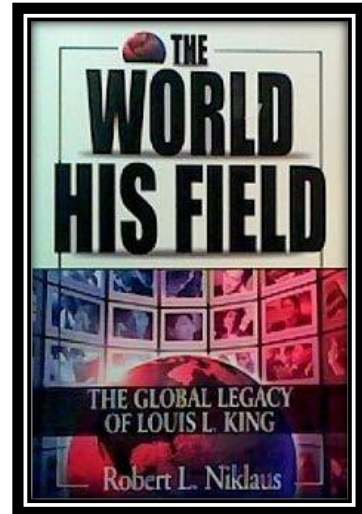


Ray Downey on L. L King – Show Notes

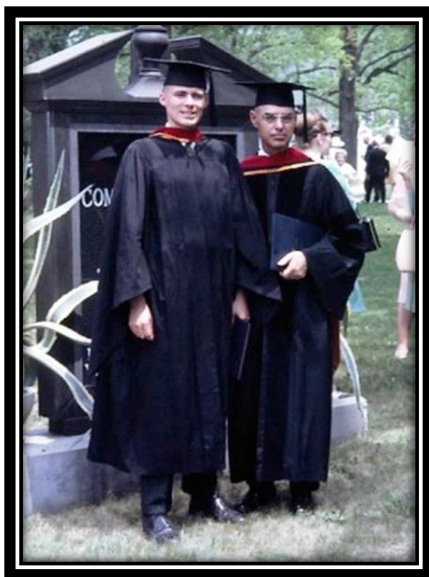
Who is L.L. King? Following the founder A.B. Simpson, Louis King is a mission icon in the C&MA. He spent one six-year term in India and then was called into administrations as Asia Area Secretary for the C&MA where he oversaw about 500 missionaries.

The main theme for L.L. King was the indigenous church. He was all about helping national bodies become autonomous. He would oft repeat that the best people to communicate the gospel are the local people themselves, so foreigners should leave as soon as locals are trained.

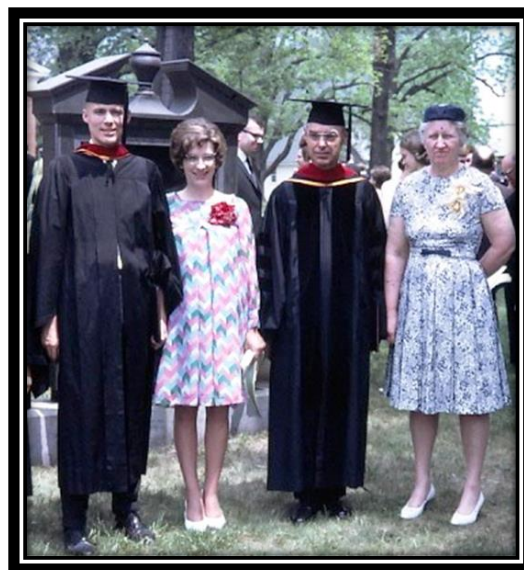


A 1955 Bangkok meeting brought mission leaders together to discuss this issue with the idea of helping those who were hesitant to engage in implementing the three indigenous principles of self-governing, self-financing and self-administration and release churches to autonomy. Congo became autonomous early on in 1931 but some countries lagged behind where the mission had started in some impoverished areas to pay salaries for pastors.

Louis King was the graduation speaker at Wheaton College in 1967 and received an honorary doctorate as Ray Downey graduated with his M.A.



Ray Downey & Dr. Louis King



Ray & Viola Downey with Dr. Louis & Mrs. King



*Murray Downey with his graduating son, Ray
Downey & Viola*

When Dr King became the foreign secretary of the Alliance he asked a Congo missionary, Arni Shareski, to come and work in his office. Arni was well loved by the Congo church and they were upset when Dr King took their beloved field leader to work in the CMA-US headquarters; so in order to placate them two new missionary couples were assigned to Congo, Ray and Viola Downey and Paul and Jeannie Lehmann, arriving in 1970.