

TOMÁS ÁLVAREZ

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Personal Profile and Objective

Dynamic, enthusiastic, and reliable professor, pastor, and church planter. Interested in developing a new generation of pastors and leaders, those who should be well grounded in the Scripture, the sound doctrine, and the Arminian/Wesleyan theological traditions, and able to minister within the context of the United States and Canada.

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Student – Universidad Inter-Americana de Puerto Rico, 2023

Doctor of Ministry, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA. Missional Leadership. May, 2016.

Master of Divinity, Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO. Theological Studies. May, 2004.

Bachelor of Arts (Business Administration) Inst. Voc. Enrique Díaz de León, Guadalajara, México. June, 1998.

Bachelor of Arts (Theology and Biblical Studies). Spanish American Nazarene Bible College, San Antonio, TX. May 1981.

Teaching Experience

Northwest Nazarene University, Nampa, ID. 2022 to Present. Associate Professor of Theology

Nazarene Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO. 2017 – 2018. Doctor of Ministry Program (Cohort) in Spanish.

ENTE ONLINE, Lenexa, KS. 2014 – Present. Courses included Old Testament, Doctrine of Holiness, Interpreting the Scripture and Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World in Spanish.

U. S. District Centers – Colorado and Oregon Pacific Districts Church of the Nazarene, 2007 – Present. Included the twenty-five current modules of the Course of Study (COS) in Spanish.

Seminario Nazareno Mexicano. México, City. 1990—1998. Extension program – EMAD. Delivered at District Centers. Courses included: *Doctrine of Holiness and Church History in Spanish*.

Instituto Bíblico Nazareno del Sureste. Tuxtla Gutiérrez, México. 1983-1986. Courses included: *Old Testament, New Testament, and Biblical Geography in Spanish.*

Positions Held

2022 – Present: Professor of Theology and Special Assistant to the President Northwest Nazarene University – Nampa, ID.

2014 – 2022: Founding Pastor

Latino Medford First Church of the Nazarene – Medford, OR.

2014 – 2022: Hispanic / Latino Ministries Director

Oregon Pacific District Church of the Nazarene - Salem, OR

Taught the Modular Course of Studies (COS) from Nazarene Clergy Development.

2015 – 2022: Executive Director

Oregon Pacific Immigration and Social Services

Provided Legal Immigration Services to low income families in the United States.

2013 – 2014 Lead Pastor

Primera Iglesia del Nazareno de Phoenix – Phoenix, AZ.

2007 – 2013 Church Planter / Lead Pastor

Iglesia del Nazareno Westminster - Westminster CO

Taught the Ministerial Course of Studies (COS) from Nazarene Clergy Development.

1998 –2006 Church Planter /Lead Pastor

Iglesia del Nazareno Libertad - Beardstown, IL

Addressed student communities (colleges and universities) on the subject of Cultural Sensitivity.

1994 – 1998 Lead Pastor

Cuarta Iglesia del Nazareno de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, México

Rescued kids from the streets and founded two suitable shelters for them.

Taught the Ministerial Course of Studies (COS).

1988 -1994 Lead Pastor

Primera Iglesia del Nazareno de Paredón – Paredón Chiapas, México

Identified potential leaders and pastors and referred them to Nazarene Theological Institutions.

Planted three vibrant churches. Assisted the local community in improving their style of living.

Taught the District Ministerial Course of Studies.

1981 – 1988 Pastor

Primera Iglesia del Nazareno de Ixtepec – Cd. Ixtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico

Trained a solid group of lay leaders, planted two vibrant churches.

Identified potential ministers and sent some of them to Nazarene Theological Institutions.

Taught the District Ministerial Course of Studies.

Fields of Interest

Teaching, Preaching, Pastoral Ministry, Leadership, Management.

Organizations Served

Northwest Nazarene University: Member of the Board of Trustees

Church of the Nazarene: Pastor, Member of the General Board, Member of District Advisory

Boards, Member of District Ministry Boards, and other committees

State of Illinois: Department of Human Services Advocate, Human Services Caseworker

Ministerios de Amor (México) Field Director.

Languages

Primary language: Spanish Secondary language: English

Hobbies

Gardening, reading, cooking Mexican food during family gatherings.

Volunteer Experience

Served as an interpreter with the Beardstown Police Department – Beardstown, IL.

Served as an interpreter with Cass County Circuit Court – Virginia, IL.

Served as a Spiritual Counselor with Illinois Department of Corrections, Mt. Sterling, IL.

Licenses and Certificates

Ordained as an Elder within the Church of the Nazarene.

Accredited by the US Department of Justice to practice Immigration Law.

References

Dr. Carla Sunberg, General Superintendent Church of the Nazarene, Lenexa, KS. PH: 913.577.0500, email: csunberg@nazarene.org

Dr. Stan Reeder, Regional Director Church of the Nazarene USA-CAN, Lenexa, KS. PH: 913.577.0500, email: sreeder@nazarene.org

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