

David Emmanuel Goatley

David Emmanuel Goatley is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention—an international Christian missions agency founded in 1897 that helps churches extend their witness to the ends of the earth—and the Executive Director of Lott Carey International—a global relief and development agency that helps improve the quality of life in marginalized communities around the world. As the chief executive officer of these two agencies, Mr. Goatley oversees vision, administration, and development efforts to invest in indigenous leadership and programs in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America.

An ordained Baptist minister who has been a pastor, university professor, and seminary professor, Rev. Goatley earned degrees from the University of Louisville, [KY] (AAS and BS) and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, [KY] (MDiv and PhD). In addition to journal articles and book chapters, Dr. Goatley is the author of Were You There?: Godforsakenness in Slave Religion (Orbis Books, 1996; Revised Fortress Press, 2007) and the editor of Black Religion, Black Theology: Selected Writings of J. Deotis Roberts (Trinity Press International, 2003).

Elected in July 2006 as a member of the 64-seat national Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)—the oldest civil rights organization in the United States, Dr. Goatley is also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Theological Seminary—an ecumenical ministry of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; a member of the Save Darfur Coalition—an alliance of over 180 faith-based, advocacy and humanitarian organizations committed to end the genocide in Darfur and ensuring peace and security in Sudan; and President of the North American Baptist Fellowship—the regional body of 30 Baptist denominations and organizations affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance with membership of more than 20 million Baptists in Canada and North America.

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