

Rev. Dr. Don Davis  
Summary Bio  
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Dr. Davis serves as Senior Executive Advisor to the President of World Impact and is founder and President of Churches of Christ the King (CCK), a voluntary association of churches dedicated to represent Christ in communities of poverty.

Dr. Don Davis is the founder, and former Executive Director of The Urban Ministry Institute, and now serves as Senior Executive Advisor to the President of World Impact. Don has been involved in urban ministry and missions with World Impact since 1975. He has spent his entire ministry career seeking to raise up a new generation of qualified spiritual leaders, pastors, and church planters who can build up Christ's church in the most vulnerable and unreached urban communities in America and across the world. As of April 2026, the Institute supports 473 TUMI satellites in 19 countries (122 sites of which are in jails or prisons), and the Evangel School of Church Planting (founded by TUMI) has chartered 1,022 Church Plant Teams who are planting new churches around the world (including Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, Congo, Ethiopia, India, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, a closed country, Pakistan, Qatar, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and the US).

Dr. Davis is a graduate of Wheaton College (B.A., Biblical Studies, 1988) and Wheaton Graduate School (M. A., Systematic Theology, 1989) with *summa cum laude* honors in both degrees, respectively. He earned his Ph.D. in Religion (2000, Theology and Ethics) from the University of Iowa School of Religion. Don has received several awards for teaching and academics and gave the inaugural Rediger Lecture at Taylor University in 2024. He also received the 2024 Alumnus of the Year for Distinguished Service to Society from his alma mater, Wheaton College. A prolific songwriter, he has composed many praise and worship songs, hymns, and choruses, and has authored many books and curricula (e.g., *The Capstone Curriculum*, *Sacred Roots*, and *Get Your Pretense On*). His entire corpus of materials seeks to equip, empower, and release biblical leaders to serve the Church of Jesus among the poor and oppressed, and display Kingdom transformation where they live and minister. Don is happily married to Beth, and they recently celebrated their 51st anniversary (February 2026), and they have three children (one deceased) and four grandchildren.