

Jim Wallis BIO

Jim Wallis is a writer, teacher, preacher and justice advocate who believes the gospel of Jesus must be transformed from its cultural and political captivities, and always be “good news” to the poor and oppressed. He is a New York Times bestselling author, public theologian, renowned preacher and commentator on ethics and public life.

Jim is the inaugural holder of the Chair in Faith and Justice and the founding Director of the Georgetown University Center on Faith and Justice. In 2022, Washingtonian magazine named Wallis one of the [500 most influential people shaping policy in DC.](#)

Raised in a Midwestern evangelical family, as a teenager Wallis questioned the racial segregation in his church and community, which led him to the Black churches and neighborhoods of inner-city Detroit. He spent his student years involved in the civil rights and antiwar movements at Michigan State University.

Walis served on President Obama’s White House Advisory Council on Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships and has taught faith and public life courses at Harvard and Georgetown University. He also serves as a Research Fellow at the Georgetown University Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs. Wallis has previously taught at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and has recieved an honorary doctorate in humane letters from Georgetown University.

Jim is the founder of Sojourners, the host of the popular podcast, The Soul of the Nation, and is the author of 12 books, including *America’s Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege and the Bridge to America*; *God’s Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn’t Get it*; *The Great Awakening*; *The Call to Conversion*; *Christ in Crisis: Reclaiming Jesus in a Time of Fear, Hate, and Violence*; and the recently published *The False White Gospel: A manifesto against White Christian Nationalism*.

For the past several years Jim has been a primary national voice warning about the threat to multicultural democracy posed by white Christian nationalism