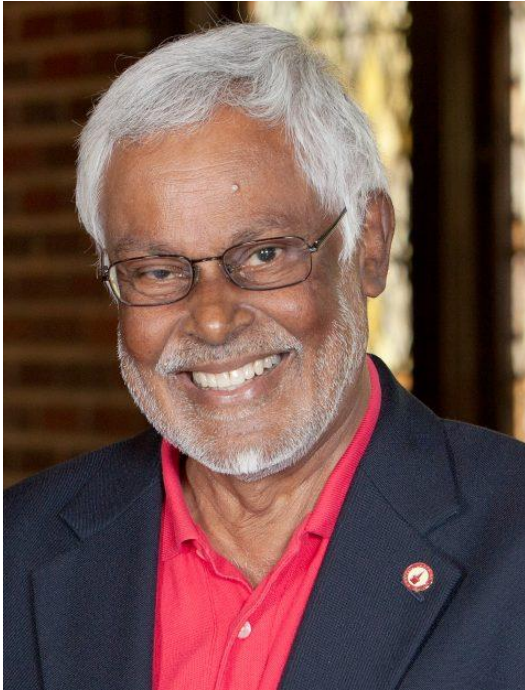


2019 Professional Leaders Retreat

Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Winston D. Persaud



The Rev. Dr. Winston D. Persaud is Professor of Systematic Theology at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa. He is a graduate of the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (PhD, 1980), Wartburg Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity, 1977), and the University of Guyana (BA, 1974). He is a native of Guyana, where he served his home congregation, Redeemer Lutheran Church, prior to joining the Wartburg faculty, in February 1984. His teaching and research are focused on "Defining and Confessing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a world of Religious and Non-religious Alternatives." The primary research-focus of his 2004-05 sabbatical was on reading the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, USA, documents in light of the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification* (31 October 1999) and "Luther and the Religions." During his sabbatical (July-December 2011; July-December 2012), his research focus was "Creed and Empire." He is continuing this work in the present

sabbatical, with the title of his focus, "Empire and the Emergence and Development of Christian Doctrine and its Continuing Relevance" (July-December 2018; July-December 2019).

His course offerings include: "Systematic Theology," "Defining and Confessing the Gospel," "Luther and the Religions," the "Doctrine of the Trinity," "Person and Work of the Holy Spirit," and "HT 264W Readings in Theology 1: A Critical, Meditative and Contemplative Approach."

Among his publications are: *The Theology of the Cross and Marx's Anthropology. A View from the Caribbean* (Peter Lang, 1991) and a number of articles in theological journals, chapters in various collection of essays, and critical book reviews.

Dr. Persaud loves teaching the Christian faith in a variety of settings—in the USA, Guyana, and elsewhere internationally (e.g., seminary classroom, bishop's academies, pastors' and rostered lay-leaders' fora, congregational adult education classes, youth camps and certification and leadership schools, church assemblies)—in ways that are faithful to Scripture, the Christian tradition and the Confessions, and contemporary contexts. He seeks to speak of God's justifying grace in and through Jesus Christ in a way that makes the technical language of Scripture and the Confessions connect with the questions people are asking.

He is married to May Burt Persaud, Instructor in Biblical Languages at Wartburg Theological Seminary. They have two grown sons who are married, Winston (Jamie) and Alexander (Ajin), and one grandson, Idris (Winston and Jamie).