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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/755NA 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 BMP-260 Introduction to the Old Testament 2002-2004 **New York Theological Seminary**, New York, New York Adjunct Faculty, Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity Programs

Hermeneutics Seminar

Exegesis Practicum: Exegesis in Genesis

1993-2002 **New York Theological Seminary**, New York, New York

Adjunct Faculty and Teaching Assistant, 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 The Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Wynnewood, Pennsylvania

Adjunct Faculty, Doctor of Ministry in the Renewal of the

Church

Course: Biblical and Theological Backgrounds for Renewal

2018 - Present **Dunamis Covenant Connection Institute**, Faculty Member

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 Meachum Theological Institute (MTI), Faculty Member

St.Louis, MO

2018 OT 501 Old Testament Survey

2021 OT 701 Old Testament Dersat 1 (Jonah) 2023 OT 701 Old Testament Dersat 1 (Jonah)

2018 - 2024 New York Theological Seminary, New York, NY

Adjunct Faculty, MPS Degree Program.

Sing Sing CorrectionalFacility: Introduction to the First Testament; Introduction to the Second Testament

2021 - Present **Reformed Theological Seminary**, New York, NY

Adjunct Faculty, Master of Arts

2021 Poets (090T5300R)

2022 Poets Intensive

2024 - Present. Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY

Adjunct Faculty, Master of Professional Studies Program

Sing Sing Correctional Facility, Ossining, New York New Testament and Hermeneutics of Justice First Testament and Prophetic Witness

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, August 2014.

"An Introduction and Examination of Isaiah 11" in *The Living Pulpit*. Jin Hee Han. Editor-in-Chief. 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. 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. 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 Inter*pretation 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 Jacquline 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

2013	"Moses: Fact, Fiction or Faith?"
2014	"K-B-D as a Theme in the Book of Exodus"
2015	"Genesis 1:1and 2 as a Hermeneutical Lens for the Book of Genesis"
2016	"An Examination of Amos 7:7-9 Plumb line or Tin Wall?"
2017	"The Staff of God and the Polemic of Yahweh."
2019	"Grace Reversed: The Significance and Application of Amos's Reuse of Exodus and Conquest Motifs"
<u>Lectures</u>	
2005	Winston Salem State University Winston Salem, North Carolina James A. Gray Lecture Series: The Role of Religion in Outreach
2008	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York Christian Education Institute: <i>The African Presence in the Bible</i>
2011	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York Christian Education Institute: <i>The Doctrine of Providence</i>
2017	Bedford Central Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, New York Church Institute Lecture: <i>Old Testament Themes in the New</i> <i>Testament</i>
2017	Emmanuel Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York Lenten Lecture: <i>Biblical Interpretation</i>

2019 **Dunamis Covenant Connection Convocation Institute** Brooklyn, New York Lecture: "Covenants of the Bible" 2020 **Dunamis Covenant Connection Convocation Institute** 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." 2025 "Lessons from Howard Thurman on Inter-religious Understanding" AARP Zoom Webinar, February 2025 Presenters, Cleotha Robertson and Lucinda Mosher "The Life of Howard Thurman" 2025 "Jesus and the Disinherited" Presenter: Dr. Walter Fluker Moderator: Cleotha Robertson

2025. Blessings of Grace: Reflection on Ephesians 2:8 and 9.

Grace Conference, May 17

Grace Family Church and Christ Church

545 Old Town Road, Port Jefferson Station, New York

Academic Participation

Hartford International University

2025 Faculty and Promotion Committee, Member

2024 Admissions Committee, Member

Alliance Theological Seminary

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 of Theological 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 Reader: Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Ms. Sakinah O'Kane-

Smith, " An Evaluation of the Journey Within: Soul Care in an

African-American Context."

2016 **Reader**: Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Ms. Lula Mae Phillips,

"Evaluating an Emotional-Spiritual Health Workshop at a Black

Urban Church in Bushwick.

2020 Reader: Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Reverend Kevin

> Williams, "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."

<u>Doctor of Ministry Program Participation, Alliance Theological Seminary and</u> **United Lutheran Seminary**

2021 **Reader**: Doctor of Ministry Dissertation of Reverend Aaron C.

> Bass Jr., "Reformed and Always Reforming: The Inner Path Approach to Find the Entrance and Admission Through the

Gates as Reflected in Psalm 100."

Alliance Theological Seminary: Colloquium. "Free Will or Determinism?"

2017 A Conversation with Drs. Glen Shellrude, Louis DeCaro and

Cleotha Robertson

Presenter: "I Can't Breathe: A Christian Response to Racial 2020

Injustice." Panel Discussion.

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-Presider, 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/k22gagUQY6U

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. January 7, 2024

Adult Education Scholar Interview:

"The Good, the Bad, and the Uncanny: Exploring the Old Testament Book of Amos"

University Presbyterian Church, Seattle, Washington. June 2022 Deep Dive of the Old Testament

"The Book of Genesis"

https://www.youtube.com/live/wV-0w02E_sM?si=I98kxCgxao2oxCMI

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.

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.

<u>Urban Ministry Program</u>

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
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Brooklyn, New York14

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

139th 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 nd 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 Ser vice 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

197 New York Avenue Brooklyn, New York

In-person and Virtual Service

2024 The First Baptist Church of White Plains

456 North Street

White Plains, New York 10605 In-Person and Virtual Service

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456 North Street

White Plains, New York 10605

Installation Service: Reverend Frank Timothy Fraley

Installation Prayer

In-Person and Virtual Service

2024 St. Luke Baptist Church

103 Morningside Avenue New York, New York 10027 Worship on Wednesday Service In-Person and Virtual Service 2024 Baptist Ministers Evening Conference of Greater New York and

Vicinity

Day Spring Baptist Church 1788 Amsterdam Avenue New York, New York 10031

The Clergy Roundtable: "The Power Behind the Parables:

Matthew 13"

"Lecture on the Parables of Jesus"

2025. Bob Washington Collective

Juneteenth Celebration

Guest Preacher

"Let Both Grow Together: Juneteenth Reflections" Mount Morris Ascension Presbyterian Church

15 Mount Morris Park West

New York, NY 10027

References

Dr. Dan Fleming
Skirball Professor of Bible and Ancient Near Eastern Studies
Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies
New York University
53 Washington Square South
New York, New York 10012
daniel.fleming@nyu.edu
212-998-8980

Dr. Louis DeCaro Jr. 424 Cathedral Parkway Apartment # 11B New York, NY 10025 louis2decaro@verixon.net

Dr. Efrain Agosto
Croghan Bicentennial Visiting Professor of Biblical and Early Christian Studies
Williams College
Williams College, MA
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, 2006. Morehouse College Presbytery of City of New York Society of Biblical Literature Evangelical Theological Society Evangelical Theological Society, Northeast Region Institute for Biblical Research Black Theology and Leadership Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary