

**Emmett L. Dunn**  
**Director Baptist World Congress & Conferences**  
**Director Baptist World Alliance Youth Department**



The Reverend Emmett Lafayette Dunn serves on the executive staff of the Baptist World Alliance with headquarters in Falls Church, Virginia, USA. He is currently the Director of the Baptist World Congress & Conferences and also Director of the Youth Department.

The Baptist World Alliance is a fellowship of 205 Baptist unions and conventions comprising a membership of more than 43 million baptized believers and a community of more than 100 million Baptists around the world. The BWA leads in evangelism, responds to people in need and defends human rights.

A native of Monrovia, Liberia, Rev. Dunn came to the United States in 1988 to pursue his education as a World Council of Churches Scholar. While still in Liberia, he was a member of the Providence Baptist Church where he was ordained in 1987 and served as assistant pastor and director of Christian Education. While Rev. Dunn holds citizenship of both his native land, Liberia, and The United States, he prefers to be seen as a world citizen but boast of being a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Dunn formerly served as an assistant minister and the Special Assistant to the Pastor of the Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia prior to being elected as the Director of the Youth Department in 1994. His ministry with the BWA takes him to places all over the world where he provides skill leadership in the areas of youth leadership development, conflict resolution, mission and evangelism, church health and wellness, emerging leaders' initiatives and conference management. For the last 13 years, Rev. Dunn has traveled to more than 100 countries encouraging, equipping, and empowering the people of God for the Kingdom of God. He is a well sought after international preacher and teacher.

As Director of the Baptist World Congress and Conferences, Rev. Dunn plans, supervises and coordinates all aspects of these international gatherings. Under his leadership, these events have brought together more than 25,000 participants. He is currently planning the 15<sup>th</sup> Baptist Youth World Conference scheduled to be held next summer in Leipzig, Germany and the 20<sup>th</sup> Baptist World Congress schedule for the summer of 2010 in Hawaii.

Rev. Dunn is the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of the Ricks Institute School and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary. He is also a member of several professional organizations to include: The Professional Conference Managers Association (PCMA), The National Coalition of Black Meeting Planners (NCBMP), The Religious Conference Management Association (RCMA), The

International YMCA and Red Cross and the NAACP where he serves on the International Affairs Committee.

His education includes a Bachelor of Theology Degree from the Liberia Baptist Theological Seminary in 1986, a Graduate Certificate of work accomplished from the Protestant Episcopal Seminary of Virginia (VTS) in 1989, and a Master's of Divinity Degree from the Howard University School of Divinity in 1991.

Rev. Dunn's vision for Christian Ministry is to promote Christian fellowship, spread the Gospel and to support and encourage Christian values among the people of God locally and globally. He is committed to act as an agent of reconciliation and for the expression of Baptist and Christian principles throughout the world. He strives to give God's people the opportunity to be expressive and creative as they seek to engage each other in meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

He is married to the lovely Suan J. Dunn and they have three beautiful Children, LeAnn Amal, Emmett Lafayette, Jr. and Annette Olivia. They are members of the Alfred Street Baptist Church and live in Fort Washington, Maryland.