



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

REV. DR. ALVIN SANDERS

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"Burnout is not a badge of faithfulness. It is a warning sign that we are trying to do God's job for Him."

Dr. Sanders is looking for guest podcast opportunities that are interested in building long-term trust within leadership sustainability in urban ministry, poverty work, and the helping professions.

CREDENTIALS

- ▶ **Ph.D. in Educational Leadership**, Miami University
- ▶ **M.A. in Religion & Urban Ministry**, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
- ▶ **B.S. in Biblical Studies**, Cincinnati Christian University
- ▶ **Adjunct Professor** at seminaries nationwide since 2004

PUBLISHED BOOKS

- ▶ Redemptive Poverty Work (Expanded Edition)
- ▶ Redemptive Poverty Work (Handbook)
- ▶ Uncommon Church
- ▶ Bridging the Diversity Gap

CONNECT

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Dr. Alvin Sanders is the President and CEO of World Impact, an organization dedicated to empowering urban church leaders. With decades of experience as a pastor, church planter, and denominational leader, **Alvin understands the unique pressure of serving on the front lines of poverty and injustice.**

After witnessing a racially charged police shooting in **one of the nation's most violent neighborhoods, Alvin didn't step back—he planted a church.** That experience forged his mission: to follow hard after God, love his family, and invest in those who invest in the poor.

He served seven years as a denominational leader with the EFCA, directing the All People Initiative before joining World Impact in 2015. Since 2004, he has served as an adjunct professor at seminaries across the nation. He and his wife, Caroline, are based in Cincinnati, where they are proud parents of two daughters.

SUPPORTING STATISTICS

97,351
PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN A WORLD IMPACT TRAINING IN 2025

4
BOOKS EQUIPPING LEADERS IN POVERTY WORK

32
COUNTRIES SERVED IN SUPPORTING POVERTY WORK IN 2025

WHY ALVIN MAKES A GREAT GUEST

Speaks in Soundbites

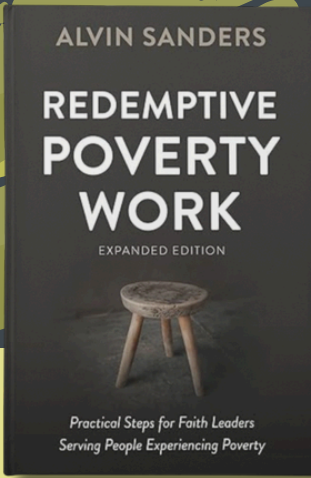
Proven quotes that challenge assumptions and provoke conversation from the very first question.

Bridges Two Worlds

Equally at home in boardrooms and street corners—he speaks to practitioners, leaders, and skeptics alike.

Story-Driven & Vulnerable

He shares real confessions from the field, including moments of failure that make audiences lean in.



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Edition



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REDEMPTIVE POVERTY WORK

Expanded Edition | Rev. Dr. Alvin Sanders

"The original taught us how to help without hurting those we serve. This edition teaches us how to help without hurting ourselves as we serve."

Dr. Sanders' newly expanded field manual addresses the crisis few people in ministry talk about openly: the leaders themselves. This book is for anyone doing good work who is quietly running out of something to give.

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION

► **The Three-Legged Stool**

A diagnostic framework built on Spirit + Stress + Skills – helping leaders identify exactly why they're tired and how to get healthy again.

► **Trauma Competency**

Specific, practical tools to process the emotional residue of helping work – not just stress management, but "washing off the mud" before you go home.

► **The Hollow Leader**

A frank diagnosis of leaders who haven't burned out – they've numbed out. This section names what's happening and offers a path back.

► **Pastoral Confession**

Dr. Sanders moves from academic voice to vulnerable storytelling, including hard personal moments from his own ministry journey.

"You cannot walk through mud without getting dirty. The question is not how to avoid it, but how to wash it off before you go home."

THE CORE SHIFT



The Original Handbook (2021)

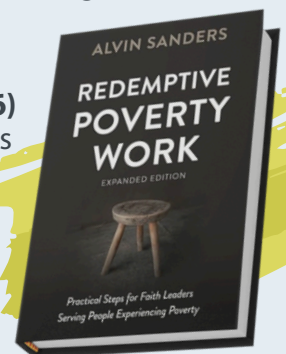
The original 2021 Handbook focused on the WORK.

- How to help those experiencing poverty
- Enemy: Toxic Charity
- Fix your Methodology
- Academic / Theological

The New Expanded Edition (2026)

The expanded Field Manual focuses on the WORKER – how to do this work in a long-term, emotionally healthy, and sustainable way.

- How to survive the work
- Enemy: Burnout & Trauma
- Fix your Sustainability
- Pastoral / Vulnerable



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ABOUT WORLD IMPACT

The Great Commission is advanced most effectively through healthy local churches actively engaging communities experiencing poverty.

The local church is not a building or a program – it's God's people; God's divinely appointed, most effective, and most sustainable instrument for lasting spiritual transformation and the tangible flourishing of its neighborhood and wider community. Empowering local leaders from within these communities to build and lead such churches is the most strategic, impactful, and sustainable path to genuine, holistic, redemptive, and lasting change.

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