

Resumé of (Rev.) Dr. Brian Arthur Brown

Personal:

Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, married Jenny Gosine of San Fernando, Trinidad, two married adult children in Ontario, six grandchildren from kindergarten to university. Moved to Niagara Falls in 2003 to successfully lead two small congregation through an expected period of growth and redevelopment in which one doubled its membership and the other built a new church sanctuary, recently opened. Writing full time since 2007.

Educational:

Degrees and Recent Continuing Education

2006 – Seminars at National Office of United Church on new UC Statement of Faith
2005 - Analysis of Religion in recent Canadian Census, University of Lethbridge, Alberta
2003 - Study of Age in relation to Work - Matthew Fox Lectures, University of Toronto
2000 – Presenter/Lecturer at Harvard University Summer Leadership Institute, Boston
1995 - Norman Vincent Peale Centre, The Power of Positive Preaching, New York
1991 - Officer Chaplain Training in Conflict Management, C.F. B. Borden
1973 - Doctor of Ministry, San Francisco Theological Seminary (Presbyterian)

Ecclesiastical:

Congregations Served

2003 - 07 First United, Sherkston & St. John's Stevensville- 2 independent congregations
1996 - 03 Lansing United Church, Toronto, Ontario (English, Russian, Korean, Iranian)
1986 - 96 Division St. United Church, Owen Sound, Ontario (National leader in M&S)
1978 - 86 St. Andrew's United Church, Moose Jaw, Sask. (The Cathedral of the Prairies)
1973 - 78 South Peace United Church, Dawson Creek, B.C. (Adult Education emphasis)
1969 – 73 Westminster United Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta (Youth emphasis)
1966 – 69 St. Paul United Church, Northern Alberta (Multi-cultural emphasis)
1962 – 66 Student mission fields and internships in Alberta and Quebec

Professional:

Church Committees

2004 – 08 Faith & Order Chair (Theology), Niagara Presbytery
2002 - Wrote Foreword for United Church Multicultural Manual for Toronto Conference
1999 - 03 Church Growth Consultant, UC and Anglican, United Methodist Church, USA
1970 - 90 Positive Preaching Missions: Western Canada, Yukon, USA & West Indies
1988 - 89 Chair of Grey Presbytery
1988 - 89 Toronto Conference Executive
1984 - 86 Board of Regents, St. Andrew's Seminary, Saskatoon

Community Outreach:

Community Life

2002 - Co-ordinator for \$1,000,000. "Afghan Aid" concerts at Toronto Centre of the Arts
1985 - 95 Chaplain to Grey & Simcoe Forrester Regiment (with rank of Captain)
1969 - 03 Author of 14 books on Christian & Canadian themes and US-Canada relations
1977 - 85 Produced Canada's first weekly worship telecasts
1977 - 85 Led five Middle East expeditions in Biblical archaeology
1977 - 85 1,000 daily national radio editorials on social, moral and political questions
1976 - 78 British Columbia Academic Council (Set University and College Budgets)
1975 - 78 Chair of Joint Boards of Governors - 4 Northern BC Community Colleges
1973 – 75 Chair BC Royal Commission, Northern Post Secondary Education Needs

Publications:

Dr. Brian Arthur Brown is one of Canada's more prolific authors. Writing is a hobby that has never overshadowed his professional ministry, but sometimes contributed to it. He has done contract publications for the United Church, the Public School Board and the Canadian Military, as well as successful trade publications, most famously, *Separatism*, with a 17 page foreword by Rene Levesque, a 1977 Canadian Bestseller. Most recently (1997) *Your Neighbor As Yourself*, (Race, Religion and Region in North America Into the Twenty First Century) was published by CrossRoads Books at Notre Dame University, with an impressive foreword by the late John Kenneth Galbraith. With a book about every five years, April, 2007, saw the worldwide release of his recent book, *Noah's Other Son: Bridging the Gap Between the Bible and the Qur'an*, in which Salman Rushdie contributed to the foreword, published by T&T Clark of London and the Continuum Group in New York. His latest book, *Forensic Scriptures*, will be published in 2009 as a more academic sequel to the popular *Noah's Other Son*.