

Doctor of Ministry

The Latino Pastor-Theologian: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership

There is no doubt that the year 2020 has highlighted new and great challenges for the Latin Evangelical Church. COVID-19 and its resulting changes and implications, the realities and challenges of social injustice, and the prevailing political climate entail a series of demands, complexities, and situations that pastors face not only as community leaders but also in their personal lives — their physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health. **The Latino Pastor-Theologian Cohort: Towards Effective Pastoral Leadership** invites those who work and struggle in the gap to live in the world without being part of the world, who yearn to shine in the darkness and help their Churches to confront the present challenges and to be sure that the presence of God is with them.

Based on the word of God, the journey of the spiritual tradition of Protestantism and the affirmations of the historical creeds of the Church, this cohort will explore how the Christian leader has developed skills that allow her or him to demonstrate resistance and elasticity, at the same time, in the face of the demands of our context. Together we will explore the theological-spiritual formation of the woman/man of God and how to improve our pastoral skills. Participants will discover new paths for their daily living (elasticity) while affirming the essentials of our evangelical Protestant tradition.

A cohort of 15-18 students will be joined by leaders with extensive pastoral experience who are recognized as effective leader-educators.

Faculty: Dr. Alvin Padilla
Dr. David Escobar-Arcay
Guest instructors: Dr. Jared Alcántara, Dr. Héctor Rodríguez, Rev. Eddy Alemán

When: October 4-15, 2021
October 2022
October 2023

Place: Orlando, Florida

Format: Three seminar / residency cycles in October studying with men and women located in the pastoral ministry gap, interested in increase their pastoral effectiveness. The program culminates in a thesis project in the area of interest of the student considering his ministry.

Tuition: \$5000 per year. The program will take a period of 3 years.

Admission requirements:

- A minimum of three years of ministerial experience.
- Currently serving in a congregational context or community mission.
- Commitment to personal spiritual transformation and Reformed theology.

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Application deadline August 15, 2021

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