

Religion Department Faculty

Education Profile:

Doctor of Ministry Claremont School of Theology, 1992
Master of Divinity, Andrews University, 1986
Bachelor of Arts in Theology, Loma Linda University, 1983

Biography:

Emil Peeler has spent almost 40 years in diverse roles, including pastor, adjunct professor, international evangelist, author, motivational therapist, associate ministerial director, executive director of Westside Brighter Vision Foundation, and Director of Church Growth and Evangelism for Southeastern California Conference.

Specifically, he has been privileged to lead with distinction several congregations of note on both coasts, and since 2016, has been the senior pastor of the Capitol Hill Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Washington DC. For the past 20 years, Dr. Peeler has also been engaged as an adjunct professor at Loma Linda University and La Sierra University's religion departments, and, for over 11 years, Washington Adventist University. The courses he has taught include: *Moral Issues in World Religion*, *Jesus and the Gospels*, *Biblical Preaching*, *Pastoral Leadership*, *Religion and American Culture*, *Adventist Beliefs and Life*, and *Interpersonal Communication*.

Professional Activities:

Dr. Peeler has been an instrumental part of many initiatives that have sought to relieve some of the social ills that have plagued the communities in which he has served. While a pastor in the Southern California region, he served as a vice-president of the Compton Community Coordinating Council as well as on the Compton's Mayors Pastor's Task Force (1987-1992). Additionally, he was one of key voices of a peace task force of community leaders that led to several successful gang truces in San Bernardino, California. (1990-1992)

From 2000-2014, he also served on the Board of Directors for A Touch of Love Prison Ministries, as well as the Charles Drew University Board of Allied Health from 1988-1992. In 1998, he founded and served as one of the Executive Director of the Westside Brighter Vision Foundation, a non-profit organization that partnered with other local and state agencies to address the issues of health disparities within minority populations. In 2018, he led his congregation in purchasing a 1.9 million building and then founded the *Capitol Hill Counseling And Resource Center* to address the critical need of mental health by providing counseling and therapy. He also presently serves on the Pastoral Advisory for both Adventist Health and the Office of Attorney General of Washington DC.

Ecclesiastically, Peeler has served on numerous professional boards, including the Executive Committee of Allegheny East Conference and Southeastern California Conference (1995-1999, 2005-2008, 2022-present), and, for 6 years as an executive board member of the Pastoral Evangelism Leadership Conference, which is one of Adventism's leading clergy conferences. (2007-2013)

Select Publications:

Academic Book Review of "Protest and Power" by Calvin B Rock (Andrews University Press, 2018) in College and University Dialogue International Journal, volume 3, 2019

FaithFacts Discipleship Guide, *Biblical Principles for Growing Disciples* (AdventSource Publishing, 2018)

FaithFacts Bible Course, (AdventSource Publishing, 2018)

Contributing Author, *Preaching With Power II*, Chapter 9 (Spirit Reign Publishing, 2012)

Finding Your Tree (Spirit Reign Publishing 2013)

Contributing Author, *The Ten Commandments Under Attack*, Chapter 3: "*Thou Shalt Not Take The Name of the Lord Thy God in Vain*" (Pacific Press, 2006)

The Zacchaeus Effect, (Pacific Press 2004)

Article, MESSAGE Magazine, "*A Church That Gives Life!*" (Review and Herald Publishing June/July, 2001)

Article, MESSAGE Magazine, "*Blessed Trinity*" (Review and Herald Publishing April/May 1994)