

The Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Wiley



The Rev. Dr. Dennis W. Wiley, a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has served for twenty-eight years as pastor of the Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ in Washington, DC. His wife, the Rev. Dr. Christine Y. Wiley, has served as co-pastor with him for the past nine years.

A distinguished theologian, prominent civic activist, and gifted musician, Dr. Wiley received the Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude from Harvard University, the Master of Divinity degree cum laude from Howard University, and the Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from the Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

As a member of the American Academy of Religion and the Society for the Study of Black Religion, Dr. Wiley has rendered theological presentations throughout the nation and has been published in several major religious books, magazines, and journals. In addition serving on the Executive Board of the Black Religious Scholars Group, he has also served on the faculty of the Howard University School of Divinity, as a member of the Doctoral Advisory Committee of the Fund for Theological Education, and as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada.

Among his numerous civic and denominational commitments, Dr. Wiley is in the forefront of the struggle for freedom, justice, and equality for all persons, regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation. He is a member of the Advisory Council of the Human Rights Campaign's Religion and Faith Program and former Co-Chair of D.C. Clergy United for Marriage Equality. He is also Founder and President of the Board of Directors of the Covenant Full Potential Development Center. For his outstanding commitment, dedication, and effectiveness, as chair of the Board of Trustees of the celebrated Nannie Helen Burroughs School in Washington, D.C., and as a member of the Executive Board of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, he was honored by both of these institutions with "Distinguished Service" awards at the conclusion of his tenure. He is the recipient of numerous other honors and awards as well.