



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

~ Dr. LeSette Wright ~



Dr. Wright is a Chaplain, Author, and Educator known for her integrated approach to public health and spiritual/mental wellness. As the founder of Peaceseekers, she forges innovative partnerships for violence prevention and peace promotion. Her work, guided by a "Love Ethic," helps people find peace, meaningful connection and healing after traumatic loss.

Throughout her career, Dr. Wright has broken new ground in ministry. She was the first African-American woman ordained at Boston's historic Tremont Temple Baptist Church, the first Violence Prevention Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, and the first African-American woman to serve as Dean of the Chapel at Berea College.

Following tragedies like the Boston Marathon bombing, Dr. Wright provided spiritual care and trauma support to survivors. Her disaster response expertise has also led her to work with mass shooting survivors from Columbine, Sandy Hook, Marjory Stoneman Douglas and natural disaster survivors from Hurricanes Katrina and Dorian.

Going beyond direct intervention, her expertise in spiritual, mental and public health strategy is internationally sought after by a host of community stakeholders. She advised the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health in developing PEACEZONE, a groundbreaking violence prevention curriculum. In Philadelphia, she served as a consultant on the city's influential *Blueprint for a Safer Philadelphia*.

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For her dedicated service and leadership, she has received numerous accolades, including the Harvard Youth Violence Prevention Center Community Star Award, Berea College's CCC Servant Leader Award, and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminaries' Devoted Service Award.

Dr. Wright currently serves as the Dean of the Chapel and Assistant Professor of General Studies at Berea College.

DEGREES

- D.Min., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Specialization in Trauma-informed Spiritual Care, Community/Disaster Response Chaplaincy
- M.Div., Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Specialization in Urban Ministry
- M.A., LaSalle University
- Specialization in Bilingual and Bicultural Studies in Spanish
- M.Ed., Temple University
- Specialization in Counseling Psychology and School Counseling
- B.A., LaSalle University
- Specialization in Psychology and Healthcare Administration

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