



Tony Campolo Preacher and Teacher

Influential Baptist preacher, sociologist & author

Named by Christianity Today as one of the 25 most influential preachers of the last 50 years, Dr. Tony Campolo made headlines in the 1990s when he agreed to be a spiritual counselor to President Bill Clinton. An ordained minister, Campolo has served American Baptist churches in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and is a frequent commentator on religion and politics. Although conservative on some social issues, Campolo argues that Christians' political focus should be on poverty.

Campolo is professor emeritus of Sociology at Eastern University in St. Davids, Pennsylvania, and founder of the Evangelical Association for the Promotion of Education, an organization that develops schools and social programs in various third world countries and in cities across North America.

The author of 32 books, his most recent titles are "Speaking My Mind: The Radical Evangelical Prophet Tackles the Tough Issues Christians Are Afraid to Face," "Which Jesus," "The Church Enslaved (co-authored by Michael Battle)," and "Letters to a Young Evangelical." Campolo is presently an associate pastor of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church in West Philadelphia. Campolo and his wife Peggy have two grown children and four grandchildren.



Bishop Simon Gordon Shepherd and Educator

Baptist Bishop, international leader, author and innovator

Since 1989, Bishop Simon Gordon has served as the Senior Pastor of Triedstone Church of Chicago, a Full Gospel Baptist Church, located on the south side of Chicago, IL. He shepherds a congregation of 3,000 with 30 support ministries and 14 senior pastors who are also responsible for their own congregations. Bishop Gordon served as an advisor on the White House Faith-Based Council during the first term of President Barack Obama and with St. Jude's Cancer Research Children's Hospital as the Associate of the Sunday of Hope Promotions of Memphis, TN. He serves as a Board Member of Prevention Partnership, Inc. as the Faith Based Chair for HIV Awareness and Substance Abuse Prevention.

In recent years, Bishop Gordon was awarded the prestigious Paul Kelly Service Award, the Path Award (twice) from the Illinois Department of Public Health, and the United Theological Seminary's President's Award. He is presently a Regent at the Midwest Theology Seminary in Kansas. He is a member of the CORE group, a faith-based council that addresses utility industries to ensure fairness. Bishop Gordon has also led over 50 overseas expeditions; and serves as an Instructor for African American Clergy and Educators in Ethiopia, Egypt, Israel, Greece, Turkey, Rome and South Africa.