

David LaMotte

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the world
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Performing Speaking Inspiring

religious gatherings • professional retreats



LaMotte is an entertaining presenter, weaving humor and engaging stories into his presentations, and breaking what seem like impossibly big problems down into bite-size pieces. His two and a half decades on stage as a musician have honed his skill in connecting with audiences. Attendees report leaving his presentations feeling validated and inspired as well as challenged. Recent feedback reads "Absolutely amazing message... so much to think about."

“David's style is warm and generous, rich with storytelling and anchored in a solid and thoughtful theology.”

Sherrill Vore, Minister for C.E.
Westminster Pres. Church
Grand Rapids, MI

David LaMotte is a performing singer/songwriter and guitarist, with 11 CDs and 2500 concerts on 4 continents and in 48 states to his credit. He also has a long-running passion for peace and “worldchanging” work, leading him to found and direct a non-profit that supports education in Guatemala, chair the AFSC Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee, and travel to conflict zones and sites of extreme poverty (India, Bosnia, Thailand, Northern Ireland, Israel, and Palestine, among others) to learn and teach. David holds a masters degree in International Relations, Peace, and Conflict Resolution from the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, where he studied as a Rotary World Peace Fellow. His field work included sustainable development in Andhra Pradesh, India. In 2012 he published his second children's book, *White Flour*, a whimsical and true story that teaches creative nonviolence in response to aggression. He serves as a consultant on Peace and Justice issues for the NC Council of Churches, and is the creator of *Abraham Jam*, an interfaith concert event. He has led workshops for national, regional, and local gatherings of Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal, Unitarian, Mennonite, and Catholic groups as well as interfaith gatherings.

“David's life is the message of peace that he brings.”

Rev. Deborah Fox, Chaplain
Raleigh Episcopal Campus
Ministry

Has Appeared With

John Lewis Pete Seeger
Desmond Tutu

Presentations Worldwide, Including

Rotary World Peace Symposium: *Bangkok, Thailand* • Montreat College Connection: *Montreat, NC*
National Restorative Justice Conference: *Kerrville, TX* • Princeton Youth Ministry Forum: *Princeton, NJ*
PCUSA General Assembly: *San Diego, California* • Martin Luther King Kirche: *Hürth, Germany*

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David's Core Program worldchanging 101

Frequently Asked Questions

“In twenty-two years... this was the best staff event I've ever sent my people to.”

Steve Peterson, Executive Director
Conroe MCH, Houston, Texas

1 Changing the world? ...Really?

Like any good first year (101) university course, David's workshops and keynotes do not pretend to offer answers, but rather offer new ways to look at important questions. In this case, the questions are how we are called to engage the world around us and how to practically approach that. Through story, scripture, and exercises he offers a framework to examine our capacity for significant impact on the world, and valuable insights on how to be effective in that effort.

2 Is he a motivational speaker?

Yes and no. David is trying to motivate people, certainly, but not to make more money, net more clients, etc. LaMotte is interested in engaging people who want to explore what it looks like to be faithful together; those who have grown weary of trying to have a positive impact, or don't know where to start. He offers tools that help explore one's own calling to work for the common good, not simply for self-advancement.

3 Will we be brow-beaten by an angry activist?

No. David is a trained mediator and a strong proponent of civil discourse. Though he feels strongly about various issues, he does not advocate for particular positions in his talks. Rather, he gives listeners tools to discern what they are called to work on, how to get started, and what scripture has to say about how we are to be in the world. David's message is encouraging, not guilt-inducing; empowering, not opinionated; respectful, not divisive.

4 Who is this for?

David has spoken and led workshops at numerous colleges, civic conferences, faith gatherings and retreats, academic conferences, and in business contexts. Adults, college and high school students are his primary audiences. Churches often bring him in for "Worldchanging Weekends" that include a Saturday workshop, evening concert, and church on Sunday morning. To explore ideas, please get in touch.



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