

**SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION EPISCOPAL CANDIDATE FOR 2022
EXTENDED RESUME**

Rev. Dr. Eduardo (Eddie) Rivera

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Doctor of Ministry Degree (D.Min.) Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia	1992-1997
Master of Theology Degree (Th.M.) Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia	1991-1992
Bachelor of Theology Degree <i>Seminario Metodista Juan Wesley, Monterrey, México</i>	1981-1985
English as a Second Language (ESL) & Sophomore Year Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas	1979-1981
High School Diploma <i>Preparatoria Remington, Ciudad Juárez, México</i>	1977-1979

APPOINTMENT HISTORY & MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

New Mexico Annual Conference Provost/Director of Congregational Vitality	2021 - Present
El Paso District of the New Mexico Conference District Superintendent	2016 - 2021
St. Paul's UMC, Las Cruces, New Mexico Senior Pastor	2013-2016
St. Paul UMC, Abilene, Texas Senior Pastor	2009-2013
St. Paul's UMC, El Paso, Texas Senior Pastor	2004-2009
Trinity-First UMC, El Paso, Texas Associate Pastor of Mission and Outreach	3/1996-2004
Center for Ecumenical Aid to Transients (C.E.A.T), El Paso, Texas Executive Director	1/1995-2/1996
Southern Illinois Hispanic Ministry, Carbondale, Illinois Missionary/Executive Director	1988-1991
<i>Iglesia Metodista El Buen Pastor, Monclova, Coahuila, México</i> Senior Pastor	1986-1988
<i>Iglesia Metodista Jerusalem, Monterrey, Nuevo León, México</i> Senior Pastor	1984-1986
<i>Iglesia Metodista Bethel, Hidalgo, Nuevo León, México</i> Senior Pastor	1983-1984

CLERGY ORDERS

Recognition of Elder Orders and Transfer as Full Member New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church	5/1998
Ordained Elder and received as Full Member <i>Conferencia Anual Fronteriza, Iglesia Metodista de México</i>	7/1988

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCES PARTICIPATION

- 2020 Reserve Delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences
New Mexico Conference Delegation
- 2019 Head of the Delegation to the Special Session of the General Conference
New Mexico Conference Delegation
- 2016 Head of the Delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences
New Mexico Conference Delegation
- 2012 Reserve to General Conference and voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference
Northwest Texas Conference Delegation
- 2008 Reserve to General Conference and voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference
New Mexico Conference Delegation

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- Chair of the Conference Ministry Team, Envisioning Team
and Annual Conference Planning Team
New Mexico Conference 2021 to Present
- Member of the Board of Trustees
McMurry University, Abilene, Texas 2021 to Present
- Member of the Board of Directors
Wesleyan Investive (formerly UMDF) 2018 to Present
- Member of the Board of Directors
TMF 2017 to Present
- Member of the Committee on Episcopacy
South Central Jurisdiction (SCJ) 2016 to Present
- Chair of the Conference Committee on Episcopacy
New Mexico Conference 2016 to Present
- Vice-Chair and Member of the Board of Trustees
Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Texas 2016 to Present
- Member of the Board of Advisors for Regional Course of Study
Perkins School of Theology (SMU), Dallas, Texas 2016 to Present
- Member of the Advisory Council
Center for Evangelism and Missional Church Studies
Perkins School of Theology (SMU), Dallas, Texas 2014 to Present
- Dean of the Cabinet
New Mexico Conference 2018 to 2021
- Member of the SCJ District Superintendents Cohort
Led by the TMF 2016 to 2021
- Delegate to the World Methodist Council
Representing the New Mexico Conference of the UMC 2016 to 2020
- Member of the Lead Pastors Network of Cross-Racial
and Cross-Cultural Congregations (sponsored by GBHEM) 2015-2016
- Chaplain of Conference Council on Youth Ministries (CCYM)
New Mexico Conference 2014-2016
- Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry
Northwest Texas Conference 2012-2013

Member of the Board of Ordained Ministry Northwest Texas Conference	2009-2013
Representative of the New Mexico Conference at the Methodist Border Mission Network (MBMN) with Bishop Whitfield	2006-2009
Member of the Board of Ordained Ministry New Mexico Conference	2001-2009
Member of the Mission Council South Central Jurisdiction	2008-2009
Member of the Executive Committee South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council	2008-2009
Chair of the Ethnic Ministries Committee South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council	2008-2009
Member of the Conference Team on Making Disciples (CTMD) New Mexico Conference	2000-2008
Chair of the Conference Committee on Hispanic Ministries New Mexico Conference	2000-2006
Interpreter and liaison for various Volunteers in Missions (VIM) From Illinois, Georgia and Texas traveling to Mexico	Multiple Dates
Participant in the World Methodist Evangelism Institute Cliff College, Sheffield, England	1/1993
Founder of the Southern Illinois Hispanic Ministry Southern Illinois Conference (now Illinois Great Rivers)	1988-1991
Member of the National Legislative Committee on Youth Ministries <i>Iglesia Metodista de México (IMM)</i>	1978-1981
Vice-President of the Conference Youth Ministries Council <i>Conferencia Anual Fronteriza (IMM)</i>	1978-1981
President of the District Youth Ministries Council <i>Distrito Occidental, Conferencia Annual Fronteriza (IMM)</i>	1976-1978

FAMILY INFORMATION

My wife Hilda Rivera is a retired professional educator who is now venturing into a custom jewelry business as the maker and designer of her own products. We are in our 39th year of shared journey as husband and wife. Our daughter Lizet Dickinson and son-in-law Derek Dickinson are both attorneys and they live in Nashville, Tennessee. Lizet is the Dean of Operations of Intrepid College Prep and Derek is the Director of Advanced Planning at Jackson National. Our 4-year old granddaughter Olivia is now busy growing up and having fun in the process.

SPECIAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

My hobbies are making musical arrangements for piano and watch soccer games especially the Mexican National Team. I do cardio workouts whenever I can visit the gym and enjoy traveling. Hilda's hobbies are arts and crafts, shopping, listening to podcasts and Broadway shows. We enjoy going to the movies together, listening to investigative podcasts, binging, now and then, on a good Netflix series and we love visiting our grandbaby Olivia whenever possible.