

# PETER YOUNGREN CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Personal information:

- Born in Nassjo, Sweden, 1954, Peter Ljunggren.
- Immigrated to the United States, 1973.
- Immigrated to Canada, 1974.
- Became a Canadian citizen and legal name change to Peter Youngren, 1980.
- Married to Taina Youngren, 2011.
- Resident of Georgina, Ontario, Canada.

## Positions and important achievements:

- 1974:** Full-time ministry in Canada began with a series of 15 sermons, delivered in Toronto.
- 1976:** First international ministry engagement, San Fernando, Trinidad. To date, more than 400 *Friendship Festivals* have been conducted in 60 countries, and 17 million booklets introducing attenders to the Christian faith have been distributed.
- 1976:** Founds World Impact Ministries a non-profit corporation in Ontario, 1976. Employment with World Impact Ministries has continued until the present.
- 1980:** Founds World Impact Ministries as a non-profit corporation in the United States.
- 1980:** Receives Christian ministry ordination in the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.
- 1986:** Co-founder and board member of the Canadian Fellowship of Churches and Ministers.
- 1988:** Founds World Impact Bible Institute; classes begin in Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- 1987:** World Impact Ministries launches sister organization in Sweden and Norway.
- 1990:** Becomes the first international minister to conduct a stadium meeting in the USSR.
- 1990:** Founds Word of Life Church, St. Catharine's, Ontario, later renamed Niagara Celebration Church, which grows to a weekly attendance of 2000.
- 1991:** Conducts a series of meetings in Sofia, Bulgaria where police estimate nightly attendance of 200,000.
- 1993:** 2000 seat auditorium and ministry headquarter opened in St. Catharine's, Ontario.

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**1994:** Founds the Open Bible Faith Fellowship, which grew over a ten-year period from four churches, into a membership of 430 churches and ministers.

**1995:** World Impact Bible Institute in Chang Mai, Thailand is established

**1999:** US publication, Ministries Today, recognizes Peter Youngren as one of the five most influential international evangelical ministers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**2000:** Founds the Toronto International Celebration Church.

**2001:** Invitation to speak at a Friday prayer at the mosque in St. Catherine's Ontario, which triggers a new relationship towards Muslims.

**2002:** Profound change in preaching emphasis, with a greater focus on God's grace and inclusion towards all people.

**2003:** 32,000 ft.<sup>2</sup> Church facility and Ministry headquarter opened in Toronto Ontario.

**2007:** World Impact Bible Institute is launched in Indonesia.

**2009:** WIM purchases the Christian Channel and renames it Grace TV, 2009, and builds the viewing potential from 25% of Canadian households to 60%.

**2010:** World Impact Bible Institute is established in Nairobi, Kenya.

**2013:** Ownership of Grace TV is transferred to Daystar Television, Dallas, Texas.

**2015:** World Impact Bible Institute is established in Mwanza, Tanzania, 2015.

## **Education and Degrees:**

-Graduated from high school, Brinellskolan, Nassjo, Sweden and awarded top academic student, 1973.

-Studied at Zion Bible College, Providence Rhode Island 1973 – 1974.

-Graduated from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Bible College [Correspondence Institute], Peterborough, Ontario, 1980.

-Doctorate of Philosophy in Biblical Studies , Florida Christian University, 2001.

-Honorary degree of Christian Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration, Florida Christian University, 2002.

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## Books by Peter Youngren:

- *The Final Sign*, Albury Publishing, Tulsa, Oklahoma (1998) ISBN 157778071X
- *My Muslim Friends*, Celebrate Publications (2006) ISBN 1895868513
- *The Faith that Works*, Graceworld (2015) ISBN 9781987948004
- *The Coming Canadian Awakening*, PYM Publications (1988).
- *Is Jesus satisfied?*, Dominion Media Productions (1999) ISBN 62568400795
- *Great faith for Great Miracles*, Celebrate Jesus International (2004) ISBN 1895868505
- *Prayers Answered*, Dominion Media Productions (2000) ISBN 189-586-8165
- *Partners in Grace*, Celebrate Jesus International (2008) ISBN 189-586-8548
- *One Sacred Hour*, Dominion Media Productions (1994)
- *You Can Receive Healing from God*, Dominion Media (2000) ISBN 62568400221
- *Salvation: God's Gift to You*, Dominion Media Productions (1994) ISBN 189-586-8141
- *Fire from Heaven*, Dominion Media Productions (1982) ISBN 1895868009
- *Blood-Bought Victory*, Dominion Media Productions, (1994) ISBN 1895868068

## Books about and with special references to Peter Youngren:

*Triumph On The Enemy's Turf, The Peter Youngren Story: A Partnership With The Holy Spirit*, by Larry Kefauver, Blair House publishing (2000) ISBN 625-684-1495.

*The Azusa Street Revival – Special Centennial Edition*, Charisma House, Strang Communications Company, Hyatt and Kilpatrick (2006), ISBN 1591857902

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