

DAWRELL RICH

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PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Established tax-exempt 501(c)(3) leadership incubator for at-risk youth and young adults
- Led volunteer activities addressing inequitable access to quality food, clean water, and healthcare
- Convened local residents and public officials to develop a Community Land Trust in New London, CT
- Co-managed 90-year old urban ministry comprised of 1,000 + active members
- Organized weekly meal distribution to more than 200 inner-city homeless persons in Elizabeth, NJ
- Coordinated school resource drive for 300 students entering grades one through ten in New Rochelle, NY

WORK HISTORY

- 2019 — Present *Lead Pastor*, Clair Memorial UMC, Jersey City, New Jersey
- 2019 — Present *Adjunct Professor*, Dept. of Religion, Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey
- 2019 — 2019 *Instructor*, W.E.B. DuBois Institute, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
- 2018 — Present *Adjunct Professor*, Dept. of Religion, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey
- 2017 — 2018 *Graduate Teaching Assistant*, Theological Seminary, Drew University, Madison, New Jersey
- 2015 — 2018 *Lead Pastor*, Mount Moriah FBH Church, New London, Connecticut
- 2015 — 2017 *Development Associate*, Santos Contractors, Corp., Roselle, New Jersey
- 2012 — 2015 *Pastor-in-Residence*, Mount Aery Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut
- 2010 — 2010 *Community Development Intern*, Office of the Mayor, Macon, Georgia
- 2006 — 2008 *Assistant Planner*, H2M Associate, Inc. Parsippany, New Jersey
- 2003 — 2004 *Architectural Designer*, Wilson Woodridge Architects, Glen Ridge, New Jersey

EDUCATION

- Drew University - Madison, NJ
Ph.D. (student), Religion, Society and Ecology, 2016 — Present
M.Div., 2009 — 2012
- New Jersey Institute of Technology — Newark, NJ
M.A., Infrastructure Planning, 2004 — 2006
- North Carolina State University - Raleigh, NC
B.A., Environmental Design in Architecture, 1999 — 2003

HONORS, AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Victoria Emerging Leaders Program, Rutgers University Institute for Ethical Leadership, Newark, NJ 2019
- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Social Justice Award, Drew University, Madison, NJ, 2019
- United States GreenBuild Scholar, Washington, D.C., 2017
- Convener, Religion & Ecology Program Area, Drew University, 2017
- Senior Fellow, Environmental Leadership Program, Philadelphia, PA, 2017
- Graduate Division of Religion Award, 2016 — 2018
- Phelps Scholarship, 2016
- Fellow, Engle Institute of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, 2016
- TiM Pastor-in-Residence, Forum for Theological Exploration/Lilly Endowment, Atlanta, GA, 2012—2015

COURSES TAUGHT

- *Montclair State University*: Understanding Religion
- *Princeton University*: Getting to Know Self: Race, Religion and Gender
- *Seton Hall University*: Contemporary Moral Issues
- *Drew University*: Religion and the Social Process; Church at Worship: Preaching

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SCHOLARLY PAPER AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- “From Sacred Rivers to Lead Waters: When Waters Are No Longer A Source of Healing in Flint, Michigan,” — International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, Cork University, Cork, Ireland, 2019
- “Hope for the City: Constructing Salvific Space Through Architecture, Religion, and Ethics,” — Ethical City Conference, Viterbo University, LaCrosse, Wisconsin, 2019
- “Greening the Black Church: How Trinity UCC Is Working Towards Eco-Justice,” Mid-Atlantic Region — American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ, 2018
- “Bridging the Black and Green Divide: How One Congregation is Reclaiming their Ecological Heritage for Future Sustainability,” Association for the Sociology of Religion, Philadelphia, PA, 2018
- “Reclaiming our Heritage: The Black Churches Response to Environmental Racism,” Black Communities Conference, Durham, NC, 2018
- “Liberation Ecology: A Christian Vision of Humans in a Garden in a City,” Mid-Atlantic Region — American Academy of Religion, New Brunswick, NJ, 2017
- “Apocalypse Can Wait: A Vision of Environmentalism and Urbanization,” Yale Graduate Conference in Religion & Ecology, New Haven, CT, 2017

PROFESSIONAL TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND CONSULTATIONS

- “The Church as a Catalyst for Community Renewal: An Urban-Rural Dialogue,” New York State Council of Churches, Johnstown, New York, 2018
- “A Landscape for Change: Creating and Sustaining Eco-Justice Ministries in Local Congregations and Communities,” Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Washington, D.C., 2017

PUBLICATIONS

- “What Dreams May Come: Joseph, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., And Young People,” *Youth Specialties*, 1 February 2017, <https://youthspecialties.com/blog/dreams-may-come-joseph-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-young-people/>
- “Shared Trauma. Shared Grief. Shared Work,” *Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth*, 17 June 2016, <http://www.ictg.org/blog/-shared-trauma-shared-grief-shared-work>
- “Re-membering Doctoral Students of Color,” *Forum for Theological Exploration*, 25 May 2016, https://issuu.com/fteleader/docs/final_5.26
- “A Ministry Of Reconciliation,” *Youth Specialties*, 3 December 2016, <https://youthspecialties.com/blog/a-ministry-of-reconciliation/>
- “A New Normal,” *Institute for Congregational Trauma and Growth*, 27 May 2016, <http://www.ictg.org/blog/a-new-normal>
- “Threefold Chord: Prayer, Policy And Protest,” *Dawrell Rich*, 29 April 2015, <https://dawrellrich.wordpress.com/2015/04/29/threefold-chord-prayer-protest-policy/>

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY LECTURES

- “Living a Resurrected Life: Implications of the Resurrection for Trauma-Informed Care,” Macedonia FBH Church, Wilmington, NC, 2019
- “When I and We Are Saved: Building Community With One Another,” The Concord Baptist Church of Christ, Brooklyn, NY, 2019
- “Sacred Places: Lands, Cities, and Houses of Divine Presence,” Allen Memorial COGIC, Mount Vernon, NY, 2019
- “The Hope Project: Reclaiming Theologies of Hope in Hopeless Times,” FBH Church of God 102nd Annual Convention, (multi-site presentation)
- “Ministry in the Margins: Doing Urban Prophetic Ministry,” Pastor’s and Leaders Summit, Richmond, VA, 2018
- “Come to the River: The Church as Center of Community Development,” Mount Zion FBH Church, Charlotte, NC, 2017
- “Building Life-Changing Communities,” National Youth Workers Conference, Memphis, TN, 2017

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- “The Race to Recover: Restoring the Role of the Church in Community,” FBH Church of God 100th Annual Conference, Greenville, SC, 2016
- “What Dreams May Come: Realizing a Beloved Community,” Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Commemoration, New London, CT, 2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Member*, American Sociology of Religion
- *Member*, American Academy of Religion
- *Member*, United States Green Building Council, NJ Chapter
- *Mentee*, Ben Appelbaum Foundation, New York, New York