



# RICK TOBIAS

Dr. Rick Tobias is a retired president and CEO of Yonge Street Mission in Toronto. He is one of Canada's most well-known advocates for the poor and marginalized communities. For 25 years he also taught at Tyndale University College where he provided students with deep insight and mentoring of the important issues in society. Now, Dr. Rick Tobias is a Community advocate and continues to involve himself and thousands of others in a permanent change in society.



## Selected Quotations

- "Silence Is Violence"
- "I thought that poverty was a fairly simple thing and was all about money. If you had money, you weren't poor. If you didn't have money, you were poor. When in fact money has very little to do with poverty. Lack of money is almost a byproduct of poverty."
- "From that group of women, to a group of child prostitutes, to throwaway youth on the streets of Toronto, to survivors of residential schools. To abandoned seniors in our inner cities, who are just as alone as the kids who live on our streets. To the severely disabled homeless, who we allow to wander the streets of our city, almost like adult children without care. Those encounters moved me to, what I hope is, a more compassionate position and to more compassionate involvements."
- "When I started seeing the people who were coming to Yonge Street Mission, what I began to realize, was that we kept encountering people who were the survivors of violence."



## Online Materials:

- [Henri Nouwen, Now & Then | Dr. Rick Tobias Podcast \(2020\)](#)
- [Rick Tobias Interview on Listen Up TV Part 1 \(2009\)](#)
- [Rick Tobias Interview on Listen Up TV Part 2 \(2009\)](#)

## Further reading

- The Mark of a Great Nation (2016)
- Chapel - Rick Tobias (2019)
- Recipient of the Doctor of Divinity: His Remarkable Response to Poverty (2017)