

About Dr. Nancy Taylor



Reverend Dr. Nancy S. Taylor was called in 2005 to serve as the 20th Senior Minister & CEO of Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts. For more than 340 years, Old South Church has stood as a progressive, vibrant Christian community. Nancy is the spiritual leader and chief executive officer of the urban church that is both a thriving social justice community and a historic leadership institution in Boston.

Nancy was born on Long Island and studied at Macalester College (B.A.), Yale Divinity School (M.Div.) and Chicago Theological Seminary (D.Min.).

Before leading Old South, Nancy served as Minister and President of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ (2001-2005) where she worked with interfaith leaders in the aftermath of 9/11. Prior to moving to Massachusetts, Nancy served in UCC churches in Idaho, Connecticut, and Maine. She co-founded the Idaho Human Rights Education Center and Idaho Voices of Faith for Human Rights as well as led creation of the Idaho Anne Frank Human Rights Memorial. During her tenure as Senior Minister of First Congregational Church in Boise, Idaho, Nancy was instrumental in the effort that successfully defeated two anti-gay ballot initiatives and helped to secure a minimum wage for Idaho farm workers.

Nancy's leadership has been recognized through several awards and honors: Yale Divinity School's award for Distinction in Congregational Ministry (2009); the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry Building Bridges Award (2006); the Hewlett Packard Award for Distinguished Leadership in Human Rights (1999); and Macalester College's George W. Davis Memorial Prize in Religion (1981). She was named among the Boston Globe's "Best of the New Faces" (2005) and has been awarded honorary degrees by New England School of Law (2010) and College of Idaho (1998).

Nancy is an independent trustee of Pax World Funds, the oldest socially responsible mutual fund listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and chair of the funds' Nomination, Compliance and Governance Committee. She was nominated in 2008 as Small Board Trustee of the Year by the Mutual Fund Industry Awards. She serves as Vice-chair of the Board of Trustees of Andover Newton Theological School, the oldest independent theological school in the U.S., and is a member of the Yale Divinity School Board of Advisors.