



Introducing

Rev. Fernando Rodriguez

Assistant Pastor for Missional Renewal

On Tuesday, May 16, Session voted to extend a one-year contract to Rev. Fernando Rodriguez to the position of Assistant Pastor for Missional Renewal (the position vacated by Rev. Troy Hauser Brydon). His contract will begin on June 15, 2017. Fernando and his family will arrive in Michigan the week after Father's Day. Fernando and his wife, Kecelyn (pronounced Kess-a-lean), have two children, Matthias (age 5) and Sionely (age 3).

Education:

Princeton Theological Seminary Princeton, NJ – Master of Divinity, 2008
Rutgers University New Brunswick, NJ – Bachelor of Arts, 2003

Past Experiences:

New Castle Presbytery, Middletown, DE – Innovator for Emergent Ministries

Served as Organizing Pastor for Church on Main.

Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, DE – Temporary Transitional Pastor

Led congregation through transitional period.

Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, IN - Temporary Pulpit Supply

Led historic African-American congregation in Indianapolis through transitional period.

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN - Field Education Supervisor

Nueva Creación Church, Indianapolis, IN - Organizing Pastor

Quote:

The ministry setting God is calling me to is one that strives to be centered in the redemptive and freeing power of the love of God in Christ. It is a community that sees abundance where the rest of the world sees scarcity. It is a community that identifies, invests in and celebrates the gifts and talents given by God to God's children. It acknowledges that God is already in the world and wants us to join God in God's work there. This community will do the hard work of loving its neighbor. It believes that the mission field is not only in a foreign country, but is also down the street. It is one that is willing to truly build community with all of God's creation. The ministry setting God is calling me to is one that believes growing as disciples of Jesus Christ involves spiritual and intellectual growth through prayer, study, breaking bread together and putting lessons into practice in and through our lives.

Please watch your email and the Kirk's Facebook page for more information about Fernando. We will be providing videos and written materials so that you can learn more about Fernando and his family before his arrival. **On Sunday, June 25, between services, a special reception will be held for Fernando and his family, as an opportunity for the congregation to greet them.**

