

BIOGRAPHY OF REVEREND DR. DARYL WARD

Reverend Dr. Daryl Ward was ordained into ministry at Holy Trinity Missionary Baptist Church (Rochester, New York) in 1986. He is a servant leader who pastored Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, Ohio for over 30 years, leading thousands to accept Jesus Christ and building models of ministry that disciplined children and families to spiritual maturity. During his 30 years of tenure, Reverend Ward led the Omega Baptist Church from a congregation of 200 members to over 2,000 active members, comprised of children and families with a focus on Discipleship, Christian Education, Edification, Empathetic Fellowship and Evangelism.

Dr. Ward, a close friend, and colleague of Dr. Samuel DeWitt Proctor, worked together on many initiatives including the founding of the King Fellows at Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Reverend Ward is a Strategic and Innovative Thinker with a natural ability to clarify issues and inspire church leaders to envision ministry to serve this present age. He is an effective advocate for young pastors having mentored over 60 ministers, many of whom are leading in significant pastorates throughout the nation. Reverend Ward is also a systems leader who transforms challenges to opportunities for ministry in the urban communities.

Over the years, Reverend Ward has achieved many accomplishments. He developed Annual Strategic Planning and Bi-Annual Church Leadership Summits. He coordinated a TV Ministry and weekly broadcast that reached over 365,000 households; he created “Youth Explosion” Movement, a monthly city-wide youth-led worship service that mobilized over 2,000 youth to worship and disciple their peers to serve God in Sunday morning worship. He developed City-Wide Easter Services, held at University of Dayton Arena, for seven years, making resurrection service accessible to as many as 7,000 annual attendees. In 2011, Reverend Ward developed and launched the Urban Leadership Academy, an American Baptist Churches of Ohio certificate program for Lay and Christian Church Leaders committed to pursuing theological education. In addition, Reverend Ward founded the Omega Community Development Corporation in 1997 with Omega Baptist Church, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, to promote youth development, family development and economic development in northwest Dayton.

Key Developments of Reverend Ward includes: (1) In 2019 completed construction of the Omega Senior Lofts, an affordable senior housing development for seniors, ages 55 and up; (2) In 2020 construction of the Hope Center for Families, a community center housing social services for children and families, an evidence-based two generational model for the reduction of poverty. Expected construction completion is scheduled for September 2021. The successful completion of these two projects will result in a \$24 million investment to northwest Dayton.

In addition to Pastoring 30 years at Omega Baptist Church in Dayton, Reverend Ward served as the President, Chief Operating Officer, and Dean of African-American Ministries of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio from 1986-1996. During his tenure at United Theological Seminary, he created the African-American Ministries program that at its height was considered

to be one of the largest and most successful of its kind. In addition, Reverend Ward created and implemented the Urban Outreach Foundation's Christian Educators and Leaders National 'Models that Work' Conference for Urban Ministries Incorporated from 1996 to 1998 in Chicago, Illinois. Over 1500 leaders from across the nation attended each year.

Reverend Ward's educational accomplishments consist of an Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from United Theological Seminary where he now serves as President Emeritus and Distinguished Teaching Fellow. Master of Divinity from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York (1986); A Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC (1985) and he was inducted into the Ohio State Bar Association in 1985. Reverend Ward also holds a Bachelor of Arts from College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio (1979).

Reverend Ward has served on several Civic Awards and Community Leadership Board over the years. These boards include: University of Dayton Board of Directors; Good Samaritan Hospital Board; The Victoria Theatre Association; and the National American Baptist Board. He has also served as a member of American Baptist Churches of Ohio, leading nearly 15 ministers through ordination in the American Baptist Churches.

Reverend Ward's awards and accolades includes: Honorary Chief of the Ekumfi Asokwa Village in Ghana, West Africa; United Theological Seminary - Daryl Ward Scholarship; Colgate Rochester Divinity School Distinguished Alum (2004); Miami Valley's Urban League Pillar Award (2019); and Dayton and Montgomery County's Black Elected Officials Legacy Award (2019)

Reverend Ward published his first book in 2019, "Letters to my Son: Advice for Today's Pastors and Christian Leaders.

Pastor Emeritus Daryl Ward and his wife, Co-Pastor Emerita Vanessa Oliver Ward, have one son, Rev. Joshua Ward, his wife Barbara, and two daughters, Rachel and Bethany, her husband Scott Mallory. He is the proud grandfather of Isaiah Pearson Ward, Sophia Rose Ward, Theodore James Ward and Shiloh Paige Mallory.