

## **RUBEN RIVERA RAMOS**

### **PERSONAL DATA:**

Birth place: Mexico City

US Citizenship

Married to: Patricia Rivera

Children: Evelyn Hadasa, Vanessa Elizabeth, and Joanna Areli

### **GIFTS AND COMPETENCIES:**

Leadership, administration, church growth, teaching, missiology, and pastoral counseling

### **EDUCATION:**

1981 - 1985 B.A. in Theology. University of Montemorelos. México

1989 - 1991 Master's Degree in Theological Studies. Specialization: Counseling  
Northern Seminary. Illinois

1999 - 2005 Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry. Andrews University. Michigan

2000 - 2006 Doctor of Ministry. Concentration: Evangelism and Church Growth  
Andrews University. Michigan

### **CERTIFICATES:**

1990 - 1991 One Unit of Clinical Pastoral Education. McNeal Hospital.  
Chicago, Illinois

2005 - 2005 Family-to-Family Educator Certification. The National Alliance on Mental  
Illness (NAMI). Atlanta, Georgia

2008 - 2009 Ministerial Education Certificate. Denver Seminary - IDEAL. Littleton,  
Colorado

2014 - 2014 Children's Ministries Certification. Mid-America Union Conf. of SDA  
Lincoln, Nebraska

2015 - 2015 Anger Management Therapy. Shepherd's Gate Counseling Center,  
Littleton, Colorado

2019 - 2019 Mental Health First Aid Certification. Community Reach Center.  
Commerce City, Colorado

### **PASTORAL AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPERIENCE:**

1985 - 1986 Assistant Pastor, Central Mexican Conference  
Churches: Central, Santa Clara, and Caracoles

1986 - 1988 District Pastor, Central Mexican Conference  
Churches: Padierna, Coyoacán, Pedregal, Ajusco, Torres, Primavera, and  
Contreras

1991 - 1993 Assistant Pastor, Minnesota Conference  
Church: South St. Paul

1994 - 1997 Hispanic Ministries Coordinator and Pastor, Minnesota Conference  
Churches: Minneapolis, South St. Paul, St. James, and Rochester

1997 - 2000 Pastor, Michigan Conference  
Churches: Grand Rapids Central, Wyoming, Shelby, and Elk Rapids

2000 - 2002 Pastor, Michigan Conference  
Churches: Wyoming and Kentwood

1998 - 1999 Hispanic Ministries Superintendent, Michigan Conference

2000 - 2002 Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, Michigan Conference

2002 - 2004 Pastor, Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
Churches: Gwinnett, Gainesville, Canton, and Athens

2004 - 2005 Pastor, Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
Churches: Atlanta First and Gwinnett

2005 -2006 Pastor, Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
Churches: Gainesville, Athens First, Athens Second, Canton, Cornelia, and Highlands

2006 - 2009 Pastor, Rocky Mountain Conference  
Churches: Denver Hispanic and Denver Central Hispanic

2009 - 2014 Senior Pastor, Rocky Mountain Conference  
Church: Denver South Hispanic

2010 - Hispanic Ministries Coordinator, Rocky Mountain Conference

#### **LITERATURE EVANGELIST:**

1979 - 1980 México City. Central Mexican Conference

1980 - 1981 Monterrey, México. Northeast Mexican Conference

6/82 - 8/82 Ponce, Puerto Rico. West Puerto Rico Conference

6/83 - 8/83 Los Angeles, California. Southern California Conference

6/84 - 8/84 Odessa, Texas. Texico Conference

6/88 - 8/88 Vineland, New Jersey. New Jersey Conference

1988 - 1989 Chicago, Illinois. Illinois Conference

#### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

1986 Church planted: San Juan Church. Mexico City

1991 Church planted: South St. Paul Hispanic. Minnesota

1994 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Minnesota Conference

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1996 Church planted: St. James Hispanic. Minnesota

1996 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Minnesota Conference

1996 Church planted: Minneapolis Hispanic. Minnesota

1997 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Minnesota Conference

1998 Church planted: Shelby Hispanic. Michigan

1998 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Michigan Conference

1999 Church planted: Kentwood Hispanic. Michigan

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1999 Helped recover church from disbanding: Elk Rapids Church. Michigan

2000 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Michigan Conference  
 2001 Church planted: Second Generation Youth Church. Michigan Conference  
 2001 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Michigan Conference  
 2004 Helped recover church from disbanding: Highlands Hispanic, Georgia-Cumberland  
 2005 Church planted: Cornelia Hispanic. Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
 2005 The most successful pastor in baptisms in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference  
 2009 Director, Television program *Temas de Actualidad*. TVFE 61. Rocky Mountain C.  
 2012 Helped establish the Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Rocky Mountain C.  
 2014 Helped recover church from disbanding: Steamboat Springs. Rocky Mountain C.

#### WRITTEN WORK:

“Divorcio y crisis: Una perspectiva terapéutica sobre el divorcio”. *Enfoque de Nuestro Tiempo*. GEMA editores. Febrero 1995.  
 “Hispanic plan evangelism explosion!” *Outlook*. Lincoln, NE. June 1995.  
 “Machu Picchu, anticipo de una ciudad maravillosa”. *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Septiembre 1999.  
*Profiling as a Method of Identifying the Needs of Immigrants*. Doctor of Ministry Dissertation, Andrews University, 2006.  
 “Visitación Pastoral: ¿Opción u obligación? Guía práctica para la visitación”. *Revista Adventista*. Pacific Press. Octubre-diciembre 2011.  
 “Jesucristo y la Ley de Dios”. *Enfoque de Nuestro Tiempo*. GEMA editores. Septiembre 2014.  
 “Le debo mi conversión a esta revista”. *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Enero 2015.  
 “Dimensiones de la predicación bíblica. ¿Está la predicación de los mensajeros supliendo las necesidades de los feligreses?”. *Revista Adventista*. Pacific Press. Enero-marzo 2015.  
 “Para la Sanidad de las Naciones”. *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Junio 2017.  
 “El miedo a morir”. Jesús vino al mundo para sufrir la segunda muerte. *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Marzo 2018.  
 “Benignidad vs maldad”. Cristo se sacrificó por la humanidad. *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Septiembre 2018.  
 “Día de los muertos. ¿Esperanza vacía o consoladora? *El Centinela*. Pacific Press. Noviembre 2018.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

*Anthropology*. School of Education.  
 Dominican Adventist University. April 2002.  
*Pastoral Ministry*. School of Theology.  
 Dominican Adventist University. April 2002.  
*Eschatology*. Atlanta Institute for Lay Training (INCLA).  
 Atlanta, GA. March 2006.  
*Leadership*. Theological Institute of Colorado.  
 Denver, CO. February 2011.

*Introduction to Theology*. Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Denver, CO. April 2012.

*Marriage and Family Counseling*. Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Denver, CO. May 2013.

*Preaching*. Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Denver, CO. April 2014.

*Missiology*. Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Denver, CO. June 2016.

*Contextualization of the Gospel*. Theological Institute for Leaders Training. Denver, CO. June 2018.

Lecturer. Paper presented at the Theological Symposium of the University of Montemorelos. July 7, 2016. Ponencia semi-plenaria: “Cómo Resolver Conflictos Eclesiásticos Aplicando los Consejos de Elena G. de White”.

Academic Media Project. Department of Religion. Andrews University. Sites: Turkey and Israel. August 2016.

Lecturer. Paper presented at the Mission Symposium of Andrews University. September 14, 2017. Ponencia semi-plenaria: “Asuntos de Trasculturación/Aculturación de Latinos en EE UU”.

Lecturer. Paper presented at the Theological Symposium of the University of Montemorelos. July 4, 2019. Ponencia semi-plenaria: “Como Tratar con Grupos Disidentes que Cuestionan la Doctrina del Santuario.”

#### THEOLOGICAL SYMPOSIUMS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

1996 Theological Symposium, “Current Issues in Eschatology.” Adventist Theological Society. University of Montemorelos.

1999 H. M. S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching. “Preaching that is Alive and Well.” Morris L. Venden. Andrews University.

1999 Stewardship Conference, “Stewardship for this Millennium.” Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Andrews University.

2000 H. M. S. Richards Lectureship on Biblical Preaching. “How to Preach for People to Remember.” Frank Ottati. Andrews University.

2003 Theological Symposium, “Revelation and Inspiration.” Adventist Theological Society. Atlanta, Georgia.

2009 Conference. “Conflict Management in the Church.” Jim Adams. Denver Seminary.

2012 Bible Conference, “Trinity.” Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. University of Montemorelos.

2013 Bible Conference, “Eschatology.” Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. Linda Vista University.

2014 Bible Conference, “Ecclesiology.” Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. University of Montemorelos.

2014 Annual Lectureship. “Exploring the Bases and Ethical Implications of Capital Punishment.” Denver Seminary.

2014 Conference. "Theology and Practice of Worship." Association for Hispanic Theological Education. Fuller Theological Seminary.  
2015 Theological Symposium. "Gift of Prophecy in Scripture and Prophecy." Center for Adventist Research. Andrews University.  
2015 Symposium. "Just Food: A Symposium on Faith and Food." Colorado Council of Churches. Iliff School of Theology.  
2016 Bible Conference. "Gift of Prophecy in Scripture and History." Inter-American Adventist Theological Seminary. University of Montemorelos.  
2016 Symposium. "Five Hundred Years Later: Hispanic Perspectives on the Reformation." Association for Hispanic Theological Education. Princeton Theological Seminary.  
2017 Conference. "Leadership." World Trade Center - Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León. Monterrey.  
2017 Mission Symposium. Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. Andrews University.  
2019 Theological Symposium. "The Sanctuary." Montemorelos University and Ellen G. White Research Center.

#### CHURCH PLANTING CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

Seeds 1998. Church Planting Conference. North American Division Evangelism Institute. Andrews University. Michigan.  
Seeds 1999. Church Planting Conference. North American Division Evangelism Institute. Andrews University. Michigan.  
Seeds 2001. Church Planting Conference. North American Division Evangelism Institute. Andrews University. Michigan.  
Seeds 2002. Church Planting Conference. North American Division Evangelism Institute. Andrews University. Michigan.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

Adventist Theological Society  
The Hispanic Adventist Center for Theological Dialogue  
Association for Hispanic Theological Education