

## Permanent Funds

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#### National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship

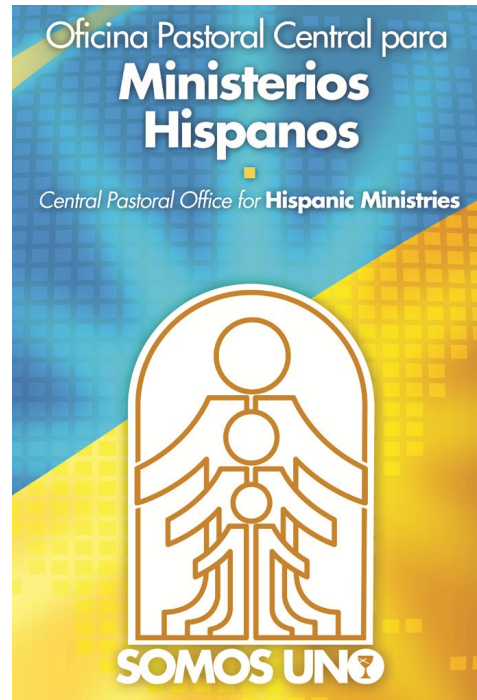
**Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries** (CPOHM) is the primary custodian of Hispanic Ministries' permanent funds. These permanent funds were established to ensure a Hispanic Ministries that is self-sufficient within the CCDC. **Ferdinand García Permanent Fund** was established to strengthen the CPOHM.

The CPOHM was established by the CCDC General Board in July 23-27, 1991, for the purpose of providing pastoral care to Pastors and lay leaders of Hispanic churches through the work of the National Pastor, an Associate, an administrative staff and programming of relevance to Hispanic Ministries.

**Domingo Rodríguez Permanent Fund** provides scholarships to Hispanic candidates for Ministry who are under care of a CCDC Region and have accepted God's call to work towards a Master of Divinity in a seminary recognized by the Association of Theological Schools in the U.S. and Canada.

**National Hispanic Women's Ministry Permanent Fund** was established to strengthen the leadership of Hispanic women.

**Lucas Torres Pastoral Fund for Continuing Education** is a designated fund for theological education activities for Hispanic pastors.



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## Structure of the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries

The **Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries** (“CPOHM”) was established in July 1991 by mandate of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada (“CCDC”).

The Board of Directors of the CPOHM is the **Pastoral Commission** which consists of 25 members as follows: Executive members elected by the National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship in its biennial Assembly (9), a Moderator and one representative from each convention (12) and (4) members of the CCDC’s General Board, 2 of which are Regional Ministers. The Pastoral Commission designs and approves programs of the CPOHM, evaluates the Hispanic National Pastor’s (“**National Pastor**”) performance and prepares the CPOHM’s budget. It responds to the CCDC through reports presented to the Administrative Committee by the National Pastor on its behalf. Board members serve a term of 2 years.

**CPOHM** operates with funds received from several sources: **Disciples Mission Fund** distributions; contributions from **Hispanic congregations**; donations from **philanthropic institutions and foundations**; the **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Puerto Rico**; and gifts from **individuals** and other groups. These gifts and donations support the CPOHM’s administrative work and programmatic areas such as: publications, assistance to congregations, scholarships, the assembly and development of special programs for leadership training.

# What is Obra Hispana?

*The Obra Hispana (“Hispanic Ministries”) is composed of people of various backgrounds and cultures: Mexico, South America, Central America and the Caribbean.*

The term **Obra Hispana** refers to the life and work of Hispanic and bilingual congregations within the CCDC. Our church has about 200 Hispanic congregations and missions, plus other groups in the process of being organized.

### **Hispanic Ministries is organized in six Hispanic and Bilingual Conventions:**

*Arizona: Which includes all Hispanic churches in this state*

*Northeast: New England, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, North Carolina and Washington DC.*

*Midwest: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Kansas, Ohio, Colorado, South Dakota and Missouri.*

*Pacific: California, Oregon and Washington.*

*Southeast: Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.*

*Southwest: Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas.*

These Conventions expand as new congregations are established in other areas of the U.S. They form the **National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship (1981)** that meets biennially in its National Assembly.

The National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship coordinates the work of the CPOHM.

The Mission of the CPOHM is to facilitate, promote, support, sustain and coordinate the pastoral work with people of Hispanic heritage, developed by Disciple congregations, Regions and General Units of the CCDC.

The National Pastor is elected by the Pastoral Commission and is ratified by the National Hispanic and Bilingual Fellowship. This officer is the director of the CPOHM and his/her main duties include:

- **Pastoral Care** to pastors and lay leaders of Hispanic congregations in the U.S. and Canada.
- **Consultant** on Hispanic Ministries to CCDC congregations, areas, regions, general units and other CCDC related institutions.
- **Advocate** for the rights of Hispanic people and institutions before organizations within the CCDC.

**Rev. Dr. Huberto Pimentel** serves as the National Pastor for Hispanic Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the U.S. and Canada, since 2006.

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