

Larry Fowler Biography

Shortened bio:

Larry Fowler is the founder of the Legacy Coalition. His vision for a national Grandparenting Ministry brought together a gifted team of Family, Children's, and Youth Ministry leaders to launch this movement of God. His 40 years plus of ministry include experience as youth pastor, part of the Awana staff as missionary, training staff, international director, and Executive Director of Training. More recently his role consisted of connecting with and coaching Children's Ministry leaders from megachurches across America. He has extensive international experience, training children's workers in 47 countries.

Larry has authored books on children's and family ministry, including the *Rock Solid* series and more recently, *The Question Nobody Asks About Our Children*. He is a regular main stage speaker and workshop presenter at conferences. In 2012, he was recognized for his lifetime of contribution to Children's Ministry in America by the International Network of Children's Ministry, with their national Legacy Award.

Longer bio:

Larry Fowler's latest role in his storied 40-plus year ministry career is as the founder of Legacy Coalition, a ministry devoted to envisioning, equipping, and encouraging Christian grandparents to be intentional in passing on their faith to their grandchildren.

In 2012, the International Network of Children's Ministry gave Larry its national [Legacy Award](#) for his contribution to the world of children's ministry. In his long ministry career, Larry has served as a local-church Awana leader, missionary, speaker, author, teacher, pastor, and executive director of international ministries, program development and training.

Since age 13, when he first sensed God's calling on his life, Larry has exhibited passion and commitment to children's and youth ministry. After graduating with a master's degree in Christian education from Talbot Theological Seminary, Larry served as youth pastor at a church in Southern California, and first partnered with the Awana ministry in that capacity.

As he witnessed kids coming to Christ and Awana being used to in his church, Larry's involvement grew. Larry and his wife, Diane, became a full-time Awana missionaries in 1979, serving churches and starting Awana ministries at churches in the Los Angeles area until 1996.

In 1996, Larry joined the Awana headquarters staff and used his experience in the field to begin training other missionaries and children's workers worldwide. In the 2000's he served as Executive Director of International Ministries for Awana, then Executive Director of Program and Training.

In 2016, Larry led a group of national children's, youth, and family ministry leaders to launch

the Legacy Coalition. This first-ever national grandparenting ministry is exploding, rapidly engaging churches across America in focusing for the first time in history on the grandparent. Larry has served as a keynote speaker and workshop teacher at conferences around the world, and has also been featured on Christian radio. He is frequent contributor to Christian magazines.

Larry is author of five books – his Rock Solid series - *Rock Solid Kids*, *Rock Solid Children's Ministry*, *Rock Solid Volunteers*, *Raising a Modern-Day Joseph*, and *The Question No One Asks About Children*. He's also a recognized expert on issues facing families and churches.

Larry and his wife, Diane, have two grown children and seven grandchildren. The Fowlers reside in Riverside, California.

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