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| |  | | --- | | **RESUME OBJECTIVE** | |  | | My desire is to assist people, to find their purpose to love God with passion to **transform** the world.  In a world that is disappearing in front of our eyes[,](https://multiplyvineyard.org/es/church-planter-coaching-training/?target=_parent) I offer what I have learned and propose creative ministry and academic strategies for the formation of Doctoral, Master, an Certificate degree students, for leaders, church planters, and possibilities of spiritual fatherhood.  I have invested the last 35 years training, teaching leaders, forming teams, and planting new churches in different cultures and multi-ethnic settings. | |  | | **EDUCATION** | |  | | **2014-2017**  **Asbury Theological Seminary, Willmore, KY**  *Doctor of Ministry—Communication and Global Leadership* | | **1995-2000**  **Dallas Theological Seminary**  *Doctor of Ministry—Did not graduate because I moved to the United Methodist Church.*  **1984-1986**  **Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, TX**  *Sacred Theological Master—Pastoral Ministries*  **1978-1980**  **Central American Theological Seminary, Guatemala**  *BA—Theology.* | | **PUBLICATIONS**  **BOOKS**  Bilingual book—***Between Two Worlds, From Here and From There****: Entre Dos Mundos, de Aquí y de Allá*.  **August 2022**  ***Unshakable***: *Standing Strong on your Knees in the Uncertainties of Life. Two books, one in English and one in Spanish.*  **May 2023**  ***Inamovible:*** *Firmes Sobre Nuestras Rodillas Ante las Incertidumbres de la Vida.*  **May 2023**  ***The Echo Of The Oppressed:*** *The Biblical Text In The Theology Of Liberation And Its Impact On The Church And Society.*  **June 2023**  ***Soil, Seed, Sun:*** *3 Essentials for Church Planting.* **August 2023.**  Spanish—***Missional Formation Coaching****: A Model For Helping Leaders Drive in Today’s Complex World.* 2020  **DISSERTATIONS**  ***The Relationship Between Church Health And A Merged Congregation In The Kentucky Conference****.* May 2017  ***Hermenéutica y Contextualización****: Respuesta Evangélica a la Teología de la Liberación.* July 1980  **GUIDEBOOKS AND ARTICLES**  ***Asbury Global Day of Prayer.*** *2021*  ***Fresh Expressions***—Expresiones Divinas: Día de Visión. Cena Iglesia. Cohorte de Arquitectos. 2021  ***The Impact of Theology of Transformative Mission on The Public Dimensions Faith***. 2015  ***Strategies to Plant Hispanic Latina Congregations in the USA****.* 2009  ***Hope in the Horizon: A Fresh Wind Blowing in the UMC.*** *The Interpreter. 2004*  ***Church Planting Leadership Incubator Guidebook***: Spanish. 2003  ***The Building and Breaking of the Hispanic Families****: Case Study. 1998.* | |  | | **CERTIFICATIONS, BOARDS & AWARDS**  **The River Network Coaching**  2022  **Missional Formation Coaching/Healthy Rhythms**  2021  **SBDM Board member Bryan Station High School**  2022**.**  **UTS Board member**  2017-2018  **Wesleyan Covenant Association Council Member.** 2017-2018.  **Fresh Expressions Coaching**  2017  **Path 1 Coaching**  GBOD 2013  **Seven Counties, Louisville, KY**  2010  **Denman Evangelism Award**. 2004. | | **TEACHING–ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**  Adjunct Professor Latino Ministry Formation—Asbury Seminary. 2018 to present.  Adjunct Professor—United Theological Seminary. 2021 to present.  Adjunct Professor Lindsay Wilson College. 2022 to present.  Central American Theological Seminary.  **SKILLS** | | Communication—English & Spanish | | Team Leadership Development | | Teamwork & Collaboration | | Organization & Prioritization | | Spiritual Fatherhood | | Ministry Action Plans | | Mentorship | | Creative McNellis Specialist |   **Endorsements:**  *"Dr. Mejia's commitment to leadership has gone beyond the call of duty. He has not only strived to become a great leader but also developed other leaders in the process. His teaching and training have inspired leaders to make stronger commitments to God, Family, and Church and, in that order.* *His excellence in scholarship has resulted in his standing out among his peers. His scholarship is acknowledged not only in the academy but in the church."*  **Rev. Kathy Goodwin**.  *He has been a leader to our colleagues and me with his knowledge, wisdom, training, and insight. Even when Eliseo faced various challenges, he has placed his trust in God, discerned the Spirit's will, and continued to serve with patience and love. His appreciation for worship and letting the Spirit lead is contagious, my favorite thing about my friend.*  **April Jolly. Local Pastor**  *"I have 20 years of experience in a one-on-one mentor-mentee relationship with Dr. Mejia. He is a joy to work with because of his positive attitude and ability to never give up on a disciple of Christ like me.*  *His commitment and empathy to develop leaders like me were also necessary and valued by many leaders he has trained and developed during the past 30 years.*  **Rev. Dr. Iosmar Alvarez. Lexington District superintendent of the Kentucky UMC Annual Conference.**  *Dr. Mejia is a deep well of wisdom and Christ-centered spirituality. He has a passion for God and for helping leaders grow in their faith and leadership development. His gifts as a coach and mentor help strengthen the hearts and souls of leaders, young and old.*  **Dr. Winfield Bevins. Director of Church Planting Asbury Theological Seminary.** |  |  | |  | | --- | | **CONTACT**  **Phone:** 859-421-7832  **Email:** [eaml@me.com](mailto:eaml@me.com), [emejia@united.edu](mailto:emejia@united.edu)  **Address:** 230 2nd St. Paris, KY. 40361 (until June 12, 2023). Starting September 1st, home address will be:  2712 Mill Wood Cove, Lexington, KY 40511 | | **EXPERIENCE**  **Assistant Director of New Church and Congregational Development. KY. December 2001–to August 2020.**   * Recruited, Trained, equipped, and released church planters empowered in an environment of deep transformation of **Loving**, **Learning**, and **Leading**. Worked with Bishops and cabinet members to create a culture of excellence creating new faith communities. * With a team of faithful and fruitful leaders, we planted 17 new faith communities. * One of the church planters God helped me to discover and equip is Rev. Dr. Iosmar Alvarez who is now my District Superintendent. * Participated with intensive teams to plant churches in the African American communities, Korean, and Anglo-Saxon environments. * We built authentic relationships with clergy and laity while increasing church planting processes. | |  | | **Senior Pastor of Paris First UMC**—**June 2017- to Present.**  * With God’s help, I implemented the L3 (Loving, Learning, Leading) on a monthly basis. We shifted the culture to a team based decision-making process and is now seeking disaffiliation in a milieu filled with uncertainties. |   **Missional Formation Coaching/Healthy Rhythms, 2021.**   * Translated and contextualized the Missional Formation Coaching to develop healthy rhythms for leaders facing post- covid stressors.   **Fresh Expressions National Director. 2017 to present.**   * I serve as a coach and cohort leader to multiply new churches as Expresiones Divinas-Fresh Expressions[,](https://exponential.org?target=_parent) emerging in the context where people live and work. * We intentionally create new sacred spaces to serve and lead multicultural, multi-ethnic, cross-generational, spirit-led movements to transform our communities with the gospel.   **Coach—The River Network, 2022**   * Coach and train laity and clergy to start new churches and leaders to remission existing ones. "The goal of coaching is to help the pastor focus on what matters most, translate ideas into reality, and to provide the encouragement and accountability that will result in a healthy, growing churches." <https://therivernetwork.org/coaching>  **Senior Pastor of Mosaic UMC**—**June 2007- to June 2017**  * Mosaic was the result a merger of 5 congregations. Intentionally created opportunities for African American leaders to serve and lead Mosaic. Four local pastors emerged out of Mosaic. Three are African American. * Ministry practices: evangelism, mobilizing laity, passionate spirituality, engaging worship, authentic community, discipleship, and Kingdom Community transformation.   **President of the National Association of Latina/Hispanic Conference Coordinators 2010-2012.**   * Led the National Association by engaging national Latina/o Conference leaders to strategize and communicate to all Conferences our roles, responsibilities, and possibilities for starting new ministries in the USA. Created a common table for open dialog around pressing issues facing Hispanic Latinos in the USA.   **Church planter of “Oasis of Hope,” and “Manna Church,” and First Baptist Church in Irving. Dallas, TX. 1996-2001.**   * Grew a team of church planters. Two leaders became the leading pastors. The team of church planters; Oscar Enriquez, Jorge Elizarraras, Ramon Muniz, Hilda Muirhard, Mary Montes, and Lily Enriquez exceeded our expectations.   **Senior pastor Jeriel Evangelical Church 1976-1984.**   * The church became the first missionary sending agency in Guatemala. By the grace of God, it grew exponentially. God allowed us to grow a team of new missionary minded leaders.   **CONFERENCE SPEAKER, TRAINER, PANELIST.**   * First Brazilian Training for Church Planters, Londrina, Brazil. March 27-31, 2023. * The River Network Church Planting. Oct. 21-24, 2022, Feb. 19-21, 2023. * Leadership Resilience. April 23, 2023, and Oct. 28, 2023. * Fresh Expressions National Training Events: Dia de Visión, Cena Iglesia, Cohorte de Arquitectos. 2017-2023. * “The Future of the Hispanic Latina Post-Covid: Challenges & Opportunities.” Oct. 28, 2021. * Streams of Renewal: Aldersgate. Tulsa, OK. Aug. 2-4. 2018. * National Training of Church Planters, IMECU. Nov. 14-19. 2018. * Asbury Seminary Church Planting Event. Jan. 1-2, 2017. * Discipleship 21. Church Planting Network. Oct. 5-7. 2017. * United Theological Seminary: Global Church Planting. Feb. 28. 2017. * General Conference, IMECU. Methodist Conference in Cuba. March 9-15, 2015. * Asbury Seminary: Church Planting. Feb. 19-20. 2014. * Asbury Seminary: Church Initiative. Oct. 16. 2014. * Focus Groups: Church Planting—Signs and Wonders. May 31. 2013. * Innovation Forum: Church Planting. Oct. 19-21. 2011. * National Hispanic Latina Leadership Development Consultation. April 11-13, 2011. * Racism—Theological Framework. December 2010. * Role of District Superintendents in Church Planting. March 5, 2009. * UMC North Central Jurisdiction Leadership Development. April 16-18, 2009. * National Association of Hispanic Latina Leaders. January 24-26, 2008. June 24-26, 2009, Sept. 2010, March 2011, January 2012. * National Association of Hispanic Latina Leaders. Aug. 9-11, 2007. January 24-26, 2008. * Speaker at UMC Continuing Educators Annual Meeting. March 8-10, 2009. * Race and Religion. April and July 2007. * H.I.L.T. (Hispanic International Leadership Training) México 1986, 1998, and El Salvador 1996. * Missions From Receiving a Country. Guatemala, 1983. * Youth Leadership Formation and Transformation. El Salvador, 1973-1975. |

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