

GREGORY DYSON

Passionate. Directed. Growth-focused.



AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Teaching ... Program Development... Team Leadership... Mentoring...
Leadership Training and Development...Project Organizer

PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Proven Leader** with over 30 years of working directly caring for youth and adults of all ages primarily on the East Coast, with a focus on personal developmental and spiritual growth.
- **Founded** the Lion's Den Youth Outreach Center of Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, over 45,000 visits by teens since 2002 with established partnerships to over 30 different organizations. www.lionsdenyouth.org
- **Co-managed** the Cornerstone Bookstore, which resulted in 34% sales increase over the previous year by providing exceptional customer care, inventory adjustments and attention to employee needs.
- **Established** a weekly radio show to promote available resources and local community people. Over 110 shows created and listened to in the United States, Japan, Australia and Ireland.
- **Participated** on the Board of Directors of the Greater Springfield Mentoring Partnership by organizing events to promote mentoring in the region.
- **Elected by the Isenburg Institute of Sports Management** of the University of Massachusetts and the youth at the Lion's Den Outreach Center as a Key Player Ambassador, encouraging African American men as they mentor, coach, train and educate youth.
- **Served** as the Chairman of the Springfield, MA Project Homeless Connect which resulted in over 2,500 homeless and at risk individuals receiving assistance as part of 3 annual daylong events.
- **Directed and promoted** the Luis Palau Festivals in Springfield, MA and Waterbury, CT. creating an environment where 110,000 people in 9 cities could attend life improvement seminars. 1,100 people in Springfield and Waterbury note significant life change. Raising over 1.9 Million dollars.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Vice President Intercultural Leadership & Church Relations Current

Taylor University, Upland Indiana

The Vice President of Intercultural Leadership & Church Relations will serve as a chief diversity officer, overseeing intercultural matters on campus. This position also serves as a connector, influencer, and liaison between Taylor University, churches, and church leaders. The Vice President of Intercultural Leadership & Church Relations will oversee new and additional connections with churches near campus and building new relationships with churches in Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, regionally, as well as nationally.

This position will achieve success by collaborating with multiple University stakeholders, including Academic Affairs, Student Development, Admissions, the Business Office, Advancement, and Human Resources on ethnic and diversity issues

Special Assistant to the President for Intercultural Initiatives, 2019-2020

Taylor University, Upland Indiana

Serving in a Cabinet-level position as the chief diversity administrator. A direct report to the President, the Special Assistant oversees diversity needs on campus. Working with the University's leadership to help the community live, look and function in a holistic, hospitable manner. Facilitation of an updated diversity statement as well as a long term strategic diversity plan. Creation of a multicultural orientation for faculty and staff (Multicultural Orientation Review Experience M.O.R.E.). Co-organized Alumni Civil Rights Experiences for Taylor community. Working with Human Resources to assist with the introduction of diverse candidates for our community. Assist faculty in the classroom related multi-ethnic, multi-cultural needs.

Director of Intercultural Leadership, 2014-2018

Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH

Overseeing all diversity initiatives on campus. Work with vice presidents to organize initiatives to educate, grow and mature students staff and faculty for ethnic expansion. Support activities off campus to encourage diversity and attract diverse Faculty, staff and students. Build networks with organizations supporting diversity nationally and help parents and students experience the University in a fuller fashion.

Dean of Admissions, 2012-2014

Word of Life Bible Institute, Schroon Lake NY

Coordinated admissions efforts for WOLBI's NY, FL and CA campuses. Organized and led admissions team. Managed training and projected growth for incoming students.

Senior Pastor, 2009-2012

Church in the Acres, Springfield, MA

Shepherding a flock of 200 to the glory of God. Implementing a 4 fold philosophy of ministry

Worship , Instruction, Fellowship & Expression of Faith

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED...

Interim Pastor, 2008-2009

Church in the Acres, Springfield, MA

Lead and Direct daily operations of church & church life. Help church transition

Pastor, Christian Education, 2004-2008

CHURCH IN THE ACRES, Springfield, MA

Oversee and implement safe church policies and procedures. Assist with youth teen program. Train Christian Education leadership team. Participate in the church's outreach initiatives including annual Camp Monadnock program.

Executive Director, 2001-2012

LION'S DEN YOUTH OUTREACH CENTER, Springfield, MA

Teaching weekly leadership classes. Participating with local and regional law enforcement agencies in drug demand reduction. Provide computer intermediate training and assistance.

Associate Protestant Chaplain, 2005-2012

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE, Springfield, MA

Assisting the United Campus Ministry staff to educate students in spirit, mind, and body for leadership in service to humanity by conducting weekly Bible studies on campus and holding office hours for students.

Manager, 2003-2004

CORNERSTONE BOOKSTORE, Springfield, MA

Expanded overall customer experience by providing employee training focused on application of Biblical Principles and careful attention to customer requests.

Instructor, 2002

PIONEER VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Springfield, MA

Taught 12th grade Biblical Studies class of 25 students. Developed Inductive Bible Study program. Created Scripture Memory program using Pneumonic devices and word association.

Youth Pastor, 2001-2003

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH, Springfield, MA

Established a youth night weekly at the church. Organized efforts to integrate neighborhood people and church attendees. Oversaw youth field trips and community service projects.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

Pioneer Valley Coordinator, 2000-2001

LUIS PALAU ASSOCIATION(LPA), Springfield, MA/Beaverton, OR

Taught training programs with different faith communities in the Pioneer Valley. Galvanized 201 churches, aided with fund raising of \$295,000 to provide free public enrichment events.

Assistant Pastor, 1998-2000

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF WILLINGBORO, Willingboro , NJ

Oversaw youth activities for 70 youth and adults weekly. Introduced church to a more organized mentoring program (Word of Life Fellowship). Participated in camping, teaching, traveling with youth and adults.

Alumni Associate, 1996-1998

Department of Development

CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY, Cedarville, OH

Managed a college fundraising team using students to raise \$110,000.00 annually
While raising funds we successfully dealt with a number of alumni relations concerns assisting
The college by helping Alumni with challenges they were facing.

EDUCATION

MS Organizational Leadership, Cairn University, Langhorne, PA, Current 2016

BA, Bible, Cedarville University, Cedarville, OH, 1998

Diploma in Biblical Studies, Word of Life Bible Institute, Schroon Lake, NY, 1985

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS PARTIAL LISTING

- **Speaker**, Wright Place Senior Community, Xenia OH
- **Speaker**, Holiday Caroling- The Wellington, Springfield, MA
- **Keynote Speaker**- Camp Fuller- YMCA, Woodstock Youth retreat, Kingstown, Rhode Island
- **Chapel Speaker**, Taylor University, Upland, IN
- **Speaker**, Mason-Wright Retirement Community, Springfield, MA
- **Speaker**, Reeds Landing for Retirement Living, Springfield, MA
- **Speaker**, L.E.A.D, Grant County, IN
- **Key Note Speaker**- Community Outreach Event- Finding Nemo Icecapades event, SPFLD, MA
- **Key Note Speaker**-Community Gathering- Harlem Globe Trotter Event- Mass Mutual Center
- **Keynote Speaker**- Western New England College - C.A.R.E. guided city tours
- **Red Cross Home Town Hero**- Pioneer Valley Red Cross, Springfield, MA
- **Speaker, National Press Club**, Washington, DC – America’s Road Home 3rd Annual Summit for Jurisdictional Leaders

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS *PARTIAL LISTING CONTINUED*

- **Apologetics Conference-College Track**, New Life Center speaking with students from the regional college area (
- **Keynote Speaker**, New Student Orientation, Amherst College, MA
- **Host, Radio Show**, “With Eternity in Mind” Chicopee, MA (over 100 shows)
- **Keynote Speaker-Award Ceremony**, Springfield Partners for Community Action, Springfield, MA
- **Speaker**, Southern Heights Church, Fort Wayne, IN
- **Keynote Speaker-Awards Ceremony**, Elms College, Chicopee, MA
- **Keynote Speaker**, Monadnock Bible Conference, Jaffrey, NH
- **Speaker for Word of Life Reverb (Superbowl)**, Word of Life Fellowship , Philadelphia, PA
- **Keynote Speaker, Drug Enforcement Administration R.Ribbon Anti Drug program**, Boston, MA
- **Speaker, W.O.L. Teen Basketball Marathon**, Philadelphia, PA
- **Chapel Speaker**, Philadelphia 76ers Philadelphia, PA
- **Key Note Speaker, Camp Tuscurora, Camp Berea**, New Hampshire; **Pinebrook Camp**, Shutesbury, MA
- **Speaker**, Hampden Country, Correctional Facility, Ludow, MA
- **Speaker**, Atlanta Bible Baptist Church, Atlanta GA
- **Speaker**, Ashton Creek, Health & Rehabilitation Center, Fort Wayne, IN
- **Speaker**, South Potomac Church, White Plains, MD

STRENGTH FINDER TOP THEMES

1. ARRANGER
2. ACHIEVER
3. CONNECTEDNESS
4. POSITIVITY
5. STRATEGIC

REFERENCES

Available upon request