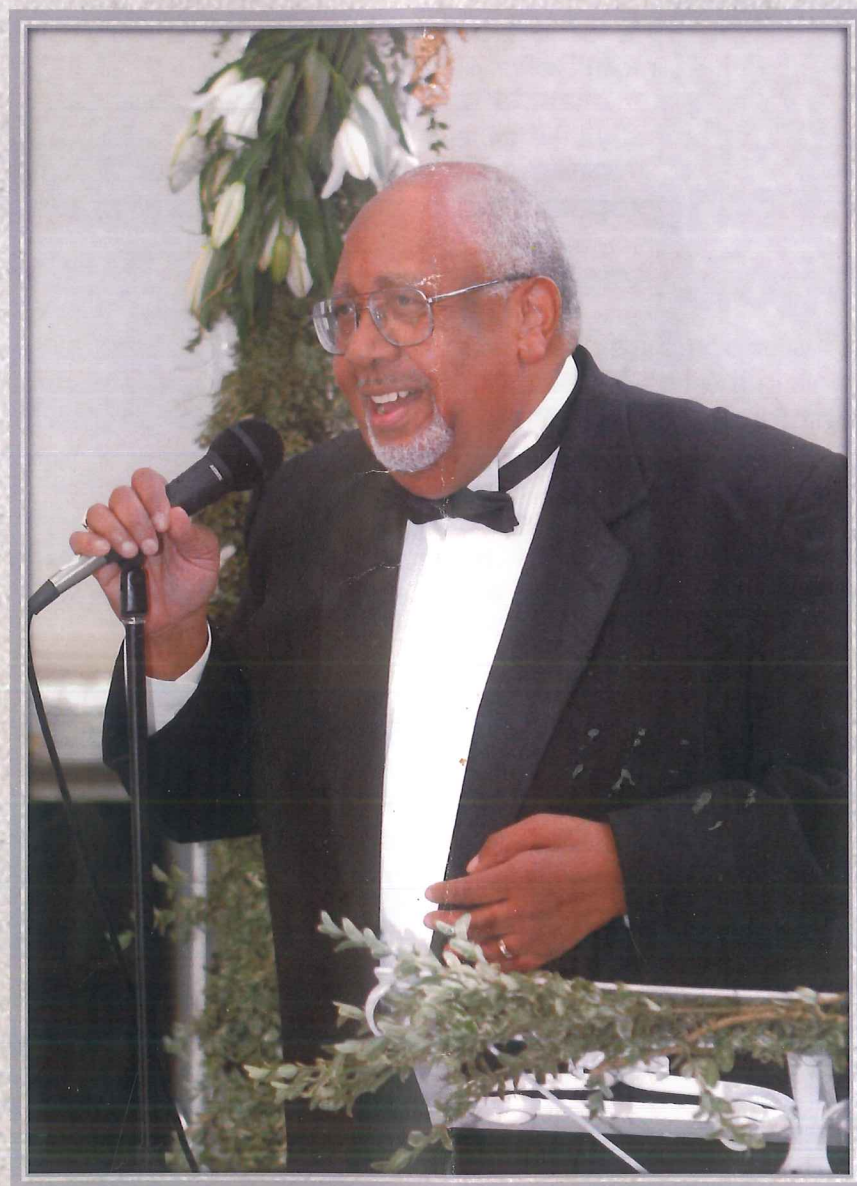


**CELEBRATING THE LIFE
OF
REVEREND DR. CORNISH R. ROGERS**

**EARTHLY BIRTH
DECEMBER 3, 1929**

**BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE
FEBRUARY 5, 2016**



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2016
10:30 A.M.**

**HOLMAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
3320 WEST ADAMS BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA.
REVEREND KELVIN SAULS, SENIOR PASTOR
REVEREND DR. PHILIP WOOD, OFFICIANT**

OBITUARY

Cornish R. Rogers was born in New York City. He attended elementary and secondary schools in Harlem and the Bronx. After graduating from the Bronx High School of Science he matriculated at Drew University in Madison, New Jersey, earning the A.B. degree in 1951. His theological education was completed at Boston University School of Theology in 1955. He did further graduate work at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

In 1955 he married Elsie Daniels, an education specialist in curriculum and administration. They had one son, David, a Clinical Geneticist.

Cornish began his pastoral ministry in 1954, serving several churches in Boston, New York City and Southern California. In 1970, after several years as Pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, a 1400 member congregation, he became News Editor at the *Christian Century* magazine. During his four years with the *Century*, he traveled around the world twice and visited every continent except Antarctica.

Passionate about the importance of knowing Black History, he taught courses in Black History to countless students in the Los Angeles Schools. He was a guest lecturer at UCLA Extension division, a visiting professor at Garret Theological Seminary, and, an adjunct professor at the Union Graduate School. In 1975 he served as adjunct professor for the Doctor of Ministry program of San Francisco Seminary (United Presbyterian).

As a writer, Cornish contributed to several magazines and newspapers, including *The Christian Advocate*, *Religion in Life*, *Interpreter*, *Christianity and Crisis*, *Christian Ministry*, *Los Angeles Times* and the *Chicago Sun-Times*. In addition, he contributed a chapter to the book, *Creating An International Ministry*, edited by John Biersdorf; a project of the National Council of Churches' Department of Ministry. For 10 years he served on the editorial board of the *Quarterly Review*, a scholarly journal of Reflection on Ministry.

A citizen of the world, he spent two weeks in Russia as a guest of the Russian Orthodox Church; two weeks in Central and East African countries surveying the Sahelian famine; and, two weeks in Nairobi, Kenya reporting the 5th Assembly of the World Council of Churches. Sharing his love for cultural emersions and educational opportunities, Cornish led student seminars to various South and Central American countries including Bolivia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Nicaragua, and to South Africa.

With his wife, Elsie, he co-authored a 26 - week ethnic church school curriculum for 4th, 5th and 6th graders, published by the United Methodist Publishing House: "Children, We Are All Free" and "Jesus, the Liberator." He narrated a videotape series on the book of Hebrews produced by United Methodist Publishing House. With Joseph R. Jetter, Jr, Cornish co-edited a book entitled, *Preaching Through the Apocalypse*, and contributed a chapter in a book, *How Shall We Die*, edited by Sally B. Geis and Donald Messer.

In November 1977, Cornish became the pastor of Claremont United Methodist Church in Claremont, California. It was during this pastoral appointment that Cornish also received an appointment as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Theology (now, Claremont School of Theology).

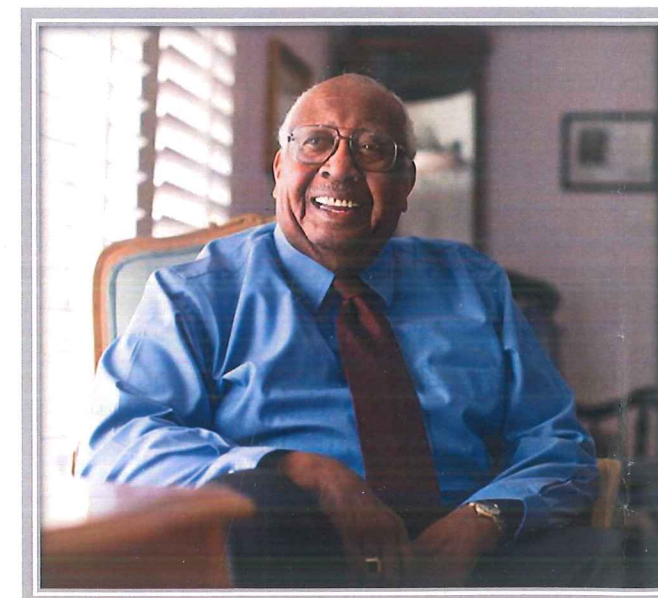
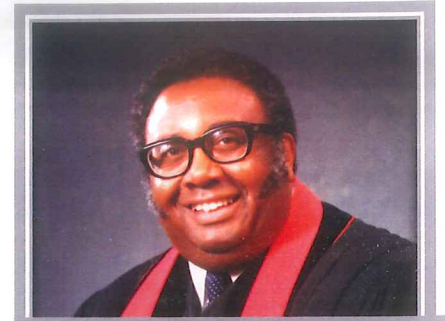
In July 1980, he was appointed as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at CST and in 1984 was promoted to full professor. He was founding Director of CST's Urban Ministries Study program, a program funded by a million dollar grant from the Urban Foundation of Los Angeles First United Methodist Church. During the Fall Semester, he served as the Acting Dean. In 1993, Cornish was installed as the E. Stanley Jones Professor of Evangelism, Ecumenism and Mission.

Cornish served in many leadership roles for the California Pacific Annual Conference and the Western Jurisdiction - chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry, chairperson of the Commission on Religion and Race, and, Chairperson of the Archives and History Committee (Annual Conference and Jurisdiction). He represented the conference as a delegate to the World Council of Churches' Assembly, both in Vancouver and Canberra, Australia.

Cornish was founder/advisor of Aspires West, a program of tutoring and mentorship for inner city youth. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Rakestraw Community Center, a ministry connected with Wesley United Methodist Church. He was awarded the "Shepherd of the Year" plaque by the Urban Foundation.

"In name only," the Reverend Dr. Cornish Rogers retired in 1998.

Cornish is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elsie, and his son David, sisters in law, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

ENTRANCE

PRELUDE	Hymns of Faith and Hope (selected)	Arlene Ferrolino, Organist
*PROCESSIONAL	<i>For All the Saints</i>	United Methodist Hymnal, # 711
GATHERING		Reverend Dr. Philip Wood

THE WORD OF GRACE

GREETING

INVOCATION
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray

Eternal God, we praise you for the great company of all those who have finished their course of faith and now rest from their labor. We praise you for those dear to us whom we name in our hearts before you. Especially we praise you for Cornish Rogers, whom you have graciously received into your presence. To all of these, grant your peace. Let perpetual light shine upon them; and help us so to believe where we have not seen, that your presence may lead us through our years, and bring us at last with them into the joy of your home not made with hand but eternal in the heavens; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

REMARKS		Bishop Beverly Shamana Council of Bishops, retired Reverend Dr. Anthony Shipley Aspires
CHORAL SELECTION	<i>Soon and Very Soon</i> Words and Music by Andraé Crouch Choral Setting by Jack Schrader	Altadena United Methodist Church Chancel Choir Paul T. Stephenson, Director

REMARKS		Reverend Dr. Jeffry Kuan President, Claremont School of Theology Reverend Alfred Day General Secretary, General Commission on Archives and History Reverend Dr. James M. Lawson Pastor Emeritus, Holman United Methodist Church
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FAMILY TRIBUTE		Alfred Daniels Jennifer Daniels Crowell
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READING OF THE OBITUARY (silently)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES		
The Hebrew Text	Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15	Reverend Yvonne W. Boyd
The Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:30-38	Reverend Kelvin Sauls
SOLO	<i>The Trumpet Shall Sound</i> George Fredric Handel	Paul T. Stephenson Raymond Burkhardt, Trumpeter William Campbell, Jr., Accompanist
*THE GOSPEL	Matthew 5:1-12	Reverend Paul A. Hill
*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>	United Methodist Hymnal, # 881
*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	United Methodist Hymnal, # 70 Reverend Dr. Joseph Daniels, Jr. Greater Washington District Superintendent, Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference
EULOGY		

COMMENDATION

PRAYERS		Reverend Dr. Louis Chase Reverend Dr. Robert Smith
LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN OF FAITH	<i>It Is Well With My Soul</i>	United Methodist Hymnal, # 377
BENEDICTION		Bishop Charles Jordan Bishop in Residence, Claremont School of Theology
RECESSIONAL	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i> Tune: CWM Rhondda by John Hughes arranged by Dan Forrest	

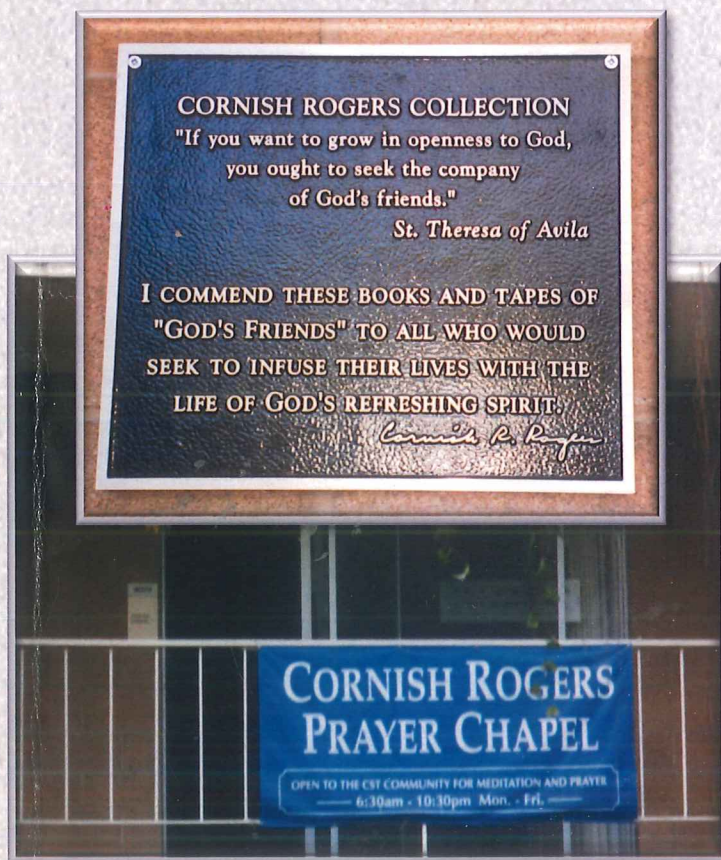


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visits, flowers, e-mails, words of encouragement
and kind deeds shown to our family.
A personal response will be forthcoming.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS

The family requests donations be directed to
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