

Kay Warren

Author, Speaker and International HIV/AIDS Advocate

Kay Warren is using her far-reaching influence as a voice for the weak and vulnerable.

In 2002, Warren became, in her words, “seriously disturbed” by the suffering of the millions infected with or affected by HIV/AIDS. Through the P.E.A.C.E. Plan, she is now challenging the worldwide church to take on not just AIDS, but the global giants of spiritual darkness, lack of servant leaders, poverty, disease, and ignorance.

Warren frequently travels around the globe to encourage HIV positive men, women, and vulnerable children, and today she is a powerful advocate on their behalf. In 2004, she began the HIV/AIDS Initiative at Saddleback Church and serves as its Founder.



In 2005, she was instrumental in presenting Saddleback Church’s first HIV/AIDS conference. The Global Summit on AIDS and the Church was held in 2005, 2006 and 2007. Warren launched the HIV/AIDS Caring Community in 2006. Located at <http://www.hivandthechurch.com>, the online community offers resources and inspiration for individuals and churches involved in HIV/AIDS ministry. Her passion for caring for orphans and vulnerable children is reflected in the website <http://www.OrphansAndTheChurch.com>. Many of her messages, videos as well as featured resources for “Say Yes to God” can be found at <http://www.kaywarren.com>.

As a two-time cancer survivor, Warren knows firsthand how a life-threatening diagnosis alters one’s daily life. Her own bouts with suffering have motivated her to serve others who are sick. She has come face to face with the hurting as a volunteer in her own community; at Mother Teresa’s Home for the Dying in Calcutta, India; at the leper colony and AIDS hospice in Manila, Philippines; and with World Vision and The International Justice Mission in Thailand and Cambodia. In Mozambique, Malawi, South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda she has ministered to those living with HIV/AIDS through several organizations, as well as through Saddleback Church’s partnership with local African churches. She has become a student of HIV/AIDS and attended the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, Thailand; the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto, Canada; the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City, Mexico and the XVIII International AIDS Conference in Vienna, Austria.

As a speaker, Warren has been a voice for suffering individuals. In addition to being featured at various Purpose Driven Church and Radicalis conferences, Warren has addressed many government, church, academic and professional groups, including the Government Women Leaders of Rwanda, the Management Association of the

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Philippines, the Learning Community of Willow Creek Church, the Nootbaar Institute at Pepperdine University School of Law, Loma Linda University School of Public Health, and numerous other colleges and universities. She co-hosted with her husband, Rick, the Saddleback Civil Forum on Global Health, honoring President and Mrs. George Bush. Recognized for her passion and influence, Warren has spoken to The Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (UNAIDS), and at the Ecumenical Pre-Conference of both the XVI International AIDS Conference in Toronto and the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City.

In 2006, Warren was among eight women honored at the CNN Inspire Summit, which recognized women for their impact on global issues through political, social, and humanitarian efforts that have inspired others to get involved. In 2008, she was awarded the Distinguished Service Award from Loma Linda University's School of Public Health.

An accomplished writer, Warren's doctrinal study, "Foundations," co-authored with Tom Holladay, won a Gold Medallion Award in 2004. Her book, "Dangerous Surrender," was released in December 2007, and the revised and expanded softcover edition, retitled "Say Yes to God," is now available. She has contributed to "The aWAKE Project – Uniting Against The African AIDS Crisis." Additionally, she has been a columnist for Christianity Today and Purpose Driven Connection magazine. Kay has written for CNN.com and "The Washington Post." She has been featured in POZ, Reader's Digest, Guideposts, Today's Christian Woman, Missions Mosaic, Sojourners, Seed, Worship, Worship Leader, Encouraging Women, Good, and OC Metro magazines.

In 1980, Warren and her husband began Saddleback Church in the living room of their condominium. Now one of the largest churches in America, Saddleback Church has given Warren a platform for influencing Christians and other leaders worldwide.

Raised in the rich heritage of a Christian home, Warren attended California Baptist College and earned her B.A. from California State University, Los Angeles. She is mother to Amy, Joshua and Matthew, and grandmother to Kaylie, Cassidy, Caleb, Cole and Claire. She and her husband reside in Southern California.