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Rodney S. Sadler, Jr. is a graduate of Howard University (1989, B.S. Psychology/Philosophy), Howard University School of Divinity (1992, M.Div.), and Duke University (2001, Ph.D. Hebrew Bible and Biblical Archaeology), and has also studied at Hebrew University (1990). He is an ordained Baptist minister and presently serves as Associate Pastor of Mount Carmel Baptist Church and Associate Professor of Bible at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Dr. Sadler's work in the community includes terms as a board member of Siegel Avenue Partners and Mecklenburg Ministries. He currently serves on the boards of Loaves and Fishes, the Hispanic Summer Program, and the Executive Committee of the North Carolina NAACP. His activism includes work with the Community for Creative Non-Violence in D.C., Durham C.A.N., H.E.L.P. Charlotte, the Middle East Peace Working Group, and the U.S. Africa Ebola Working Group. He is Vice Chair of People Demanding Action, Vice Chair of the Justice Action Mobilization Network, Vice Chair of the Charlotte Clergy Coalition for Justice, the Co-chair of the Truth Reconciliation and Anti-poverty Commission, and has worked organizing clergy with, and developing theological resources for, the Forward Together/Moral Monday Movement in North Carolina. In addition, Dr. Sadler hosts a weekly national radio program for the People Demanding Action Network called, the "Politics of Faith." He currently serves as the North Carolina NAACP chairperson of their Healthcare Committee.

He is a widely published author and editor. Among his research interests are the intersection of race and Scripture, the impact of our images of Jesus for the perpetuation of racial thought in America, the development of African American biblical interpretation in slave narratives, the enactment of justice in society based on biblical imperatives, and the intersection of religion and politics.

Dr. Sadler resides in Charlotte with his wife, Dr. Madeline McClenney-Sadler (president of the ExodusFoundation.org) and his daughter Ariyah Sadler, where he has lived since 2002.