

**Adam Hamilton** is the founding pastor of the United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. He grew up in the Kansas City area, earned a B.A. degree in Pastoral Ministry from Oral Roberts and a Master of Divinity Degree from Southern Methodist University where he was awarded the B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics.

He was named one of the “Ten people to watch in America’s spiritual landscape” by Religion and Ethics Newsweekly.

For his work in racial reconciliation Adam was awarded the Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Award. Named United Methodist Person of the Year for 2012 by the United Methodist Reporter for his leadership within the United Methodist Church. For his efforts in Kansas City, he has been recognized with the first Founder’s Civility Award by American Public Square at Jewell (APS). He’s received numerous other awards for community service.



Hamilton launched The Church of the Resurrection with his wife and two children in 1990. It has since grown to over 22,000 adults and children under his leadership. Today the church is the largest United Methodist Church in the United States with five locations around the Kansas City area: Leawood, Olathe; Kansas City, MO; Blue Springs, MO and Overland Park.

The congregation has a three-fold focus: Connecting with thinking people and inviting them to become followers of Jesus Christ, engaging in acts of justice and mercy in the community, and working to renew the United Methodist Church.

Adam has written over 30 books, published by Abingdon Press and Harper Collins, and Convergent; including *Words of Life, Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas, The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life, When Christians Get it Wrong, Making Sense of the Bible, and Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. Adam and LaVon have been married over 38 years and have two adult daughters and a granddaughter.