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### Education

Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
**Doctor of Ministry, 2017**  
Dissertation: *Seeding Renewal: A Men's Group in Sound View Presbyterian Church*. Dr. Wayne Croft, Advisor

New York University, New York, New York  
**Doctor of Philosophy, 2002**  
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
Dissertation: *A Linguistic and Phenomenological Examination of Psalm 143: The Sitz im Leben of Psalm 143*.  
Dr. Baruch Levine, Advisor  
Additional Coursework: Hebrew Union College:  
Dr. Harry M. Orlinsky  
Dr. David Sperling

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York  
**Master of Science in Elementary Education, 1986**

Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, Massachusetts  
**Master of Divinity, 1984**

Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire  
**Bachelor of Arts in Government, 1980**

## **Teaching Experience**

2023 - Present      **Hartford International University for Religion and Peace,**  
Associate Professor, Hartford, Connecticut  
**Howard Thurman Center,** Director and Black Church Scholar

2023                   SC-531 New Testament Survey  
2023                   BMP-260 Introduction to the Old Testament

2004 - 2023        **Alliance Theological Seminary,** New York, NY 10004  
Associate Professor, Old Testament  
OT 501.NA Biblical Hebrew: Elements  
OT 502.NA Biblical Hebrew: Introduction to Exegesis  
OT 503.NA Reading the Old Testament  
OT 504.NA Hebrew Bible in the Eastern Mediterranean World  
OT 610.NA Old Testament Theology  
OT 612.NA Introduction to the Old Testament I  
OT 613.NA Introduction to the Old Testament II  
OT 640.NA/740.NA Wisdom Literature (Hebrew and English)  
OT 601.NA/701.NA The Pentateuch (Hebrew and English)  
OT 730.NA Hebrew Exegesis  
OT 655.NA/755.NA Amos (Hebrew and English)  
OT 641.NA/741.NA The Book of Psalms (Hebrew and English)  
OT 756.NA Jonah (Hebrew Text)  
OT 654.NA/754.NA The Book of Daniel (Hebrew and English)  
OT 651.NA/751.NA The Book of Isaiah (Hebrew and English)  
OT 770.NA Women in the Old Testament  
OT 770.NA Sexuality in the Old Testament  
OT 632.NA/732.NA Judges and Ruth (Hebrew and English)

2005-2008        **Bakke Graduate University of Ministry**  
Seattle, Washington  
*Visiting Professor,* Old Testament Theology

2002-2004        **Alliance Theological Seminary,** New York, New York  
*Adjunct Faculty*  
OT 601 Biblical Hebrew I  
OT 601 Biblical Hebrew II  
OT 741N The Book of Psalms  
OT 833N Biblical Interpretation

2002-2004        **Hartford Seminary,** Hartford Connecticut  
*Adjunct Faculty*  
SC 519 - 1 Hebrew Bible Survey I  
SC 520 - 1 Hebrew Bible Survey II

	<b>BMP-260 Introduction to the Old Testament</b>
2002-2004	<b>New York Theological Seminary</b> , New York, New York <i>Adjunct Faculty</i> , Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity Programs Hermeneutics Seminar Exegesis Practicum: Exegesis in Genesis
1993-2002	<b>New York Theological Seminary</b> , New York, New York <i>Adjunct Faculty and Teaching Assistant</i> , Master of Divinity Program Bible I: Introduction to the Old Testament Bible II: New Testament Introduction Bible III: Scripture Interprets Scripture: Use of Old Testament in the New Testament Exegesis Practicum: Exegesis in Genesis Bible IV: Biblical Hermeneutics: Bible and Social Context
1997	<b>The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary</b> Wynnewood, Pennsylvania <i>Adjunct Faculty</i> , Doctor of Ministry in the Renewal of the Church Course: Biblical and Theological Backgrounds for Renewal
2018 - Present	<b>Dunamis Covenant Connection Institute</b> , <i>Faculty Member</i> Brooklyn, NY
2018	HE 103 Introduction to World Religions
2019	BE104 The Prophetic Voice: Major and Minor Prophets
2021	Covenants in the Bible
2018 - Present	<b>Meachum Theological Institute (MTI)</b> , <i>Faculty Member</i> St.Louis, MO
2018	OT 501 Old Testament Survey
2021	OT 701 Old Testament Dersat 1 (Jonah)
2018 - Present	<b>New York Theological Seminary</b> , New York, NY <i>Adjunct Faculty</i> , MPS Degree Program. Sing Sing Correctional Facility: Introduction to the First Testament; Introduction to the Second Testament
2021- Present	<b>Reformed Theological Seminary</b> , New York, NY <i>Adjunct Faculty</i> , Master of Arts.
2021	Poets (090T5300R)
2022	Poets Intensive

### **Travel Courses in Context**

Courses offered to students in the context of travel to Israel, Turkey, and Egypt. From January 2006 - January 2014, I have traveled to Israel with students with the exception of 2009 when I traveled to Egypt(January) and Turkey(May).

OT 750 The History and Context of the Psalms

OT 840 The Land of Israel

TH 780.NA The Geographical and Historical Settings of Israel

### **Publications**

“Amos” in *The Africana Bible: Reading Israel’s Scriptures from Africa and the African Diaspora*. Hugh R. Page, Jr. General Editor. Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2010.

“Perseverance” in *The Living Pulpit*. Jin Hee Han. Editor-in-Chief. [www.pulpit.org](http://www.pulpit.org), August 2014.

“An Introduction and Examination of Isaiah 11” in *The Living Pulpit*. Jin Hee Han. Editor-in-Chief. [www.pulpit.org](http://www.pulpit.org), March 2017.

“Psalm 1: A Guide for Spiritual Formation” in *The Living Pulpit*. Jin Hee Han. Editor-in-Chief. [www.pulpit.org](http://www.pulpit.org). June 28, 2018.

“Jacob’s Dream in Genesis 28:10 - 22: From a Stone Pillow to a Stone Pillar” in *The Living Pulpit*. Jin Hee Han. Editor-in-Chief. [www.pulpit.org](http://www.pulpit.org). December 2018.

“Grace Reversed: The Significance and Application of Amos’s Reuse of Exodus and Conquest Motifs” in *Gospel Haymanot: A Constructive Theology and Critical Reflection on African and Diasporic Christianity*. Vince Bantu, Editor. Chicago, IL: Urban Ministries, Incorporated (UMI), 2020.

Review of Esau McCaulley’s *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope*. Haymanot Journal. Volume 1: 2021. Vince L. Bantu, General Katabi and Jacqueline Dyer, Associate Katabi.

*A Gospelist Examination of the Widow, the Orphan, and the and Stranger in Deuteronomy.*” in Haymanot Journal. Volume 2: 2022. Vince Bantu General Katabi (Editor) and Jacqueline Dyer, General Katabi (Editor).

*Upside Down Bible*. Zondervan Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, MI. Preston Sprinkle, Editor. Notes on *Divorce in the Bible*. 2024. The Reformed Exegetical and Theological Commentary on Scripture: Habakkuk. Crossway: A Publishing Ministry of Good News Publishers. In Contract

**Academic Presentations**

**Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Meetings**

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| 2013 | <i>"Moses: Fact, Fiction or Faith?"</i>   |
| 2014 | <i>"K-B-D as a Theme in the Book of Exodus"</i>   |
| 2015 | <i>"Genesis 1:1 and 2 as a Hermeneutical Lens for the Book of Genesis"</i>                              |
| 2016 | <i>"An Examination of Amos 7:7-9 Plumb line or Tin Wall?"</i>   |
| 2017 | <i>"The Staff of God and the Polemic of Yahweh."</i>  |
| 2019 | <i>"Grace Reversed: The Significance and Application of Amos's Reuse of Exodus and Conquest Motifs"</i> |

**Lectures**

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| 2005 | Winston Salem State University<br>Winston Salem, North Carolina<br>James A. Gray Lecture Series: <i>The Role of Religion in Outreach</i> |
| 2008 | Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York<br>Christian Education Institute: <i>The African Presence in the Bible</i>                   |
| 2011 | Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York<br>Christian Education Institute: <i>The Doctrine of Providence</i>                          |
| 2017 | Bedford Central Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York<br>Church Institute Lecture: <i>Old Testament Themes in the New Testament</i>    |
| 2017 | Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York<br>Lenten Lecture: <i>Biblical Interpretation</i>  |
| 2019 | Dunamis Covenant Connection Convocation Institute<br>Brooklyn, New York<br>Lecture: "Covenants of the Bible"                             |
| 2020 | Dunamis Covenant Connection Convocation Institute<br>Brooklyn, New York  |

Lecture: "Assembling a Purpose Driven Church in a Pandemic"

- 2020 Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria, Virginia  
"Can I Push It", Series with Dr. Howard-John Wesley  
"Sexuality in the Old Testament"
- 2020 Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York  
"Navigating Sexuality Through Christianity:  
"Sexuality in the Old Testament"
- 2021 City to City: New York City  
New York, New York  
Lecture: "Preaching"
- 2021 Alliance Theological Seminary  
Preaching Conference: Presenter  
"Urban Preaching"
- 2022 NAIITS (Formerly North American Institute for Indigenous  
Studies:Online accredited Graduate Theological Education  
for Indigenous Peoples)  
Doctoral Cohort Lecture: NAIITS and Meachum School of  
Haymanot: April 2022  
Lecture: "Afrocentric, Post-Colonial, Christocentric, and  
Orthodox: My Theological History"
- 2022 Hartford International Seminary for Peace and Justice  
Hartford, Connecticut, June 2022  
Lecture: "Howard Thurman and the Black Church."

### **Academic Participation**

- 2009 Task Force Committee (Alliance Theological Seminary):Self  
Study: Committee Chairman: Examination of theological re-  
search and faculty.
- 2009 Site Team Committee for Accreditation: Assisted the Associa-  
tion ofTheological Schools regarding the accreditation of  
Alliance Theological Seminary (New York City)
- 2014-2017 Secretary, Evangelical Theological Society,  
Northeast Region
- 2017-2021 Institute for the Study of the Black Christian Experience,  
Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, South Hamilton, MA  
Member, Advisory Council

2019 - 2021	Self Study Task Force Committee for Accreditation for Alliance Theological Seminary
2021- Present	Member-at-Large, Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Region
2021- Present	Black Christian Experience Resource Center Berklee College of Music/Boston Conservatory of Music at Berklee, Boston, MA Member, Board of Directors

**Doctor of Ministry Program Participation, Alliance Theological Seminary**

2016	<b>Reader:</b> Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Ms. Sakinah O’Kane-Smith, “ <i>An Evaluation of the Journey Within: Soul Care in an African-American Context.</i> ”
2016	<b>Reader:</b> Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Ms. Lula Mae Phillips, “ <i>Evaluating an Emotional-Spiritual Health Workshop at a Black Urban Church in Bushwick.</i> ”
2020	<b>Reader:</b> Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Reverend Kevin Williams, “ <i>A Study of Prison Culture of the New York State Department of Correction with Respect to Discipleship Goals of the Peoples Baptist Church in Brownsville, Brooklyn.</i> ”

**Doctor of Ministry Program Participation, Alliance Theological Seminary and United Lutheran Seminary**

2021	<b>Reader:</b> Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Reverend Aaron C. Bass Jr., “ <i>Reformed and Always Reforming: The Inner Path Approach to Find the Entrance and Admission Through the Gates as Reflected in Psalm 100.</i> ”
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**Alliance Theological Seminary: Colloquium. “Free Will or Determinism?”**

2017	A Conversation with Drs. Glen Shellrude, Louis DeCaro and Cleotha Robertson
2020	<b>Presenter:</b> “ <i>I Can’t Breathe: A Christian Response to Racial Injustice.</i> ” <b>Panel Discussion.</b>

**Book Presentation and Discussion:** Alliance School of Social Work, Alliance Graduate School of Counseling and Alliance Theological Seminary.

2014                    *"Forgive Us: Confessions of a Compromised Faith"*  
Presentation *"Imago Dei in the Old Testament and Sexuality"*

**Nyack College Scholars Symposium**

2013                    **Presentation**, *"K-B-D as a Theme in the Book of Exodus"*

2012                    **Respondent**, *"The Sub Loco Notes in the Book of Amos of Biblia Hebraica Stuttgartensia"*  
Christopher Dost, Presenter

**Medgar Evers College**

2019                    **Medgar Evers College**, Religion 102: Survey of Religious Experience, Professor Kirk Lyons  
Lecture *"Sexuality in the Old Testament"*

**Gardner-Webb University**

2020                    **Gardner - Webb University**, Master of Divinity Seminar for Seniors, Dr. Warren Cal Robertson,  
Lecture *"Reflections on Ministry"*

2021                    Mary Washburn Williams Lectures, Gardner Webb University Divinity School.  
*"Academic and Pastoral Reflections on the Book of Amos"* ;  
*"Grace Reversed: The Significance and Application of Amos's Reuse of Exodus and Conquest Motifs"*

**Society of Gospel Haymanot**

2020                    **Society of Gospel Haymanot Annual Meeting**  
Meachum School of Haymanot,  
Dr. Vince Bantu, Ohene (Director), **Co-President**, Zoom

2021                    **Society of Gospel Haymanot Annual Meeting**  
Meachum School of Haymanot,  
Dr. Vince Bantu, Ohene (Director)



**Plenary Address:** *“The Staff of God, the Polemic of Yahweh, Gospelist Reflection in the Book of Exodus”*

- 2021                      **Society of Gospel Haymanot Annual Meeting**  
Meachum School of Haymanot,  
Dr. Vince Bantu, Ohene (Director)  
Biblical Studies (Dersat) Panel: Moderator  
**Presenter:** *“A Gospelist Examination of the Widow, Orphan, and the Stranger in Deuteronomy.”*
- 2022                      **Society of Gospel Haymanot Annual Meeting**  
Meachum School of Haymanot,  
Dr. Vince Bantu, Ohene (Director)  
**Scholars’ Symposim:** *“Water in the Old Testament.”*  
**Discussion: Moderator:** *“Thriving in an Evangelical Context as a Gospelist”*

**Alliance Theological Seminary and Nyack’s College’s Center for Racial Reconciliation:**

- 2022                      **Panel Discussion: The Black Church: History, Heart, Hope**  
Nathaniel Perez, Jessica Brooks, Louis DeCaro, Charles Galbreath, Constance Diggs, Jennifer Jones-Austin, Cleotha Robertson

**Church, Academic, and Community Service**

**Urban Ministries, Incorporated**  
**Editorial Review Board Member**  
**August 2023 - August 2025**

Shaping and developing discipleship materials. Editorial review and writing for Precepts for Living Annual Commentary

**Kairos Collaboration**

Collaboration of three Bronx Presbyterian Churches: Sound View Presbyterian Church, Beck Memorial Church, and Laconia Presbyterian Church for the support and collective ministry opportunities.  
Executive Pastor, 2021- Present

**General Cabinet, Presbytery of New York City**  
At-Large Member  
2022 - Present

**“Just So You Know”** by E.R. Brown.  
Episode One: Merneptah Stele: What is it?  
Guest Participant.  
<https://youtu.be/EacQbmaD-dA>

**“Just So You Know”** by E.R. Brown.  
Episode Two: Merneptah Stele: What it do?  
Guest Participant  
<https://youtu.be/k22qqgUQY6U>

**Search Committee of the New York Presbytery,**  
Personnel Committee  
Search for Gap Presbyter and Interim Presbyter, Member  
2022

**Jude 3 Project, Lisa Fields, President and Founder**  
**Courageous Conversation, September 2, 2022**  
**Courageous Conversations: The Scholar and the Skeptic: Washington, DC**  
Topic: *“Should We Trust the Bible?”* Panelist

**Insight** with Reverend Larry Camp  
Season 2: Episode 34  
Zoom Interview with Cleotha Robertson: May 11, 2022  
<https://youtu.be/JO2wrfAd8qY>

**Jude 3 Project, Lisa Fields, President and Founder**  
**Courageous Conversations: Reclaiming Christianity. Washington, DC.**  
**September 3 and 4, 2021 (Impact TV)**  
Topic: *“Slavery in the Bible.”* Panelist.

**Power Book III: Raising Kanan:** Negotiated Contract for Sound View Church for shooting 5 episodes at Sound View Church.  
2021-2022

**Jude 3 Project, Lisa Fields, President and Founder**  
**Courageous Conversations, August 1, 2, 2019 (Impact TV),** Greater Piney Grove Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA, “Interpreting the Old Testament in Light of the New” Moderator C.J. Rhodes; Panelists: Vanessa Lovelace, Quenokia Day, Cleotha Robertson and Rodney Sadler.

**Jude 3 Project, Lisa Fields, President and Founder**  
**Courageous Conversations, September 3, 2018 (Impact TV),** Progressive Baptist Church, Chicago, IL., *What does the Bible Say About Sexuality?* C.J. Rhodes, Moderator with Wil Gafney, Quenokia Day, Cleotha Robertson and Rodney Sadler.

**“Understanding the Old Testament”** with Lisa Fields. Online interview.  
(Jude 3 Project Podcast)

**Administrative Commission for Home Street Presbyterian Church, 2014 - 2019**  
1017 Home Street, Bronx, New York: Task force that analyzed the viability of a dying congregation in the Presbytery of New York City. The analysis led to the creation 63 units of senior housing. The total cost of the project was \$23 million.

**Moderator of Beck Presbyterian Church, 2017 - Present**  
Moderates Session of the Church, regular administration of the Sacraments, Annual Church meetings, and regular preaching.

**Moderator of Laconia Presbyterian Church, 2020 - Present**  
Moderates Session of the Church, regular administration of the Sacraments, Annual Church meetings, and regular preaching.

**Podcast**, John Scibila, Executive Director at Council of Church Advisors:  
Geoffrey Weiner, President, GWW Planning and Cleotha Robertson, Pastor, Sound View Church, *“Mission Driven Church Development: Church Renovation, Construction and Space Consultation”*

#### **5th Annual Interchurch Center Conference**

Capell Barnett Matalon & Schoenfeld LLP

“Re-envisioning Mission and Ministry: Creative Strategies for the Church of Church of Tomorrow.”

Panel Discussion: Andrew Durbidge, William Critzman, Lenny Duncan, and Cleotha Robertson.

#### **Podcast: Celebrate Juneteenth. June 17, 2021**

Rev. Dan Rodriquez, Truth Unlimited Presentation

*“Origins: The African Beginnings of Christianity”*

Rev. Dr. David Brawley and Cleotha Robertson, Presenters

#### **Professional Experience**

##### **Sound View Presbyterian Church, Bronx, New York**

##### **Senior Pastor, July 1994 to Present**

As institution’s Chief Executive Officer, responsible for the direct delivery of spiritual, educational, and social services.

##### **Sound View Presbyterian Church Development Project (Xenolith Partners LLC, Housing Preservation Development, and Community Preservation Corporation)**

Proposed development of \$47.8 million project with new church facility 13,550 square feet, a 9,000 square foot community facility, 103 low-income housing, with the DOE Fund, and 10 parking spaces.

### Specific Accomplishments

Increased institution's operational capacity by:  
Growing church budget by 154% from \$106,000 to \$269,000.  
Increasing membership 30% from 162 to 210.  
Computerization administrative systems.  
Increased institution's service delivery capacity in the South Bronx community by creating and administering social service, educational, recreational and cultural programs in conjunction with local Bronx institutions. Selected programs include:

### Food for Survival Program

Developed in partnership with The Hunts Point Market. Emergency food program to feed the hungry and/or homeless.

### Sound View Annual Community Summer Festival

Outdoor celebration sponsored in partnership with local businesses and health agencies, and administered by local youth and community members. Features free health screening and clinical referrals, business expo, flea market with local merchants, food fair, arts and entertainment, athletic activities and games.

## **NEW YORK CITY MISSION SOCIETY, New York, New York** **Director of Urban Ministry Programs, July 1991 to July 1994**

Worked with New York City elected officials, religious, business, civic, and academic leaders to develop, fund and grow church-based economic development projects, youth development, educational, and social service programs for inner-city communities throughout the five boroughs.

### Specific Responsibilities and Accomplishments

#### The CEDI Program (Church-based Economic Development Initiatives)

Administered and grew this granting and revolving loan economic development program developed in collaboration with the Ford Foundation. Program provided start-up grants and loans of up to \$15,000 for New York-based organizations to develop 1) economic development and/or 2) community enrichment projects. Responsible for staffing and convening the Grantee Selection Committee; conducting grantee site visits; retaining field consultants to provide grantee technical assistance; and conducting program monitoring and evaluations. Also convening all grantee organizations twice annually to discuss and transfer best practices.

#### Urban Ministry Program

Training program aimed at ministers and other nonprofit leaders. Program goal was to increase service delivery capacity in participating institutions located in challenged communities by increasing organizational

professionalism and efficiency. Held monthly training meetings led by field professionals that emphasized skill development in fundraising, management information systems, program development, joint-venture development initiatives.

#### Black Women in Ministry Program

Training and mentoring program for African-American and African-Caribbean female seminarians in pursuit of clerical careers. The program goal was to provide training, support, mentors, financial assistance for seminarians.

Seminarians were exposed to female scholars, pastors, executives and teachers in order to nurture professionalism, efficiency and skills needed to perform clerical professions. The program was supplemented with monthly seminars.

#### **CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH, Brooklyn, New York**

##### **Minister of Youth and Christian Education, August 1987 to July 1991**

Served on staff of African-American congregation with specific duties related to Christian Education, youth enrichment, youth outreach and occasional preaching.

#### **Church and Community Participation**

2004	Timothy Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York13 Urban Ministry Sunday: Guest Preacher
2005	Timothy Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York Urban Ministry Sunday: Guest Preacher
2005	City of Refuge Church of God In Christ Bronx, New York Youth Sunday: Guest Preacher
2005	Cornerstone Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York Ordination Examination Committee: Rev. Joe Heathe
2006	Cornerstone Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York History Makers' Banquet: Guest Preacher

- 2006                    Morehouse College  
139<sup>th</sup> Annual Science and Spiritual Awareness Week and  
Celebration for 25 Years of Service for Dr. Lawrence Carter,  
Dean of the Chapel, Clergy and Academic Participation  
Induction: Morehouse School of Preachers
- 2007                    City of Refuge Church of God In Christ  
Bronx, New York  
Ordination Service: Clergy Participant: for Claudette Reid and  
Pauline Russell, (Graduate, Alliance Theological Seminary)
- 2007                    Featherbedlane Presbyterian Church  
Bronx, New York: Moderator of Session
- 2008                    Convent Avenue Baptist Church  
New York, New York  
Ordination Service Clergy Participant: Rev. Charles Butler,  
Youth Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church (Graduate, Alliance  
Theological Seminary)
- 2008                    Bethany French Baptist Church  
Jamaica, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2008                    Brown Memorial Baptist Church  
Brooklyn, New York  
Ordination Examination Committee (Secretary):  
Rev. Kevin Williams, Pastor: Faith Chapel Baptist Church
- 2009                    Bethany French Baptist Church  
Jamaica, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2010                    Bethany French Baptist Church  
Jamaica, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2011                    Bethany French Baptist Church  
Jamaica, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2012                    Bethany French Baptist Church  
Jamaica, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2009                    Hartford Seminary  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Baccalaureate Service for Black Ministries Program:  
Guest Speaker

1999 - 2021	Cornerstone Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York Good Friday Service: Guest Preacher
2010	Abiding Presence Evangelical Lutheran Church Bronx, New York 52 <sup>nd</sup> Church Anniversary: Guest Preacher
2012	Beraca Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York Mission Emphasis Month: Guest Preacher
2014	Chinese Evangel Mission Church of Queens Queens, New York Mission Emphasis Sunday: Guest Preacher
2015	Chinese Evangel Mission Church of Queens Leadership Retreat: Guest Facilitator
2016	2016 Ordination for Reverend Sonja West Mariners Temple Baptist Church New York, New York: Ordination Preacher
2016	Association Gospel Assembly - USA Annual Convention 2016 Olivet Gospel Church Bronx, New York: Guest Preacher
2017	Brown Memorial Baptist Church Brooklyn, New York Men's Day Service: Guest Preacher
2019	Agape International Christian Fellowship Brooklyn, New York: Guest Preacher
2019	Trinity Baptist Church Bronx, New York Lenten Season Services: Guest Preacher
2019	City of Refuge Church of God In Christ Bronx, New York Sanctity of Life Service: Guest Preacher

2020	Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church 206th Church Anniversary Zoom Worship Service Bronx, New York: Guest Preacher
2020	Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church Christmas Service Zoom Worship Service: Bronx, New York: Guest Preacher
2020	New Hope Christian Ministries Zoom Worship Service Bronx, New York: Guest Preacher
2021	Mount Calvary Baptist Church New York, New York Zoom Installation Service for Dr. Charles Butler Participant: Charge to the Pastor-Elect
2021	Laconia Presbyterian Community Presbyterian Church Bronx, New York Black History Service: Guest Preacher
2021	Mt. Aery Baptist Church Bridgeport, Connecticut Good Friday Service: Guest Preacher
2021	Central Presbyterian Church Old Westbury, New York Korean Service and English Service: Guest Preacher
2021	Cornerstone Baptist Church Communion Sunday Service (October) Zoom Worship Service: Brooklyn, New York: Guest Preacher
2021 - Present	Laconia Presbyterian Community Presbyterian Church Bronx, New York Regular Sunday Service Preacher
2021 - Present	Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church Sunday Service Zoom Worship Service: Bronx, New York Regular Sunday Service Preacher (1st and 3rd Sundays)
2022	Brooklyn Tabernacle, Men's Ministry (May 14) Guest Preacher



- 2022 American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York  
Spring Rally, April 30  
Theme: "The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength"  
Zoom Service, Guest Speaker
- 2022 Cornerstone Baptist Church  
Sunday Service (August)  
Zoom Worship Service: Brooklyn, New York: Guest Preacher
- 2023 Central Baptist Church  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Service  
In-person and Virtual Service: New York, New York  
Guest Preacher
- 2023 Black Ministries Program  
Hartford International University for Religion and Peace  
Baccalaureate Banquet Speaker  
Hartford, Connecticut  
Guest Speaker
- 2023 Greater Mount Pleasant Baptist Church  
25th Pastoral Anniversary  
Dr. Randy L. Ware  
Brooklyn, New York  
In-Person and Virtual
- 2023 Trinity Baptist Church  
97th Church Anniversary Sunday  
Brooklyn, New York  
In-person and Virtual Service

## **References**

Dr. Dan Fleming  
Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies  
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies  
New York University  
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212-998-8980

Dr. Louis DeCaro Jr.  
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Apartment # 11B  
New York, NY 10025  
louis2decaro@verizon.net

Dr. Efrain Agosto  
Croghan Bicentennial Visiting Professor of Biblical and Early Christian Studies  
Williams College  
Williams College, MA  
[ea7@williams.edu](mailto:ea7@williams.edu)

Dr. Gary V. Simpson  
Senior Pastor  
Concord Baptist Church of Christ  
833 Gardner Taylor Boulevard  
718-622-1818

## **Professional Affiliations**

Martin Luther King Jr. College of Ministers and Laity, Class of 2006  
Presbytery of City of New York  
Society of Biblical Literature  
Evangelical Theological Society  
Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Region  
Institute for Biblical Research  
New York City Black Presbyterian Caucus