

Pastor Ryan J. Bell, M.Div.

Ryan Bell has been a pastor for 16 years and is currently the senior pastor of the Hollywood Seventh-day Adventist Church (www.hollywoodsda.org) where he has served since June 2005. He received his Master of Divinity degree from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan and is now completing a Doctor of Ministry in Missional Leadership from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. Ryan and his family live in Los Angeles, just two miles from the church.

Since 2005, he and his congregation have been active in the Hollywood community and the city of Los Angeles bearing witness to God's reign by, in part, working for solutions to some of the most intractable social problems including homelessness, affordable housing, community health and religious intolerance through advocacy and faith-based community organizing.

The Hollywood Adventist Church is home to a growing community of artists - fine artists, photographers, filmmakers, musicians, actors, graphic designers, interior designers, writers and architects. In 2009 Ryan co-founded a media production company called *New Name Pictures* (www.newnamepictures.com). He is also the co-founder of *Just Hollywood*, a non-profit organization dedicated to building healthy communities in Hollywood and beyond.

Ryan is active in several interfaith groups including the Abrahamic Faiths Peacemaking Initiative, the Interreligious Council of Southern California, for which he serves as Treasurer and LA Voice, for which he is the co-chair of the Clergy Caucus. Ryan is also the founder and director of *re-church*: a network of emerging, missional Seventh-day Adventist congregations across North America. He has written numerous articles and contributed to several books, including *The Peacemaking Remnant* and most recently, *Viral Hope: Good News from the Urbs to the Burbs*. He blogs at www.ryanjbell.net.