**Curriculum Vita**

**Personal Information:**

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Ordination under the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), February 2008

**Education:**

**Regent University**, Virginia Beach, VA, 2013 to present (Expected graduation May 2019)

 Doctorate in Philosophy, New Testament Studies

**Asbury Theological Seminary**, Orlando, FL, 2008-2013

 Courses in Biblical Studies and Counseling

**Florida Hospital,** Orlando, FL, 2006

Clinical Pastoral Education, one unit

**Fuller Seminary**, Pasadena, CA, 1997-2005

 Master in Divinity

**Whitworth College**, Spokane, WA, 1991-1995

 Bachelor of Arts - Major in Religion and Philosophy

**Teaching Experience:**

* **Latino Ministry Formation Program –** 2005 – Present; Courses: Introduction to Greek in the New Testament, Study of John’s Epistles, Hermeneutics, Spiritual Formation, Research and Composition
* **Seminario Wesley –** 2013-Present; Courses: The Bible as Scripture, Spiritual Formation.
* **Asbury Theological Seminary –** 2018; Inductive Bible Study of Mark
* **Regent University –** Spring 2017 – Teacher’s Assistant for Greek II
* **Colegio Bíblico El Camino –** 2009; Introduction to Greek in the New Testament, Study of John’s Epistles
* **Instituto Hispano para Líderes Laicos –** 2009; Introduction to Old Testament and Introduction to New Testament
* **Whitworth College** – 1991-1995 – I prepared lesson plans to compliment the classroom experience and lead live labs for all four levels of Spanish. I also prepared the schedule for all Spanish live labs, trained tutors on leading labs and provided ideas and support for other tutors. The last year I had an opportunity to substitute in the classroom as needed, and assisted in teaching intensive conversational courses.

**Preaching and Speaking Experience:**

* First Christian Church of Winter Park
* Florida Disciples Women – Speaker for women’s retreat
* Iglesia Cristiana Hispana del Norte
* Iglesia Cristiana Renovación
* Iglesia Presbiteriana El Redentor
* Iglesia Presbiteriana Maranata
* Iglesia de Dios Nueva Vida
* Mujeres Hispanas del Sur de California – Speaker for women’s retreat
* Ocala Free Methodist Church
* Pershing Christian Church
* Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Poinciana
* Primera Iglesia Cristiana de Poinciana – Speaker for women’s retreat
* First United Church of Tampa
* Workshops in a variety of areas, e.g.: Discerning God’s call; How to listen actively; How to prepare a Bible study; What is worship; Dealing with childhood wounds; Developing a healthy identity; and A Call to Humility

**Ministry Experience:**

* Pomona First Presbyterian Church 🡪 1998-2002 – Preaching, Children Ministry Worker, Worship Leader, Bible Study leader (Prepared and Led Bible Studies)
* Cucamonga Christian Fellowship 🡪 2002-2005 – Children Ministry Worker
* Internship – Huntington Memorial Hospital 🡪 Spring 2005 – Served as Chaplain
* Interim Pastor – Living Faith Christian Church 🡪 2010
* Chaplain (advisor) for the Florida Disciples Hispanic Women 🡪2008 – 2011
* Sunday School teacher – Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) 🡪 2008-2016
* Chair of the Commission on Ministry for Florida Disciples of Christ denomination
* Chair of the Professional Advisory Group for the Clinical Pastoral Education at Florida Hospital 🡪 2006 – 2017

**Work Experience:**

Asbury Theological Seminary, Orlando, FL 2006-Present

Director of Latino Ministry Formation Program

* Provide leadership and direction for the program
* Provide faculty oversight, including recruiting, interviewing and hiring LMFP faculty members, faculty training and orientation, performance assessments, and syllabus revisions
* Review curriculum annually and schedule courses
* Oversee the ongoing task of student recruitment, admissions and retention
* Provide support to students with student portal and other online activities
* Academic advising
* Pastoral care of students
* Recruit for and lead the LMFP Advisory Committee
* Direct the internal assessment process for LMFP
* Collaborate with the Office of Communication to promote LMFP, including designing promotional material, and maintaining the website
* Administer the LMFP budget and manage tuition payments
* Develop and manage operations and procedures for LMFP
* Organize and lead special activities, e.g. workshops, chapel services, and other gatherings.
* Promote community life through chapel services and other gatherings, such as retreats and mini-conferences

FMC Technologies, Orlando, FL 2005-2006

Accounting Clerk – Accounts Receivable

Cucamonga Christian Fellowship, R. Cucamonga, CA 2004-2005

Bookkeeper

* Count offering
* Prepare deposits
* Track giving
* Pay bills
* Reconcile accounts
* Maintain budgets
* Prepare monthly, quarterly, and annual financial reports

# The Solis Group, Pasadena, CA 1998-2003

Administrative Officer

* Responsible for all Human Resources duties, including:
* Recruitment and retention of employees,
* Determine compensation,
* Employee training and development,
* Administration of benefits, and
* Maintain all employee files,
* Financial responsibilities include:
* Accounts Payables,
* Accounts Receivables,
* Billing and Payroll,
* Editing grants and proposals
* Translate documents
* Collaborate on with Project managers as needed