

Curriculum Vitae
Carmelo E. Álvarez

Education:

B. A. University of Puerto Rico, 1969

M. Th. Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (Magna Cum Laude), 1971

Doctoral Studies, Church History, Emory University, 1971-1974

Ph. D. Free University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 2006

Dissertation: "Sharing in God's Mission: The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela, 1960-1980"

Honors and Awards:

North Award, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, 1970

Alumni Association Award, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, 1971

Division of Overseas Ministries Scholarship, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1971-1974

Candler School of Theology, Teaching Fellow Scholarship, 1971-1974

World Council of Churches Scholarship, 1974-1975

Order of Saint Sergius, Russian Orthodox Church, 1983

Civic Award, Government of Puerto Rico, 1987

Honorary Member, ACHTUS (Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians in the US) 1997

Academic positions:

Teaching Fellow, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 1971-1974

Visiting Professor, Theological Community of Mexico, 1974-1975

Visiting Professor, Modern History, IUCE, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (Institute on the Science of Education), Mexico, 1975.

Church History and Liturgy Professor, Latin American Biblical Seminary, Costa Rica, 1975-1989.

Visiting Professor, National University of Costa Rica, 1976, 1985

Secretary of Admissions, Latin American Biblical Seminary,
1975-1978

Director, Department of General Studies, Latin American Biblical Seminary, 1975-1978

President, Commission on Academic Affairs, Latin American Biblical Seminary, 1975-1977

President, Latin American Biblical Seminary, 1979-1982

Visiting Professor, Perkins School of Theology, Summer 1983

Visiting Professor, Theological Community of Chile, Second Semester, 1983

General Coordinator, DEI (Ecumenical Research Department), Costa Rica, 1987-1992

Researcher and Professor of Ecumenism, DEI, 1987-1992

Visiting Professor on Pentecostalism and Ecumenism, Latin American Biblical Seminary, 1989-1992

Professor, PACTO, Theological Education Program at a Distance, Maracaibo, Venezuela 1988-2009

Visiting Professor, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago,
1992-1993, 1997, 1999, 2000

Missionary in Residence, Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana, Second Semester,
1993

Affiliate Professor, Latin American and Caribbean Christianity, Christian Theological Seminary,
1994-1997

Visiting Professor of Church History and Theology, Christian Theological Seminary, 1997-2000

Interim Dean of Students, Christian Theological Seminary, 1998-1999

Dean of Students, Christian Theological Seminary, 1999-2002

Affiliate Professor, Church History and Theology, Christian Theological Seminary 2000-

Adjunct Professor, SEMISUD (Seminary of the South, Church of God, Quito, Ecuador), 2003-

Visiting Professor, Latino Studies Program, Brite Divinity School, 2004-

Adjunct Professor, Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, 2007-

Courses taught:

Emory, 1971-1974: Church History I & II

Mexico, 1974-1975: Reformation Theology

The Restoration Movement in the USA

Political Ethics of the Protestant Reformation

History and Theology of Liberation

Costa Rica, 1975-1992: Christianity and Culture

Church History I & II

Christian Worship

Introduction to Homiletics

Pentecostalism in Latin America

History and Theology

Of the Ecumenical Movement

History of Christian Confessions

Seminar: The Doctrine of God

Seminar: The Doctrine of the Spirit

History of Christian Thought

History of Christianity in Latin America

Political Ethics of the Reformation

Venezuela 1976-1989: Pastoral Ministry Series: Intensive Courses Pentecostal Institute of the Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela:

The Pastor as Liturgist

The Pastor as Preacher

The Pastor as Prophet

The Pastor as Theologian

Perkins, summer 1983: People of Hope: The Protestant Movement in Central America

Chile, Second Semester, 1983: Political Ethics of the Reformation, History of Christianity in Latin America

Chicago, 1992-1993: History of Protestantism in Latin America and the Caribbean. Seminar: God in Latin America

Indianapolis, Christian Theological Seminary:

Church History I: Early Church to Reformation, 1993-2001

Hispanic Theology in the US 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999

Liberation Theology, 1993-2001

History of Pentecostalism in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1994, 1995, 1997

History and Theologies of Liberation in a Globalized World, Fall 2002, Summer 2003, Summer 2004, Summer 2005

Quito, Ecuador, SEMISUD: History and Theology of the Protestant Reformation, 2003-2007.

Other Areas of Teaching Competence and Current Research Interests:

Popular Religiosity in Latin America

Introduction to Theology

Pastoral Ministry

Liberation Theologies in the Third World

Cross-cultural Issues in Mission

Afro-Caribbean Religious Movements

Contemporary Missiology

Secondary areas of teaching Competence:

Theology of Preaching

Liberation Ethics

Evangelism and Mission

Ecumenical Ethics

Lectures and articles:

El uso de los himnos en ls Cantatas de Bach, (The Use of Hymns in Bach's Choral Cantatas), Monograph in Partial Fulfillment, M. Th., Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, 1971 (Spanish)

“Dimensiones de la Pastoral Latinoamericana” (Pastoral Dimensions in Latin America) Commencement Address, Theological Community of Mexico, 1975 (Spanish)

"Bartolomé de Las Casas and the Theology of Liberation," Lecture, Consultation on the Church and Indian Liberation, St Louis, 1973.

"The Panama Congress 1916: Its Economic and Political Background," CEHILA Seminar, Panama, 1976 (Spanish)

"The Role of the Church in Latin America: Between Crisis and Challenge," Keynote Lecture, Assembly of Latin American Churches, Oaxtepec, Mexico, Sept. 1978. (English and Spanish)

"Latin America: A History of Oppression," Third World Seminar, Irazú Hotel, Costa Rica, 1979

"Faith and Knowledge: The Concept of God in Theology Proper," *VIDA Y PENSAMIENTO*, San Jose: SEBILA, 1980 (Spanish)

"Protestant Thought in Puerto Rico," in *Materiales para una historia de la Teología en América Latina* (Materials toward a History of Theology in Latin America) San Jose: DEI, 1981

"Latin American Protestantism, 1969-1982," in Sergio Torres (ed.) *The Challenge of Basic Christian Communities* New York: Orbis Books, 1981

"Protestant Thought in Latin America 1969-1982," in Pablo Richard (ed.) *Raíces de la teología latinoamericana* (Roots of the Latin American Theology) San Jose: DEI-CEHILA, 1985

"The Cross of Life," in *La Iglesia esperanza en medio del sufrimiento* (The Church: Hope in the Midst of Suffering), Panama: Latin American Council of Churches, 1985

"The Pentecostals in Latin America: Ecumenicals and Evangelicals," A Consultation on Confessing the Apostolic Faith from the Perspective of the Pentecostal Churches, Pasadena, 1986

"Protestantismo y misión: Hacia una ubicación histórico-teológica del pensamiento de Orlando E. Costas en América Latina y el Caribe," (Protestantism and Mission: Orlando Costas' Theology in Latin America and the Caribbean) in *PASTORALIA* Año 10 Números 20-21 Julio-Dic. 1988

"Los pentecostales en América Latina: ¿Ecuménicos o evangélicos? (The Pentecostals in Latin America: Ecumenicals or Evangelicals?) in *PASOS* No. 18 July, 1988

"George Casalis y Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Caminos de espiritualidad encarnada," (George Casalis and Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Ways of an Incarnated Spirituality) in *De Basilea a Managua: Georges Casalis hermenéutica, revolución, fidelidad* Managua: CIEETS, 1989

"Felipe Melanchthon: Humanista cristiano," (Phillip Melanchthon: Christian Humanist) in *Teología alemana y teología latinoamericana de la liberación* San José: DEI, 1990

"Las iglesias en la presente coyuntura," (The Churches in the Present Juncture) Lecture, Latin American Ecumenical Encounter, Quito, Ecuador, July 1989

"Las iglesias protestantes en la presente coyuntura," (The Protestant Churches in the Present Juncture) in *PASOS* No. 29 Mayo-Junio, 1990

"Oscar Romero y Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastores y profetas de Jesucristo," (Oscar Romero and Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Pastors and Prophets of Jesus Christ) in PASOS No. 18 Julio, 1988

"Perspectiva ecuménica," (Ecumenical Perspective) in Jornada Teológica en Nicaragua, Agosto, 1990

"La iglesia en Diáspora de Ricardo Shaull: un aporte protestante a la teología de liberación," (The Church in Diaspora of Richard Shaull: A Protestant Contribution to Liberation Theology) en *Vida y Pensamiento* Vol. 10, No.1, 1990

"Suffering and Hope," Keynote Address, *Faith Works Conference*, United Church of Christ, University of Indiana, summer 1990

"Herencia y destino: Desafío a los anglicanos de la región Central de América," (Heritage and Destiny: Challenge to Anglicans in Central America) in Jacinto Brooks (ed.) *Eclesiología: presencia anglicana en la región central de América* San Jose: DEI, 1990

Twenty-six articles in *Diccionario de Historia de la Iglesia* (Dictionary of Church History) Miami: Ed. Caribe, 1990

(Acosta José de, Altar, Ayuno, Cabildo, Contrición, Ejercicios Espirituales, Encomienda, Esclavitud en América Latina, Evangelio Social, Iglesias de Cristo, Jesuitas en América Latina, Leyenda Negra, Mita, Montesinos Antón, Patronato Real, Quiroga Vasco de, Reducciones, Sahagún Bernardino de, Soto Domingo de, Teólogos-juristas españoles, Torres Camilo, Unam Sanctam, Universidades en América Latina Colonial, Vitoria Francisco de, Zumárraga Juan de)

"Los proyectos evangelizadores protestantes a 500 años,(The Evangelizing Protestant Projects after 500 years) Three Lectures, Jornada Teológica en Nicaragua, August 1991

"Pentecostalismo y liberación: Un desafío a los pentecostales," Lecture, I National Pentecostal Encounter, Maracay, Venezuela, August 1991

"Don Sergio Méndez Arceo: Perfil de un profeta," (Don Sergio Mendez Arceo: Profile of a Prophet) in *Iglesias* Año VIII marzo 1992, Num. 98

"¿Hacia donde va el protestantismo latinoamericano y caribeño?, (Quo Vadis Latin American and Caribbean Protestantism?), *Protestantism and Culture In Latin America*, Consultation sponsored by the Latin American Council of Churches and CEHILA, Quito, Ecuador, July 1992

"El sacerdocio universal: un principio de autoridad en las iglesias evangélicas," (The Priesthood of all Believers: A Principle of Authority in the Protestant Churches) *XILOTL* Num. 9 Año 5 Julio, 1992

"Las iglesias evangélicas en América Latina," (The Protestant Churches in Latin America) *Diccionario ecuménico breve* (Concise Ecumenical Dictionary) Santiago de Chile: Eds. Rehue, 1992

Bible Study, "Power and Authority: Mark 1 and the Central American Spirituality," in Missionary Conference, United Church of Christ and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), August 1992

"Raíces históricas de la crisis...a 500 años,"(Historical Roots of the Crisis...After 500 years) Keynote Lecture, VIII Latin American Lutheran Congress, La Paz, Bolivia, September 1992

"Las Iglesias puertorriqueñas frente a la crisis," (The Puerto Rican Churches face the crisis), Lecture, Annual Assembly Puerto Rican Evangelical Council, October 1992

"El Kairós latinoamericano: Desafío a las iglesias pentecostales," (Latin American Kairos: Challenge to Pentecostal Churches), Keynote Address, Latin American Pentecostal Encounter, Sao Paulo, Brazil, November 1992

"Pastoral Testimony: An interview with Raúl Suárez," in Oscar Bolioli (ed.) *The Caribbean: Culture of Resistance, Spirit of Hope* New York: Friendship Press, 1993

"Liberation Theology: A Central American Perspective," "The Cross of Life: Hope and Suffering," "Ecumenical Solidarity in Central America," *Interfaith Lectures Series*, Sponsored by the Campus Ministry Association at the University of Alabama, February 26-28, 1993

"Power and Authority: The Gospel of the Kingdom," "Power and Authority: Mark 1 and Mark 10," "The Holy Spirit: A Challenge to Hispanic Disciples," Lectures, Disciples Hispanic Convention of the Northeastern Region in the USA, March 1993

"Los Discípulos de Cristo: ¿Restauración o reforma?" (The Disciples of Christ: Restoration or Reformation?) "Herencia y destino: Un desafío misional," (Heritage and Destiny: A Missionological Challenge), *The Carmelo Álvarez Pérez Lecture Series*, Puerto Rican Convention, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), April 1-2 1993

"Pentecostals in Latin America," Academy of Mission, University of Hamburg, April 1994

"A People of Hope: A Central America Experience," Chataqua Institution, Religious Lecture Series, August, 1994

"A Hispanic/Latino Spirituality," Lecture, Doctor of Ministry, United Theological School, Dayton, OH, April, 1997

"Spirituality and Healing," The Prest Lecture, Program of Patient Counseling, School of Allied Health Professionals, Medical Collage of Virginia Hospitals, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia, April 23, 1999

"Is Liberation Theology Finished?" *Encounter* 59.1-2 (1998)

“To Suffer and...to Love? A Spirituality of Pilgrimage.” *Encounter* 61.4 (2000)

“Ecumenism of the Spirit: Latin American Voices,” Keynote Lecture, Society for Pentecostal Studies, Lakeland College, Lakeland, Florida, March 2001

“La *Missio Dei* en un contexto global. Una lectura ecuménica latinoamericana.” *Spiritus* 165.42 (December 2001)

“El Concilio Evangélico de Puerto Rico: Desafíos misionales,” (The Evangelical Council of Churches: Missionological Challenges), Lecture, Assembly, Evangelical Council of Churches, Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, 2002

“George W. Bush and Civil Religion in the US,” Lecture, International Theological Consultation, Santafé de Bogotá, September 2004

“Puerto Rico,” in *The Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement*
Grand Rapids: W.B. Eerdmans, 2004

“Living in a Globalized World,” Lecture, Christians for Peace Movement, Maracaibo, Venezuela, February, 2005.

“Pentecostalism in Latin America and the Caribbean,” in *Encyclopedia of African American Culture and History* 2nd. ed. Macmillan Reference USA, 2006

“Ethics in a Globalized World,” Lectures, Armed Forces University, Maracaibo, Venezuela, May 28-30, 2007

“Caribbean,” in *Encyclopedia of Missions and Missionaries* NY-London: Routledge, 2007

Pastoral Homiletical Commentaries, in *Feasting on the Word. Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary Year B, Vol. 2* Louisville: WJKP, 2008

“Latin American Spirituality,” in *The Encyclopedia of Christianity, Vol. 5* Grand Rapids: W. B. Eerdmans, 2008

“Ecumenism of the Spirit and Mission,” in Peter G. Heltzel, ed. *Chalice Introduction to Disciples Theology* St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008

“Ecumenism,” “The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God, Voodoo,” in Miguel A. de la Torre, ed. *Santa Barbara-Denver-Oxford: ABC-CLIO*, 2009

Books:

Carmelo Alvarez and Pablo Leggett (eds.) *Lectura teológica del tiempo latinoamericano: Ensayos en honor del Dr. Wilton M. Nelson* (Theological Analysis of the Latin American Kairos) San José: SEBILA, 1979

El protestantismo latinoamericano: Entre la crisis y el desafío (Latin American Protestantism: Between Crisis and Challenge) México: CUPSA, 1981

Carmelo Alvarez, Roberto Craig and José Míguez Bonino, *Protestantismo y Liberalismo en América Latina* (Protestantism and Liberalism in Latin America) San José: DEI-SEBILA, 1984

Santidad y compromiso (Holiness and Commitment) México: CUPSA, 1985

Celebremos la fiesta: Una liturgia desde América Latina (Let's Celebrate the Feast: A Liturgy from Latin America) San José: DEI, 1986

Cuba: Testimonios y vivencias de un proceso revolucionario: Entrevistas por Carmelo Álvarez (Cuba: Testimonies and Experiences of a Revolutionary Process: Interviews by Carmelo Álvarez) San José: DEI, 1989.

Carmelo Alvarez, ed. *Teología alemana y teología latinoamericana de la liberación* (German Theology and Latin American Liberation Theology) (ed.) San José: DEI, 1990

People of Hope: The Protestant Movement in Central America New York: Friendship Press, 1990

Una iglesia en diáspora: Apuntes para una eclesiología solidaria (A Church in Diaspora: Notes Towards a Church in Solidarity) San José: DEI, 1991

Pentecostalismo y liberación: Una experiencia latinoamericana ed. (Pentecostalism and Liberation: A Latin American Experience) San José: DEI, 1992

Carmelo Álvarez and William O. Paulsell, *Spiritual Inheritance: Claim It! Live It!* St.Louis: CBP, 1999

Carmelo Álvarez and Carlos Cardoza, *Llamados a construir el Reino de Dios* (Called to Build God's Reign) Bayamón: Puerto Rico Convention Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 2000

Twenty articles, *Diccionario intérpretes de la fe* (Interpreters of the Faith), Justo L. González, Editor General, Barcelona: CLIE, 2004

Carmelo Álvarez, *Alborada de tiempos fecundos: una teología ecuménica y pentecostal* (At the Dawn of Fertile Times) CLAI: Quito, 2006

Book reviews in *Encounter, Pneuma, International Missionary Research Bulletin, Apuntes, Mid-Stream, Polémica, Voices of the Third World*

Bible Commentary, “A Biblical Faith,” *DisciplesWorld* 2002-2006

Forthcoming books:

General Editor, *Dictionary of Pentecostalism in Latin America and the Caribbean*, 2004-

Introducción a la unidad cristiana (Introduction to Christian Unity) Abingdon Press

Denominational Work:

Member, Association of Disciples Musicians, 1966-1980

Overseas Staff, Common Ministry in Latin America and the Caribbean, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ, 1975-1993, 2002-

Delegate, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico to the Disciples Ecumenical Consultative Council 1985-1989

Member, General Board, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the US and Canada, 1997-2002

Member, Faith and Understanding Commission, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1999-2002

Member, Worship Planning Committee, General Assembly/General Synod, UCC-Disciples, 2000-2001

Pastoral Experience:

Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Anones, Puerto Rico, 1966-1967

Pastor, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Dorado, Puerto Rico, 1967-1971

Ministry of the Word, The Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Diocese of Costa Rica, 1978-1992

Member, Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica, 1978-1989

Theological Advisor, Bishop Cornelius Wilson+, Episcopal Diocese of Costa Rica, 1978-1992

Theological Advisor and Member of the Administrative Board, Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela, 1976-

Ordination: Puerto Rican Convention, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), February 13th. 1972

Bishop, Member of Council of Bishops, Evangelical Pentecostal Union of Venezuela, 2009

Ecumenical Participation:

Member, Society for Pentecostal Studies, 1987-

Founding Member, Ecumenical Commission on Human Rights, Costa Rica, 1978-1992

Member, Editorial Committee, Dictionary of Church History, 1977-1982

Protestant Coordinator, CEHILA (Commission for the Study of Latin American Church History), 1978-1982; Member, Executive Committee, 1980-1982

Secretary, Executive Committee, CELADEC (Latin American Commission on Christian Education), 1978-1980

President, Executive Committee, CELADEC, 1980-1982

Secretary, Special Fund for Ecumenical Theological Education in Latin America, 1979-1981

President, Special Fund for Ecumenical Theological Education in Latin America, 1981-1982

Member, Team Visit to the Soviet Union, World Council of Churches, October 1982

Member, Ecumenical Team Visit to Nicaragua, March 1983

Advisor, General Assemblies, Latin American Council of Churches: Mexico, 1978, Peru, 1982, Brazil, 1988, Chile, 1995, Colombia, 2000, Argentina 2007

Member, Team Visit to Nicaragua, Latin American Council of Churches, World Council of Churches, March 1983

Regional Secretary, Caribbean, Latin American Council of Churches, 1984-1986

Secretary, Pastoral Ministry of Consolation and Solidarity, Latin American Council of Churches, 1984-1986

Delegate, World Council of Churches Consultation on Ecumenical Sharing of Resources, El

Escorial, Spain, October 1987

Ecumenical Observer, Municipal Elections, Philippines, January, 1988.

Ecumenical Observer, Ecumenical Delegation, Nicaraguan Elections, 1990

Advisor, *CEPLA* (Evangelical Pentecostal Coordination in Latin America), 1990-

Vice-President, Executive Committee, Fondo de Micro-Proyectos Costarricenses (Special Fund for Small Projects, Costa Rica), 1990-1996

Commissioner, Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development, WCC, 1989-1991

Coordinator, Program on Theology, Economy and Politics, Latin American Network, Commission on the Churches' Participation in Development, World Council of Churches, 1989-1991

Delegate, General Assembly, Ecumenical Association of Third World Theologians (EATWOT), Nairobi, Kenya, January, 1992

Delegate, General Assembly, EATWOT, The Philippines, December 1996

Executive Secretary and Treasurer, EATWOT, 1992-1996

Member, Faith and Order Commission, NCCC-USA, 1995-1999

The Associated Church Press Awards Judge, 1999

Member, Ecumenical Delegation to Venezuela, September 2002

Official International Observer, Presidential Referendum, Venezuela, August 2004

Official, International Observer, Constitutional Referendum, Ecuador, September, 2008