

# For Principled and Compassionate Leaders, Professionals and Aspiring Counterparts

## Inspiring Short Videos about Dr. Paul Farmer's Co-Elevating Leadership

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Dr. Paul Farmer by Alain Paul Martin, 2008

“Dr. Anthony S. Fauci, President Biden’s top medical adviser, broke down in tears during an interview, in which he said he and Dr. Farmer had been like ‘soul brothers’... ‘When you talk about iconic giants in the field of public health, he stands pretty much among a very, very short list of people,’ said Dr. Fauci, who first met Dr. Farmer decades ago, when Dr. Farmer was a medical student. He added, ‘He called me his mentor, but in reality he was more of a mentor to me’...”

Reported by Ellen Barry and Alex Traub, The New York Times, Feb. 22, 2022

“Paul [Farmer] didn’t just believe in the inherent dignity and worth of every human being, he made you feel it about yourself when you met him. His belief was infectious. Paul lit an ember in thousands, millions of people around the world, conscripting them all to work for a better world. Together, we are the flame that does not waiver.”

Amanda Klasing, Human Rights Watch

I am profoundly saddened, upon learning, tonight, the unexpected passing of Dr. Paul Farmer, a trailblazing innovator who co-founded Partners In Health ([pih.org](http://pih.org)), which delivered free first-class medicine for 40 years, from Haiti, Peru and Rwanda to Siberian prisons, treating one million patients and saving thousands lives a year. A compelling inspiration for social justice, among the most admired educators and humanitarians anywhere, Prof. Farmer was a caring mentor and social innovator, who dedicated his life to the world's poorest people, treating every patient, worker and volunteer with utmost dignity, compassion and heartfelt thoughtfulness.

Thanks to Prof. Michael Porter, I met, in 2008, Drs. Paul Farmer and Jim Kim. Inspired to reverse “the failure of imagination’s trap” with a systemic approach, I convened a Harvard-University’s alumni team which organized funding campaigns for Haiti’s 2010 earthquake’s victims; and created a sister organization ([pihcanada.org](http://pihcanada.org)) with a unique mandate enabling tax-deductible donations to harness Canadian generosity, and leverage PIH-proven strategic and field expertise to deliver the finest health care to the poor. Despite setbacks, our burning vision to replicate sister NGOs worldwide to support PIH is alive; as the root causes of preventable health inequity are worsening with social polarization, unfair laws and structures and other calamities.

Prof. Farmer set a high bar, as a role model for caring about human rights, social justice, inclusion, equity, diversity and the passion to serve worthy causes on a global scale. His loss is deeply felt. Countless students, volunteers, friends and admirers will be guided by his compelling vision and unwavering commitment to the dignity and best option for the poor and the vulnerable. Dr. Farmer’s leadership was so unique, it deserved the novel designation of “**co-elevating leadership**”, which I now share with leadership mentors, aspiring leaders, and teams in the public, private and NGO sectors. Your contribution to PIH projects ([www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org) or [www.pihcanada.org](http://www.pihcanada.org)) will be immensely valuable.

These testimonies will hopefully inspire caring professionals, leaders and aspiring counterparts to work together for a sustainable and caring world. Thank you for sharing them with your family, friends and social networks.

- Dr. Paul Farmer: A Celebration of Life: Complete event: [https://lnkd.in/dCjdP\\_9i](https://lnkd.in/dCjdP_9i) • Excerpts:
  - Dr. Jim Kim: [https://lnkd.in/d\\_9r3u-D](https://lnkd.in/d_9r3u-D)
  - Dr. Anthony Fauci: <https://lnkd.in/dWEwW3Du>
  - Catherine Farmer: <https://lnkd.in/dADYntbJ>
  - Ophelia Dahl: <https://lnkd.in/dQVRvqFN>
  - Dr. Patrick Ulysse: <https://lnkd.in/dJwdXTBA>
  - Rev. Allison Lutz: <https://lnkd.in/d7EejfNN>
- Repairing the World: A Conversation with Paul Farmer: <https://youtu.be/uI5mouRRaEw>
- The Power of Partnership: Paul Farmer and John Green (2021-20-11): <https://youtu.be/V4gvZ5RdHso?t=9>
- Paul Farmer: Aurora: A Different Way of Thinking: <https://youtu.be/mxNXIHgnAs>
- Colleagues’ & Friends’ Own Words: <https://lnkd.in/ds-s4KGe>
- Bending the Arc on Netflix: <https://lnkd.in/dAhx7gsR>
- Bloomberg Big Decisions: Dr. Paul Farmer: [https://youtu.be/4-7P0\\_8WMAQ](https://youtu.be/4-7P0_8WMAQ)
- A Global Health Conversation with Dr. Paul Farmer: <https://youtu.be/tzYRXISNWGk>
- Paul Farmer: Fevers, Feuds and Diamonds (Feb. 16, 2022): <https://youtu.be/UVJwtyzq6KE>
- From Harvard Medical School (October 1, 2022): Harvard Honors Paul Farmer’s Moral and Intellectual Legacy
  - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihE8w8wPBNA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihE8w8wPBNA) (Edited version: Two and half hours)
- 2023 class, a mentor’s tribute to beloved student, explores wide-ranging intellectual contributions of late global health legend: Paul Farmer: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2023/03/new-class-honors-late-global-health-legend-paul-farmer/>

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