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YOUTH CULTURE SPECIALIST ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGIST AUTHOR & SPEAKER

Jeremy Del Rio was born to lead people in service. He inherited it from his parents and grandparents, whose tireless ministry efforts defined their lives and helped shape his own. He defines his life mission as "empowering people to achieve their dreams and transform their culture and communities," and has translated that calling into a career that is uniquely suited as a spiritual, cultural, and civic leader in a postmodern world.

Jeremy has straddled both faith-based and nonreligious contexts, preaching his first full-length sermon at the age of 13 and starting a youth ministry at an urban church at 19, which he directed for ten years. While in college, he co-founded a community-based organization, and in 1996, as a 21 year-old graduate, he facilitated a team of thirteen young people ages 14-22 who started Generation Xcel as a summer day camp and after school center. He has worked as an attorney at a premier New York City law firm; led disaster relief efforts following 9/11; and written nearly thirty articles since 2001 on leadership, youth culture, urban ministry, and social justice.

Jeremy launched Community Solutions Consulting in 2006 following three years as the first full-time executive director of Generation Xcel. Previously, he had given seven years of part-time, unpaid service to the Xcel. Under his leadership, Xcel transformed from a strictly volunteer operation in a public housing project to one that operates two youth centers and a theater in lower Manhattan; served over 125 "at risk" kids each year through after school and summer camp programs; and touched thousands more through extensive outreach activities. Xcel's "by youth for youth" strategy - empower young people to create hope for their peers by providing viable alternatives to the streets - has been featured on national media and has been praised by community leaders, parents, and public officials as varied as Mayor Giuliani and Rep. Nydia Velazquez.

Jeremy graduated from NYU Law School in 1999, where he received various awards for public service including the Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship and the Harvey Fellowship, before working for two years as an attorney at Dewey Ballantine LLP. He resigned following September 11, 2001, to co-found the Northeast Clergy Group, where he worked as operations director for fifteen months. After 9/11, he also consulted World Vision on the administration of its \$6 million American Families Assistance Fund and designing the \$1 million dollar Immigrants Assistance Program for underserved immigrant victims.

Jeremy was named "Standard Bearer" of the Class of 1995 at NYU's College of Arts and Sciences. He is a featured speaker at universities, churches, and conferences, notably presenting "Thanks to Heroes" at the 9/11 anniversary Tribute to Grace and Hope at Madison Square Garden and participating in the program at Dr. Billy Graham's final crusade. His work has been profiled in numerous media reports, including WNBC, FOX, Bloomberg Radio, Sky News, BBC, NY-1, and many more. His articles have appeared regionally or nationally in publications such as *Charisma*, *New Man*, *Tri-State Voice*, *Relevant*, *Christian Post*, *Charlotte Herald*, *Student Leadership Journal*, and numerous websites.

EDUCATION

- * *Columbia University*
Inst. for Nonprofit Mgt., '03
- * *New York University*
School of Law, J.D., '99
- * *New York University*, B.A., '95
Major: History (with Honors)
Minors: Political Science and Economics

LICENSES

- * Member of the NYS Bar, '00
- * Licensed Minister, '01

EXPERIENCE

- * *Community Solutions Consulting*, Pres., '06-present
- * *Generation Xcel*, Co-founder and Exec. Director, '96-'06
- * *Northeast Clergy Group*, Co-founder and Op. Dir., '01-'03
- * *Dewey Ballantine LLP*, Associate, '98-'01

CONSULTANCIES

- * *Greater New York Billy Graham Crusade*
 - * *World Vision*
 - * *Student Venture*
- * *American Bible Society*
- * *Jammin' Against the Darkness*
 - * *New Hope Fellowship*

BOARDS/COMMUNITY

- * *Community Solutions, Inc.*, Co-founder & Co-chair, since '96
- * *Urban Youth Workers Inst.*, Nat'l Advisory Council, since '05
 - * *Alliance Theo. Seminary*, Adjunct Professor, since '05
 - * *Coalition of Urban Youth Workers*, Co-founder & Co-chair, '03-'05
 - * *Billy Graham Inst. for Emerging Evangelists*, Nat'l Advisory Council, '04-'05
 - * *Greater NY Billy Graham Crusade*, Exec. Comm., '04-'05
 - * *Abounding Grace Ministries*, Youth Pastor and Elder, '94-'04
 - * *Mission America Nat'l Leaders Forum*, Youth Track Chair, '03
 - * *9/11 Tribute to Grace and Hope*, Exec. Committee, '02

WRITING

- * Nearly 30 published articles
 - * Two book projects ('06)
 - * Blog: JeremyDelRio.com