



## OPEN STATEMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) Announces New Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 Term

Orlando, Florida – March 2025: The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) is pleased to announce the new Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 term. The new members were selected by the membership and officially confirmed during the past Biennial Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, in October 2024.

The new Board of Directors is composed of a group of leaders committed to AETH's mission and vision, bringing their gifts, talents, and experiences to continue advancing the organization's strategic mission and work. The board's focus will be on supporting the executive leadership, strengthening, and expanding AETH's impact on Hispanic theological education at both national and international levels through influence, collaboration, and contributions.

Last week, the new Board of Directors successfully concluded its annual in-person meeting in Decatur, Georgia. During this meeting, important strategic steps were established to advance AETH's mission, consolidate efforts, and create plans to strengthen theological education for Hispanic leaders in a context of growing demand for accessible and relevant theological education in the United States, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

"AETH continues to expand its influence, forging a bright future for the Hispanic theological ecosystem. Through a collaborative and dynamic leadership approach, shared by our visionary Executive Director and our deeply committed and interconnected Board of Directors, we harness a powerful synergy that propels us toward new horizons full of infinite possibilities," stated Attorney Jeffry Caballero, President of the Board of Directors. Additionally, Rev. Dr. Jessica Lugo, AETH's Executive Director, expressed, "We are excited about the commitment and passion that our new Board members bring to our organization." She added, "As we face the challenges and opportunities of the coming years, each member's leadership will be crucial in ensuring that AETH continues to advance toward a promising and meaningful future for Hispanic theological education."

Below are the names of each member of AETH's new Board of Directors:

- **Dr. Jeffry Caballero, Esq.** – President | President, CHET
- **Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Tamez, Ph.D. AA** – Vice President | Executive Director, NewGeneration3
- **Dr. Carlos Ramos, CPA** – Treasurer | Senior Director of International Finance, Holiday Inn Club Vacations
- **Maria Antonia Amao, MA** – Secretary | Associate Director of Ministerial Formation, Diocese of San Bernardino





- **Dr. Peter Ríos** – Board Member | President, Peter Ríos Consulting LLC
- **Rev. Aracelis Vázquez** – Board Member | Co-Founder, Anchored in Hope
- **Rev. Dr. Danny Santiago** – Board Member | President, ECHAM Theological University
- **Dr. Daniel Ruarte** – Board Member | Provost, Life Pacific University
- **Rev. José Daniel Montañez** – Board Member | Senior Pastor, Central Church of God of San Antonio, Texas
- **Dr. Miguel Álvarez** – Board Member | President, SEBIPCA Biblical Seminary
- **Dr. Richard Serrano** – Board Member | Theological Advisor and Strategic Alliances, Tearfund
- **Dr. Wilmer Estrada** – Board Member | Associate Professor of Evangelism, Asbury Theological Seminary
- **Dr. Justo González** – Honorary Member | Theologian, Historian, and Professor
- **Rev. Dr. Jessica Lugo, MBA** – Ex Officio | Executive Director, AETH

About AETH: The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) is a 501(c)(3) organization established in 1991 that works to promote quality theological education within the Hispanic community. Its mission is to equip Hispanic ecclesial leaders, both men and women, through academic training and the creation of collaborative networks for the development of a stronger Hispanic church committed to Christian values, building bridges between academia and the church.

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### About AETH

The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) is a network of individuals and institutions dedicated to promoting theological education for Hispanic/Latino leaders. Founded in 1992, AETH has served communities in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Latin America, striving to improve theological education and its impact on the church and society. AETH is the only organization recognized by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to certify the quality of programs offered by Bible Institutes and other Hispanic ministerial development programs.

