he has been to Palestine and Israel five times seeking to understand the conflict and develop networks with people and organizations challenging oppression and seeking justice and peace. Since 2008 he has lectured three times in the French speaking world (Guadeloupe and France). His work has also taken him to Egypt, England, Thailand, Guatemala, and Switzerland.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education (EdD), Educational Leadership, *University of St. Thomas*, St. Paul, MN, 2004

Dissertation: "Mystic-Activists: Faith-Inspired Leaders Working for Social Justice and Reconciliation"

Master of Divinity (MDiv), Theology, *Howard University*, School of Divinity, Washington, DC, 1986

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Religious Studies major, Mathematics minor, *Anderson University*, Anderson, IN, 1980

Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters (DHL), *Anderson University*, Anderson, IN, 2017

FELLOW

Senior Fellow, Minnesota Institute for Trauma-Informed Education, University of St. Thomas, 2021-2022

McKnight Foundation Fellow, Salzburg Seminar (Austria), 1999

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

MINNESOTA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (Minneapolis, MN) **2017-2024**

Co-Chief Executive Officer

The Minnesota Council of Churches (MCC) is a statewide organization with 27 member communions from historic Black, mainline Protestant, Pentecostal, Peace, and Greek Orthodox denominations, as well as the Dakota (Native American) Presbytery. MCC partners with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and has strong interfaith connections, particularly in the Muslim and Jewish communities. The programmatic emphasis includes racial justice, Christian unity, interfaith relations, and refugee services. DeYoung led the transformation of a predominately white organization into one with a BIPOC majority board and a BIPOC majority staff and senior executive staff. MCC launched a ten-year truth telling, education, and reparations initiative for which DeYoung has raised nearly \$3 million in initial funding.

COMMUNITY RENEWAL SOCIETY (Chicago, IL) **2014-2017**

Executive Director

Community Renewal Society (CRS) is an historic organization in Chicago working for systemic racial and economic justice through the unique programmatic combination of church-based community organizing, policy

advocacy, and investigative journalism. CRS had over 85 member congregations with deep relationships in the United Church of Christ and the broader Christian community, as well as a full embrace of interfaith and other community partners. DeYoung transformed the organization from a board and staff that were predominately white to more consistent with the racial justice mission and the realities of Chicago at 2/3s persons of color.

BETHEL UNIVERSITY (St. Paul, MN) 2002-2014

Professor of Reconciliation Studies (tenured)

Special Assistant to the President for Reconciliation and Community Partnerships

Co-Chair of the Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Reconciliation Studies

Program Director for South Africa Term

Bethel University launched what is thought to be the first Reconciliation Studies undergraduate degree in the United States. DeYoung was the inaugural faculty of the Reconciliation Studies degree program. The university faculty awarded DeYoung with the Faculty Excellence Award for Scholarship and he was approved as a Fulbright Specialist.

TWIN CITIES URBAN RECONCILIATION NETWORK (Minneapolis, MN) 1991-2001

Executive Director

The Twin Cities Urban Reconciliation Network (TURN) built collaborative partnerships that focused on multicultural leadership development, youth worker training, nonprofit management training, volunteer placement to address poverty, job readiness training, gifts-in-kind distribution, and social justice education. DeYoung helped to establish an ecumenical multiracial neighborhood-based clergy alliance in North Minneapolis.

PARK AVENUE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (Minneapolis, MN) 1991-2014; 2017-present

Minister

Park Avenue United Methodist Church is Minnesota's longest term multicultural, multiracial congregation located a few blocks from George Floyd Square. DeYoung offers pastoral presence alongside his work in nonprofits and academia. In this unpaid position, he serves the congregation in many roles including championing the ministry of reconciliation and racial justice in the church through advising and coaching five senior pastors and many associate pastors and staff, as well as preaching regularly.

FIRST CHURCH OF GOD (Minneapolis, MN) 1986-1990

Senior Pastor

As an ordained minister in the Church of God (headquarters in Anderson, IN), DeYoung guided an aging white congregation in a city neighborhood to become an urban multicultural congregation.

INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER WORK (Washington, DC, and New York City) 1981-1985

Third Street Church of God (Washington, DC), 1983-1985, *Graduate Intern*

Congregational Church of God (New York, NY) 1981-1982, *Associate Minister*

Covenant House / Under 21 (New York, NY) 1981-1982, *Counselor*

In Washington, DC, DeYoung worked in a daily feeding program for poor and homeless people and served in several pastoral responsibilities. In New York City he assisted a senior pastor in ministerial duties at a congregation in Harlem. DeYoung made a yearlong commitment to live in the Franciscan-inspired Covenant Faith Community and serve at Covenant House in New York City as a counselor for homeless youth at the Under 21 crisis shelter in Times Square.

CONSULTANT PROJECTS

NORTH GEORGIA UNITED METHODIST CONFERENCE (Atlanta, GA) 2022-2024

Convened Conference leaders and formed a reparations workgroup to address racism and the need for reparations in the Conference. Educated leaders on racial justice.

HOPE COLLEGE (Holland, MI) 2011-2013

Facilitated reconciliation training for students, faculty, and staff on campus. Interviewed faculty, administrators, staff, and students about diversity successes and challenges and proposed a strategic planning initiative.

CHURCH OF GOD (Anderson, IN) 2003-2008

Facilitated a strategic and historic reconciliation process in this denomination with church leaders from African American, Latine, Native American, and White constituencies.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (Milwaukee, WI) 1990-1991

Developed a network and produced a report with over 80 religious leaders from a broad spectrum of faiths and a cross-section of racial/cultural groups for Milwaukee's largest social service agency serving low-income people.

ACADEMIC COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate Courses

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS (St. Paul, MN)

THEO227—Theologies of Justice and Peace (Fall 2024-present)

AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY (Minneapolis, MN)

RLN200—Religion, Vocation, and the Search for Meaning (Fall 2024)

BETHEL UNIVERSITY (St. Paul, MN)

CUL229E—Interaction with Urban Life & Systems (January 1994-1995)

GES212E—Racism and Reconciliation (January 1996)

RES201—Introduction to Reconciliation Studies (2003-2014)

RES207U—Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Our Multicultural World (1989-1996, 1998-2014)

RES400—Reconciliation and Leadership (2003-2008)

RES481—Internship in Reconciliation Studies (2009-2010)

RES499—Senior Seminar in Reconciliation Studies (2008-2014)

SOC204E—Race, Ethnicity, and Peacemaking (Fall 2003)

Graduate Courses

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY OF THE TWIN CITIES (St. Paul, MN)

FL5001—The Formed and Transformed Leader (Fall 2024-present)

MCCORMICK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (Chicago, IL)

I302—Leadership Amidst Diversity (Spring 2016, 2017, member of faculty team)

ANDERSON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY (Anderson, IN)

DMIN 7110—Theology and Practice of Biblical Reconciliation (Spring 2015, 2016)

DMIN 7220—Leadership in Different Contexts (Spring 2004)

DISSERTATION & PROMOTION REVIEW COMMITTEES

- Illif School of Theology, for Kerri Parker, DMin dissertation/project “Unsettled Intersections: Decentering Whiteness and Church Survival” (2025).
- Department of Philosophy, Theology, and Religion, The University of Birmingham, United Kingdom, for Seth Zielicke, PhD dissertation “William Seymour: Archetypal Hero Holy Spirit Used to Lead Azusa Street” (2022).

- Department of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, for AA Brown, DTh dissertation “The Violence of Jesus and Justice of God: The Life, Death, Resurrection, and Parousia of Jesus as Exemplary of Non-lethal Violent Resistance, and the Implications for Acts of Protest by the Subaltern” (2019).
- Department of Systematic Theology, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa, for DC Rousseau, DTh dissertation “Community Ecclesiology in Evangelical Theology” (2016).
- School of Education, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN for Robin Reginald Bell, EdD dissertation “Teacher Cognitions in Relation to Pedagogical Practices and Transformative Learning for Purposes of Pre-service Teacher Education” (2015).
- Peer Review for Dr. Leticia Guardiola-Sáenz – Scholarship, Promotion to Associate Professor at Seattle University, Seattle, Washington (2013).
- Department of Organizational Leadership, University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, MN, for Louis Porter, EdD dissertation “Creating Cross-cultural Christian Community: An Instrumental Case Study” (2012).
- Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, for Andrew Johnson, PhD dissertation “Religion Behind Bars: Pentecostalism in Brazilian Prisons and the Social Consequences of Religious Prisoners” (2012).
- Specialized Research Faculty, Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA, for Katherine Coder, PhD dissertation “‘Shaking the World Awake’: An Interfaith Multiple Case Study of Spiritually Advanced Social Change Agents.” (2011).

PUBLICATIONS

Books

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *Living Faith: How Faith Inspires Social Justice: Revised and Expanded Edition*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2026 (original edition 2007).

*Portuguese language edition: *Fé viva: Como a fé inspira a justiça social*. Sao Paulo, Brazil: Paulus Editora, 2008.

*French language edition: *Mystiques en action: Trois modèles pour le XXI^e siècle: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Malcolm X, Aung San Suu Kyi*. Genève, Switzerland: Labor et fides, 2010.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *The Risk of Being Woke: Sermonic Reflections for Activists*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2023.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul and Jacqueline J. Lewis, Micky ScottBey Jones, Robyn Afrik, Sarah Thompson Nahar, Sindy Morales Garcia, and ‘Iwalani Ka’ai. *Becoming Like Creoles: Living and Leading at the Intersections of Injustice, Culture, and Religion*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2019.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *Reconciliation: God’s Timeless Call to Justice, Healing, and Transformation*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2019 (Reprint edition—Original title, *Reconciliation: Our Greatest Challenge; Our Only Hope*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1997).

Callen, Barry L. and Curtiss Paul DeYoung, eds. *Views from the Mountain: Select Writings of James Earl Massey*. Glendora, CA: Aldersgate Press, 2018.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *Homecoming: A “White” Man’s Journey through Harlem to Jerusalem*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2015 (Reprint edition—Original publisher, Minneapolis, MN: Jezi Press, 2009).

Boesak, Allan Aubrey and Curtiss Paul DeYoung. *Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2012.

Hines, Samuel George and Curtiss Paul DeYoung. *Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life*. Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2011 (Reprint edition—Original publisher, Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2000).

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul and Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, George “Tink” Tinker, and Frank M. Yamada, eds. *The Peoples’ Companion to the Bible*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2010.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *Coming Together in the 21st Century: The Bible’s Message in an Age of Diversity*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 2009.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul and Wilda C. Gafney, Leticia Guardiola-Saenz, George “Tink” Tinker, and Frank M. Yamada, eds. *The Peoples’ Bible, New Revised Standard Version with Apocrypha*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2008.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul and Michael O. Emerson, George Yancey, and Karen Chai Kim. *United by Faith: The Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2003.

DeYoung, Curtiss Paul. *Coming Together: The Bible’s Message in an Age of Diversity*. Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press, 1995.

Book Chapters and Forewords

2023. And Jim Bear Jacobs and Pamela Ngunjiri. “The Call for Truth and Reparations in Minnesota.” *Reparations and the Theological Disciplines: Prophetic Voices for Remembrance, Reckoning, and Repair* (Michael Barrum, Drew Hart, Gimbiya Kettering, and Michael Rhodes, eds.). Lexington Press.

2021. “Preaching Wisdom from James Earl Massey.” *Ministry Wisdom: A Valuable Resource for Pastors and Ministers* (Alvin Lewis, ed.). Anderson, IN: Warner Press.

2020. “Foreword.” *The Post-Black and Post-White Church: Becoming the Beloved Community in a Multi-Ethnic World* (Efrem Smith). Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.

2019. “Introduction.” *Dialogues on: Race* (Lenny Duncan, Rozella Haydée White, Daniel Hill, Broderick Greer, Kristofer Coffman, Cami Jones, and Jim Bear Jacobs) Minneapolis, MN: Sparkhouse.

2018. “Racial Equity and Faith-based Organizing at Community Renewal Society.” *Urban Ministry Reconsidered: Contexts and Approaches* (R. Drew Smith, Stephanie C. Boddie, and Ronald E. Peters, eds.) Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press.

2017. “Building Intercultural Churches with the End in Sight.” *Intercultural Ministry: Hope for a Changing World* (Grace Ji-Sun Kim and Jann Aldredge-Clanton, eds.). Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press.

2013. “Between a Dream and a Nightmare.” *S’indigner et rêver avec MLK* (Jean-Claude Girondin, ed.). Paris, France: Agape France. 50th Anniversary of Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream” speech.

2013. And Katherine E. Coder and Harris L. Friedman. “Transforming Self and World: Achieving Justice through Socially Engaged Spiritual Psychology.” *Praeger Handbook of Social Justice and Psychology* (Chad Johnson, Jeanette Diaz, Zeno Franco, Harris L. Friedman, and Bonnie K. Nastasi, eds.). Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

2012. “Contemporary Expressions—Christianity.” *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Social Justice* (Stanley Burgess and Michael Palmer, eds.). Oxford, UK: Wiley-Blackwell.

2012. And Gerald Early, Susan M. Glisson, Melvin Bray, and Chris Rice. “Obama and Race in America: What’s Changed.” *Moral Issues and Christian Responses*, 8th Edition (Patricia Beattie Jung and L. Shannon Jung, eds.). Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press. (textbook)

2009. “A Lifting of the Burden.” *The Audacity of Faith: Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barack Obama* (Marvin A. McMickle, ed.). Valley Forge, PA: Judson Press.

2008. “From Resistance to Reconciliation.” *Resist! Christian Dissent for the 21st Century* (Michael G. Long, ed.). Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

Book Reviews and Articles in Journals, Magazines, and Online

2021. “The Economics of Racial Equity in the Church.” *Word & World* (Special Issue—Racial Justice Now).

2020. And Leslie Redmond. “White privilege shines with COVID-19,” *Star Tribune* (April 23).

2016. “Book review of *Trouble I’ve Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew G.I. Hart,” *Journal of Religious Leadership* (Fall).

2014. “A white dad’s view on police dealing with black son,” *Chicago Tribune* (November 25).

2013. “Book review of *The Trouble with Racial Reconciliation* by Kenneth N. Young,” *Missiology* (October).

2012. “Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism,” *The Blog for Political Theology* by Equinox Press (Posted September 18).

2011. “Book review of *The Elusive Dream: The Power of Race in Interracial Churches* by Korie L. Edwards,” *Journal of American Ethnic History* (Winter).

2011. “Characteristics of a Reconciler,” *Unity in Christ Magazine* (online) (Posted July 26).

2010. “Multicultural Fluency and the Discipline of Dialogue,” *Leading Ideas* (February 17)—Journal of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership at Wesley Theological Seminary.

2010 “Book review of the *Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western White Captivity* by Soong-Chan Rah,” *The Covenant Quarterly* (February/May).

2008. “What’s changed? Obama and race in America,” Contributor, *Christian Century* (December 30).

2008. “Malcolm X and Race in America,” *The Cresset*—Valparaiso University (May).

2007. “The Power of Reconciliation: From the Apostle Paul to Malcolm X,” *CrossCurrents* (Summer).

2007. “Book Review of *Billy Graham and the Beloved Community: America’s Evangelist and the Dream of Martin Luther King, Jr.*, by Michael G. Long,” *Religious Studies Review* (April).

2005. “All Churches Should be Multiracial: The Biblical Case” (an excerpt from *United by Faith* by Curtiss Paul DeYoung, Michael O. Emerson, George Yancey, and Karen Chai Kim), *Christianity Today* (April).

2004. “Excerpts from *United by Faith* with Reflection,” *Princeton Theological Review* (Spring).

2003. “A House of Prayer for all the Nations,” *Inside Out* (4 December)—the magazine for the Council on World Mission, United Kingdom.

1998. "Book Review of *Streams of Living Water: Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith* by Richard Foster." *Sojourners* (November-December).

1991-92. "Book Review of *Malcolm & Martin & America: A Dream or a Nightmare* by James H. Cone." *The Journal of Religious Thought* (Winter/Spring).

1991. "Book Review of *Troubling Biblical Waters: Race, Class and Family* by Cain Hope Felder." *The Seminary Today* (Spring).

INTERVIEWS (PRINT)

2018. "The Question that Haunts Martin Luther King's Last Day in Memphis." John Blake. *CNN.com* (April 3).

2017. "New CEO at Minnesota Council of Churches a True Believer in Reconciliation." Jean Hopfensperger. *Star Tribune* (December 16).

2015. "Curtiss Paul DeYoung: Reconciler on a Journey." Drick Boyd. *White Allies in the Struggle for Racial Justice*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

2014. "When you're the only white person in the room." John Blake. *CNN.com* (September 11).

2013. "Madiba, rampart d'intégrité et de sagesse" (article on Nelson Mandela). Nathalie Leenhardt. *Réforme* (June 27).

2011. "Ces militants inspirés." Jean-Cosme Delaloye. *Réforme* (April 14).

2010. "Aung San Suu Kyi, Bonhoeffer et Malcolm X: des militants inspirés." Jean-Cosme Delaloye. *Protestinfo* (November).

2005. "One in the Spirit." Delma Francis. *Star Tribune* (November 26).

2004. "The Reconciler." Frank Clancy. *Minnesota Monthly* (June).

2003. Brian Willoughby. *10 Ways To Fight Hate On Campus: A Response Guide for College Activists*. Montgomery, AL: Southern Poverty Law Center.

WEBINARS, PODCASTS, INTERVIEWS & ONLINE VIDEO CONTENT

- "WOKE Lent 2024: From Minneapolis to Palestine," Discussion Guide and Lenten Calendar of Reflections, United Church of Christ (2024).
- "Reparatory Justice & Reparations: Truth-telling, Conciliation, and Healing," United Church of Christ (2021).
- "In Search of the Beloved Community in a Season of Hate Crimes," Rainbow Push (2021).
- "Rethinking Multiethnic Churches." Christianity Today (2021).
- "Truth, Reconciliation, and Reparations." Korie Little Edwards and Rich Johnson. The Elusive Dream Podcast (2021).
- And Allan Boesak. "Sankofa: Reaching Back and Stepping Up." Traci Blackmon. United Church of Christ Webinar (2020).
- "Is Christianity a White Man's Religion." Monwabisi Mo Grootboom. The Biblical Worldview Series. FB Live South Africa (2020).

- And Leslie Redmond. “Healthcare Equity Issues Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Coalition to Transform Advanced Care (C-TAC) 2020 Policy Forum (2020).
- “The Pandemic of Violence in America.” Rev. Jesse Jackson and Rev. James Meeks. *Rainbow PUSH Town Hall* broadcast (2020).
- And Iva Carruthers. *#Roland Martin Unfiltered: Daily Digital Show* (2020).
- “Coronavirus Pandemic: Some Minnesota Churches Defy Limits on Worship Services.” John King. *CNN TV News Live* (2020).
- “Public Health, Faith & Race.” Tali Hairston. Seattle Presbytery Podcast (2020).
- “Getting to the Roots: A Conversation with Curtiss DeYoung.” Chanda Smith Baker. *Conversations with Chanda Podcast*, Minneapolis Foundation (2020).

SPEAKING & PREACHING

Curtiss DeYoung preaches in congregations of many denominations across the United States. He has also preached in various congregations in South Africa, Paris, and Guadeloupe, including the Cathedral Church of St. George (Anglican) in Cape Town, South Africa. He has preached at the historic Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, MD, on several occasions. He has preached at Middle Collegiate Church (New York City), Second Baptist Church (Evanston), Central United Methodist Church (Atlanta), and many other places. He preaches at university chapels, conventions, and convocations, including the 2012 alumni convocation at Howard University School of Divinity.

DeYoung speaks in academic and community settings in the United States and globally. He spoke to university student leaders in South Africa at the Desmond Tutu Diversity Trust. For the fortieth anniversary of the death of Martin Luther King Jr. he lectured in Paris and in Guadeloupe. In the United States, he has spoken at several universities including University of Southern California, Boston University School of Theology, Seattle Pacific University, American University (DC), and Claremont School of Theology (CA). He has also spoken at the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center—Audubon Ballroom (New York City), Church Center for the United Nations (New York City), Sojourners (Washington, DC), and Beloved Community conference (Ferguson/St. Louis, MO). In 2017, he was a panelist at the Duke University Forum on Racism and Policing.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS (EXAMPLES)

Academic

International

Lecturer, “The Role of the Black Church in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement” and “Reconciliation and Rage: Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Me,” Symposium: Justice, Paix et Réconciliation: L’exemple de Martin Luther King, Sponsored by Agape Media, Les Abymes and Lamentin, Guadeloupe, 2011.

Lecturer, “To Lead Here and Now: A Leader and Campus Diversity,” Desmond Tutu Diversity Trust—Youth Leadership Institute on Diversity, Pretoria, South Africa, 2010.

Lecturer, “Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X: Different Views on the Question of Racism and Social Justice,” “How Religion Inspires Social Justice: Lessons from the Legacy of Martin Luther King,” and “From Martin Luther King Jr. to Barack Obama: The Long March of Blacks for Justice,” Symposium: Une Marche aux côtés de Martin Luther King, Sponsored by Agape France and the Protestant Federation of France, Les Abymes and Lamentin, Guadeloupe, 2008.

Lecturer, “How Religion Inspires Social Justice: Lessons from the Legacy of Martin Luther King,” Symposium: A March Alongside Martin Luther King, Sponsored by Agape France and the Protestant Federation of France, Reformed Church of the Oratory of the Louvre, Paris, France, 2008.

Lecturer, “Reconciliation in Multicultural Churches,” Biblical Institute of Nogent, Paris, France, 2008.

Lecturer, “Bible & Multicultural Perspectives,” Baptist Theological College, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2005.

Lecturer, “Jesus was Black,” University of KwaZulu Natal, Durban, South Africa, 2003; Biblical Institute Eastern Cape, Port Elizabeth, South Africa, 2003; Cornerstone Christian College, Cape Town, South Africa, 2003.

United States

Panelist, “Let’s not Go Back to Normal: Racial Reckoning, Repair, and Reconciliation.” Mahle Lectureship, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, 2022.

Lecture, “Reconciliation during a Racial Reckoning: Remaining Awake through a Great Revolution.” Religion & Society Lecture, Messiah University, Mechanicsburg, PA, 2021.

Panelist, “Exploring the Intersections of Racial Justice & Restorative Justice.” University of St. Thomas Law School, Minneapolis, MN, 2021.

Virtual Lecture, “The Wisdom of Howard Thurman: A Word from MLK’s Mentor for Today’s Activists.” The Justice Lecture Series, Justice Journey Alliance, Chicago, IL, 2021.

Virtual Lecture, “Faith that Inspires Social Justice.” Berry College, Mount Berry, GA, 2021.

Virtual Lecture, “Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X, and Robert F. Kennedy,” REL4700A—The 1960s: Malcolm X, King, Merton, and the Kennedys, Valdosta State University. Valdosta, GA, 2021.

Speaker, Student Congress on Racial Reconciliation, Biola University, La Mirada, CA, 2018.

Speaker, “Race and Gentrification,” Latino Student Union, Boston University School of Theology, 2015.

Seminar leader (with Cheryl Sanders), “Shaping Congregations for Faithfulness across Divides,” Duke Divinity School Summer Institute for Reconciliation, Raleigh, NC, 2013; 2012.

Lecturer (with Allan Boesak), “Reconciliation Must Lead to Social Justice,” Reconciliation and Justice course, Center for Peacebuilding and Development, American University, Washington, DC, 2012.

Keynote Speaker, “Radical Reconciliation,” Annual Alumni Convocation, Howard University School of Divinity, Washington, DC, 2012.

Seminar leader (with Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela), “Unfinished Business: Healing the Wounds of History,” Duke Divinity School Summer Institute for Reconciliation, Raleigh, NC, 2012.

Plenary speaker, “Educating for Shalom,” Conference on Christianity, Culture, and Diversity in America, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, 2010.

Speaker, “A Future Full of Hope: Martin Luther King Jr. and Barack Obama,” Martin Luther King Jr. Liturgy, DeLaSalle High School, Minneapolis, MN, 2009.

Speaker, “Diversity in the Theological Setting,” Faculty Meeting, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2008.

Presenter, “Living Faith: How Faith Inspires Social Justice,” Center for Religion and Civic Culture, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2007; Seminar for Social Justice at Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA, 2007.

Speaker, “How Faith Inspires Social Justice: The Legacy of Malcolm X” (with panel response from Ms. Malaak Shabazz, Imam Aiyub Abdul-Baqi, Professor Luis Barrios, and Shabazz Center Director Desir Dowoti), The Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center—Audubon Ballroom, New York, NY, 2007.

Speaker, “Truth, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness,” 21st Annual Batalden Seminar in Applied Ethics, Augsburg College, Minneapolis, MN, 2003.

Speaker, Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast, Marian College, Fond du Lac, WI, 2002.

Plenary Speaker (with Cain Hope Felder), “Transforming the Texture and Urban Context of the Temple,” Congress on Urban Ministry—Seminary Consortium for Urban Pastoral Education (SCUPE), Chicago, IL, 2001.

University Chapel Speaker (1991-2019): North Park University, Taylor University, Northwestern University-Iowa, Messiah College, Seattle Pacific University, Westmont University, George Fox University, Bethel University, Northwestern College-MN, Biola University, and Anderson University.

Church and Community

International

Speaker, “Whiteness and Blackness: The Consequences of Racism,” J.L. Zwane Presbyterian Church, Guguletu, Cape Town, South Africa, 2013.

Speaker, “Challenges to Reconciliation in Palestine/Israel,” Friends Meeting, Ramallah, Palestine, 2011.

Preacher, “Out of Africa I have Called my Son,” Bethel AEFPC Church, Les Abymes, Guadeloupe, 2011; Alex Community Church, Alexandra, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2010.

Speaker, “Nonracialism as an Ideology, A Consciousness, and a Way of Life,” African National Congress (ANC) Executive Committee—Lenasia Chapter, Lenasia, Johannesburg, South Africa, 2010.

Speaker, Trinity International Church, Paris, France, 2008.

Speaker, “The Jesus We Never Knew,” Lutheran Hour Ministries, Evangelical Lutheran Church—South Africa, and Lutheran Church—South Africa, Soweto, South Africa, 2003.

Preacher, “A House of Prayer for All Nations,” Cathedral Church of St. George, Cape Town, South Africa, 2003.

Presenter, National Youth Leaders Development Conference, Youth for Christ, Johannesburg, 2002; 2000.

United States

Virtual Presenter, “The Intersection of Cultural Competency and Anti-Racism in the Church.” United Methodist Deaconess Home Missioner Racial Justice Summit, 2022.

Virtual presenter, “The Image of God and George Floyd in a Social Media World,” Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, 2021.

Virtual presenter, “Preaching While White: How a White Pastor Approaches Preaching in the Struggle for Racial Justice?” The Ongoing Workshop for Prophetic Preaching for Moravian Clergy, 2020.

Virtual Panelist, “Protests, Policies, Polls, and the Pandemic,” National Council of Churches, 2020.

Panelist, “Faith in Equity Panel,” MLK Holiday—Rural Racial Equity Summit: Building the Beloved Community, Fergus Falls, MN, 2020.

Panelist, “Before Jesus was White,” It’s Time to Act series, YWCA-Minneapolis, 2019.

Speaker, Episcopal Church of Minnesota Convention, Mankato, MN, 2018.

Speaker, “Sacred Conversations to End Racism,” National staff of United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH, 2018.

Speaker, Joint Theological Day, Northwest Minnesota Synod of Minnesota, Fargo, ND, 2018.

Workshop leader, “The World House: Living in a Pluralistic Society,” Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, 2018.

Panelist, “A Rap on Race,” Spectrum Dance Theatre, Ordway Center, St. Paul, MN, 2018.

Panelist, “Charlottesville and Racism in America,” Guthrie Theatre, St. Paul, MN, 2017.

Speaker, Rally, Dar al Farooq Islamic Center, Bloomington, MN, 2017.

Speaker, Beloved Community Conference, St. John’s UCC, Ferguson/St. Louis, MO, 2015.

Speaker, Black & Reformed Conference, Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI, 2013.

Workshop Leader, “Artisans of Reconciliation,” Nobel Peace Prize Forum, Minneapolis, MN, 2013.

Presenter, The Leading Edge Conference, Middle Collegiate Church, New York, NY, 2012; 2009; 2007.

Speaker, “Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend—Middletown, Ohio,” Miami University, Middletown, Ohio, 2008.

Presenter, “Living Faith: How Faith Inspires Social Justice,” Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace, Los Angeles, CA, 2007; Church Center for the United Nations, New York, NY, 2007.

Preacher, North American Convention of the Church of God, Anderson, IN, 2005; National Association of the Church of God Convention, West Middlesex, PA, 2003; 1992.

Workshop Presenter, “Bridging the Racial Divide Workshop Series: Reconciliation within the Church,” Willow Creek Community Church, South Barrington, IL, 2003.

Keynote Speaker, “Crossing the Divide,” 2nd Annual The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture Series on Racial Reconciliation, Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, 2003; 2002.

Plenary Speaker, “A 1st Century Church for the 21st Century,” 17th Annual Lutheran Mission Conference, Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, 2001.

Preacher and Workshop Leader, Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore, MD, 1998; 1997; 1996.

Presenter, “Coming Together: A Workshop & Town Meeting in Pursuit of the Reconciled Community Envisioned by the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,” The Sioux Falls Chapter of the NAACP and The Sioux Empire Reconciliation Fellowship, Sioux Falls, SD, 1998.

Speaker, “A Child Will Lead Them,” An Interfaith Community Service of Prayer for Unity Against Violence, Minneapolis, MN, 1992.

Speaker & Consultant on Reconciliation in Church of God (1997-2006): Mississippi Church of God Annual Ministers Meeting, Philadelphia, MS; American Indian Council of the Church of God, Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Reservation; Carolina Ministries of the Church of God, Charlotte, NC; Virginia Church of God Ministers Meeting, Roanoke, VA; Florida Church of God, Lakeland, FL; Atlanta Crusade for the Church of God, Atlanta, GA; Pastor’s Institute for the Church of God in Michigan, Lansing, MI; Ministers’ Meeting for the Northern California Association of the Church of God, Oakland, CA; Churches of God in Oregon and Southern Washington, Salem, OR; Midwest Ministers Assembly of the Church of God, Kansas City, MO; The Gathering of the Association of the Church of God of Southern California & Southern Nevada, Garden Grove, CA; Annual Convention for the Chesapeake, Delaware, Potomac District of the Church of God, Chesapeake Bay, MD; Joint Meeting of Florida State Association and Florida General Assembly of the Church of God, Lake Wales, FL; Racial Intervention Task Force Meeting, Ohio State Church of God, Columbus, OH; and the Church of God in the Baltimore Metropolitan Area, Baltimore, MD.

Speaker at United Methodist Church events (1997-2001): Wisconsin United Methodist Federation for Social Action, Milwaukee, WI; Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Madison, WI; Retreat for Cross-cultural Appointments in the Wisconsin Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Madison, WI; The National Urban Strategy Council for the United Methodist Church, Memphis, TN; and Seattle District of the United Methodist Church Pacific Northwest Conference.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITIES & SPECIAL HONORS

- Peacemaker of the Year 2008 award, Church of God Peace Fellowship.
- Key to the City, Middletown, Ohio, Presented by Mayor, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 2008.
- Referee, Oxford University Press, four book proposals (twice in 2005, 2011, 2012) and one book series proposal in 2008.
- Honorary Citizenship, City of Baltimore, MD, Presented by Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, 1998.
- The D.B. Barton Award in Pastoral Theology, Howard University School of Divinity, 1986.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Board Member, Sabathani Community Center, Minneapolis, MN, 2021-present.
- Board Member, Greater Twin Cities United Way, Minneapolis, MN, 2018-2021.
- Board Member, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition, Minneapolis, MN, 2017-2022.
- Board Member, Christ’s Children Ministry, Minneapolis, MN, 1996-2014.
- Member, Board of Advisors, Center for Reparatory Justice, Transformation, and Remediation, McCormick Theological Seminary and Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago, IL, 2021-present.
- Advisory Council Member, Center for Reconciliation, Duke Divinity School, Durham, NC, 2006-2015.
- Member, Truth & Reconciliation Work Group for Minneapolis City Council, Minneapolis, MN, 2020-2021.
- Member, Reparatory Justice Work Group, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH, 2020-present.
- Member, Racial Justice Task Force, United Church of Christ, Cleveland, OH, 2018-2021.
- Member, Racial Unity Commission for the Church of God, Anderson, IN, 2016-2018.
- Member, Council of Religious Leaders of Metropolitan Chicago, IL, 2014-2017.
- Member, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Living Memorial Project Planning Committee (50th anniversary of Chicago Freedom Movement), Chicago, IL, 2015-2016.
- Member, Multicultural Task Force, Park Avenue United Methodist Church, Minneapolis, MN, 2007-2013.
- Member, Multicultural Committee, Friends School of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN, 2001-2002.
- Member, Biblical Institute for Social Change, Washington, DC, 1991-2000.

Ordained Minister in the Church of God (Anderson, IN) since 1985.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Curtiss DeYoung has been married since 1984. He is the father of three children.