



# UPPER NEW YORK AREA OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## **Service of Installation** **Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez**



**A celebration of the assignment of Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez to  
The Upper New York Conference of The United Methodist Church**

March 11, 2023 at 2 p.m.  
Liverpool First United Methodist Church  
Liverpool, New York



UPPER NEW YORK AREA  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**SPECIAL SERVICE CELEBRATING THE ASSIGNMENT OF  
BISHOP HECTOR A. BURGOS NÚÑEZ  
TO THE UPPER NEW YORK AREA**

GATHERING

Rev. Bruce Webster

"Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen, arr. by Mark Hayes  
"You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jeringan, arr. by Mark Hayes  
"Above All" by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBranc, arr. by Mary Hayes  
"In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townsend, arr. by Lary Shackley  
"Holy Ground" by Geron Davis, arranged by Carol Tournquist  
"This Is the Day of New Beginnings" by Carlton Young, arr. by Mark Hayes

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

UMH #89

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You,  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
Joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

*Rev. Carolyn Stow  
UNY Conference Secretary*

WELCOME

*Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding  
Assistant to the Bishop*

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

*Jessica White  
Conference Lay Leader*

INTRODUCTION OF BISHOP BURGOS' FAMILY

*Carmen Vianese  
Committee on the Episcopacy*

OPENING PRAYER \*

*Rev. William Mudge  
Committee on the Episcopacy*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, by your grace you have set us together in your Church, whose foundation is your Son Jesus Christ. Grant your continuing grace, we pray, to all who exercise leadership in your Church, that they may with diligence and faithfulness fulfill their various ministries; and grant that we your people may follow them where you lead and minister faithfully in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*HYMN: "Cantemos al Señor" ("Let's Sing unto the Lord") UMH #149

Cantemos al Señor  
Un himno de alegría,  
Un cántico de amor  
Al nacer el nuevo día.  
Él hizo el cielo, el mar,  
el sol, y las estrellas,  
Y en ellos vio bondad,  
pues sus obras eran bellas.

Let's sing unto the Lord  
A hymn of glad rejoicing  
Let's sing a hymn of love  
at the new day's fresh beginning.  
God made the sky above,  
the stars, the sun, the oceans;  
and God saw it was good, for those works  
were filled with beauty.

Refrain:  
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!  
Cantemos al Señor  
¡Aleluya!

Refrain:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let's sing unto the Lord.  
Alleluia!

Cantemos al Señor  
Un himno de alabanza

Let's sing unto the Lord  
A hymn of adoration,

Que exprese nuestro amor,  
Nuestra fe, y nuestra esperanza.  
Toda la creación  
pregona su grandeza.  
Así nuestro cantar  
va anunciando su belleza.

Refrain:  
¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya!  
Cantemos al Señor  
¡Aleluya!  
Cantemos al Señor ¡Aleluya!

Which shows our love and faith  
And the hope of all creation.  
Through all that has been made,  
The Lord is praised for greatness,  
And so we sing to God,  
Who bestows such lovely blessings.

Refrain:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let's sing unto the Lord.  
Alleluia!  
Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!

*\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – Hispanic Creed  
By Justo Gonzalez*

*Pastor Diczan Gonzalez*

Creemos en Dios Padre todopoderoso,  
Creador de los cielos y de la tierra; Creador  
de los pueblos y las culturas; Creador de  
los idiomas y de las razas.

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Creator of the heavens and the earth, all  
peoples and cultures, creator of all tongues  
and races.

**Creemos en Jesucristo, su Hijo, nuestro  
Señor, Dios hecho carne en un ser  
humano para todos los humanos; Dios  
hecho carne en un momento para todas  
las edades; Dios hecho carne en una  
cultura para todas las culturas; Dios  
hecho carne en amor y gracia para toda  
la creación.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our  
Lord, God made flesh in a person for all  
humanity; God made flesh in an age for  
all the ages; God made flesh in one  
culture for all cultures; God made flesh  
in love and grace for all creation.**

Creemos en el Espíritu Santo, por quien  
el Dios encarnado en Jesucristo se hace  
presente en nuestro pueblo y nuestra  
cultura; por quien el Dios creador de todo  
cuanto existe nos da poder para ser  
nuevas criaturas; quien con sus infinitos  
dones, nos hace un solo pueblo: el cuerpo  
de Jesucristo.

We believe in the Holy Spirit through  
whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ makes  
his presence known in our peoples and our  
cultures; through whom, God Creator of all  
that exists, gives us power to become new  
creatures; whose infinite gifts make us one  
people: the body of Christ.

**Creemos en la Iglesia, que es universal porque es señal del reino venidero; que es más fiel mientras más se viste de colores; donde todos los colores pintan un mismo paisaje; donde todos los idiomas cantan una misma alabanza**

**We believe in the Church Universal because it is a sign of God's Reign, whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues where all the colors paint a single landscape, where all tongues sing the same praise.**

Creemos en el reino venidero, día de la gran fiesta, cuando todos los colores de la creación se unirán en un arco iris de armonía; cuando todos los pueblos de la tierra se unirán en un banquete de alegría; cuando todas las lenguas del universo se unirán en un coro de alabanza.

We believe in the Reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta when all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow, when all peoples will join in joyful banquet, when all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.

**Y porque creemos, nos comprometemos a creer por los que no creen, a amar por los que no aman, a soñar por los que no sueñan hasta que lo que esperamos se torne realidad.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves: to believe for those who do not believe, to love for those who do not love, to dream for those who do not dream, until the day when hope becomes reality.**

**Amen.**

**Amen.**

HYMN \*

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH #393

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us,  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us.  
Melt us, mold us, fill us, use us.  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us.  
Repeat (2 times)

INTRODUCTION OF THE BISHOP

*Conference Lay Leader*

*Jessica White*

Bishop *Héctor A. Burgos Núñez*, you have been consecrated to be a shepherd and servant, and you have now been assigned as bishop of the *Upper New York Area* of The United Methodist Church.

Who will present Bishop *Burgos Núñez* for welcome to this area?

*Chair(s) of Committee(s) on the Episcopacy:*            *Carmen Vianese & Rev. William Mudge*

*We, the Upper New York Area representatives of the Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy, do certify that Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez was duly elected a bishop of The United Methodist Church on November 4, 2022, at the 2022 Jurisdictional Conference, and has been assigned by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy to the Upper New York Area.*

*We, therefore, joyfully present to this congregation gathered here in person and online Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez to be welcomed to the Upper New York Area of The United Methodist Church.*

THE COVENANT SERVICE            *Carmen Vianese, Committee on the Episcopacy, co-chair*

The Church is the community of those called by God, justified by grace, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We who are baptized into Christ's death and raised with Christ in the resurrection are living members of the body of Christ who return thanksgiving to God in ministries of worship, nurture, witness, and service.

A bishop is ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament; and to represent Christ's servanthood in a special ministry of oversight.

A bishop is called to guard the faith, seek unity, exercise the discipline of the whole Church; and to supervise and support the Church's life, work, and mission throughout the world.

As a servant of the whole Church, the bishop is called to preach and teach the truth of the gospel to all God's people; to lead the people in worship, in the celebration of the Sacraments, and in their mission of witness and service in the world, and so participate in the gospel command to make disciples of all nations.

The bishop is to lead and guide all persons entrusted to *his* supervision; join in the consecration of bishops, ordain deacons and elders, consecrate diaconal ministers, and commission other ministers for service to the Church and to the world; and provide for the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the congregations committed to *his* care.

Let the shepherd who has been called, elected, consecrated, and assigned now affirm these ministries in our midst.

*Bishop Burgos Núñez:*

With God's help, I promise faithfully to hear and proclaim God's Word, and rightly administer the Sacraments as your pastor and servant.

***People:***

**With God's help, we promise to join you in the life of praise and thanksgiving, and in the faithful use of the means of grace that God has given us.**

*Bishop Burgos Núñez:*

By the grace of Christ, I promise to be among you as a teacher of the faith, a pastor of souls, and a means to the unity of the body of Christ.

***People:***

**By the grace of Christ, we promise to join you in the life of learning, in the nurturing of God's people, and in the seeking of oneness in Christ which is Christ's gift to us.**

*Bishop Burgos Núñez:*

In the power of the Holy Spirit, I promise to be for you a means of reconciliation and healing, that all those who are burdened or oppressed may experience healing, made whole, and able to rejoice in the new life in Jesus Christ.

***People:***

**In the power of the Holy Spirit, we promise to be, with you, faithful witnesses, serving justice, showing mercy, and in all things proclaiming the acceptable year of the Lord.**

*Conference Lay Leader:*

*Jessica White*

Let the people say, "Amen."

***People:***

***Amen, and amen!***

PRESENTATION OF SIGNS OF THE EPISCOPAL MINISTRY

*Representatives of the people of God present signs of the episcopal office to the bishop.  
As each is received, the bishop responds, "Amen," and places it on a table.*

The Bible *Rev. Peter LeValley*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this Bible and proclaim the prophetic Word in the cause of justice and peace for all people fearlessly. **Amen.**

The Holy Water *Pastor Alicia Wood*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this water, be renewed in your baptism and renew us in ours. **Amen.**

The Bread and Cup *Rev. Matthew French*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this bread and cup, and keep us in communion with Christ and God's Church. **Amen.**

The Towel and Basin *Rev. Rebecca Guthrie*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this towel and basin, and be among us as one who serves. **Amen.**

The Stole *Mr. Victor Giso*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this stole, and be our pastor, preacher, and teacher; encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries, and pray for them without ceasing. **Amen.**

The Globe *Mrs. Kristina Clark*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, receive this globe, and remember, as heirs of John Wesley, the whole world is our parish. Be a dream caster of what God is yet to do among and through us. **Amen.**

The Lamp *Mr. Ian Carlos Urriola*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, receive this lamp and be among us as one who studies and one who teaches. Lead us to be a light on a hill that cannot be hidden. **Amen.**

*The Book of Discipline* *Rev. Se Gye Shin*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this *Book of Discipline*, guard the faith, seek unity, exercise the discipline of the whole Church, and supervise the Church's life, work, and mission throughout the world. **Amen.**

The Gavel *Pastor Jack Keating*  
Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this gavel, and preside at our Annual Conference, appoint pastors and assign diaconal ministers to their ministries, and guide us in our common mission of love, mercy, justice, witness, and service. **Amen.**



The Pastoral Staff

*Rev. Leanne Zeck*

Bishop *Burgos Núñez*, take this pastoral staff, and be upheld and sustained by Christ the Good Shepherd as you exercise the ministry of a shepherd among us in Christ's Name.

**Amen.**

*Conference Lay Leader*

*Jessica White*

Bishop *Héctor*, these are the signs of your ministry among the people of the *Upper New York Area* of The United Methodist Church. Faithfully administer discipline, but do not forget mercy, that when the Chief Shepherd shall appear, you may receive the never-fading crown of glory.

*Bishop Burgos Núñez:*

In the *Name* of Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, I gladly assume, with you and among you, this ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order, of pastoral supervision, government, and service. Strengthened by the love of God and the remembrance of my consecration to the episcopacy, I am resolved to serve faithfully the congregations and people of the *Upper New York Area* as bishop, pastor, and friend in Christ.

***People:***

**On behalf of the congregations and people, we receive you, Bishop *Héctor A. Burgos Núñez*, with joy and thanksgiving as our bishop and pastor. We pledge to you our prayers, our loyalty, and our support as you lead us in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us all.**

WELCOME AND ACCLAMATION

*Rev. William Mudge, Committee on the Episcopacy*

Welcome your bishop!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Good to Me"

*Rev. Dr. Lydia E. Muñoz*

Executive Director, National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries  
of The United Methodist Church

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

MESSAGE

Bishop *Héctor A. Burgos Núñez*

PRAYER

*Jessica White, Conference Lay Leader*

Let's pray together,

**O God, Shepherd and Ruler of the faithful, look with favor on your servant *Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez*, whom your Church has appointed bishop and chief pastor**

**of the Upper New York Area. Grant that, by word and example, he may assist those among whom he is placed, so that he and the people entrusted to his care may fulfill the promises that they have made this day; grow together in unity, love, and service; and at last attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING – *The offering supports the ministry and witness of MARCHA, Methodists Associated with the Cause of Hispanic Americans, young leaders development fund.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Al Otro Lado del Rio"

*Rev. Dr. Lydia E. Muñoz*

Executive Director, National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries  
of The United Methodist Church

HOLY COMMUNION

*Bishop Burgos Núñez:*

Come to the Lord's Table, all you who love him. Come to the Lord's Table, confess your sin. Come to the Lord's Table, and be at peace. Let us confess our sins to God.

We have not believed you or trusted in your power. **Lord, help our unbelief.**

We have stained our souls by our action and inaction. **Cleanse us, Lord.**

We are broken by disease, bruised by the sins of others, weakened, and unable to repair ourselves. **Heal us, Lord.**

We ignore your call to center our lives in you and so are deaf to the hopes and cries of the poor, the sick, the needy, and the earth. **Ground us, Lord!**

*Silent Prayer*

Siblings, when we confess our sinful ways, God abundantly pardons us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are all forgiven. Glory to God!**

By one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body. **Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build our common life.**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be always with you! **And also with you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to you, Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to praise you, Lord.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to thank you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the sun's rising to its setting, your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

You are holy, Almighty One! Blessed are you, Jesus Christ! In the power of the Spirit, you created all things, blessed them, and called them good. You called to yourself a people To make your mercy and truth known in all the world.

We betrayed your calling, **but You remained faithful.**

We wandered from the way, and **You called us to return and led us home.**

And still, we turned from your ways, abused your creatures, and made ourselves slaves to sin and death.

At the right time, you came and dwelt among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing the table with the unrighteous, and teaching the way that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, execution, and resurrection, You gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night of your betrayal, Lord Jesus, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples, and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." "Este es mi cuerpo dado por ustedes."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood." "Esta copa, vertida, es un nuevo pacto en mi sangre."

Blessed Trinity, in remembrance of all you have done to save us, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has come among us. Christ has died. Christ has risen.  
Christ abides with us. Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Spirit on us. **Pour out your Spirit on us!**  
Pour out your Spirit on these gifts. **Pour out your Spirit on these gifts!**  
Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ!  
**Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world!**

Abba, Father! **Let your Reign of love, mercy, and justice come!**  
Glory to you! **¡Gloria a Dios!** (Glory to God)

Come, Lord Jesus! **Be our daily bread.**  
Glory to you! **¡Gloria a Dios!**

Holy Spirit! **Send us to the world.**  
Glory to you! **¡Gloria a Dios!**

Holy, Blessed Trinity! **One God forever!**  
Glory to you! **Glory to you! ¡Gloria a Dios!**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND COMMITMENT**

*Rev. Raquel Alston*

Let's pray together,

**We thank you, gracious Lord, for giving yourself to us, and for uniting us in the communion of your Holy Spirit. We bless you for raising up among us your faithful servant, Héctor for the ministry of a bishop in your Church. We pray that *he* may be an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and holiness of life. Grant that we, with him may glorify you by giving ourselves to**

**others; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

\*HYMN "Enviado Soy de Dios" ("Sent Out in Jesus' Name")

#2184 TFWS

Enviado soy de Dios,  
mi mano lista esta  
para construir con Dios  
un mundo fraternal.

Sent out in Jesus' name,  
Our hands are ready now  
To make the earth the place  
In which the kingdom comes.

Los angeles no son  
enviados a cambiar  
un mundo de dolor  
por un mundo de paz.

The angels cannot change  
A world of hurt and pain  
Into a world of love,  
Of justice and of peace.

Me ha tocado a mi  
hacerlo realidad;  
ayudame, Señor,  
a hacer tu voluntad.

The task is ours to do,  
To set it really free.  
O help us to obey  
And carry out your will.

\*GOING FORTH

"Everlasting God"

#3021 Worship and Song

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Our God, you reign forever  
Our hope, our strong deliverer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary

You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on the wings  
Like eagles.

POSTLUDE

Rev. Bruce Webster

"Here I Am Lord" by Dan Schutte, arr. by Mark Hayes

*You are invited to Greet Bishop Héctor Burgos Núñez and Jazelis Adorno in a reception in the fellowship hall after the service. Refreshments will be served.*

- "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee," The United Methodist Hymnal #89; Words: Henry Van Dyke; Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. By Edward Hodges, 1864
- "Cantemos al Señor" (Let's Sing unto the Lord), The United Methodist Hymnal #149; Words: Carlos Rosa, 1983; Music: Carlos Rosa; arr. By Raquel Mora Martinez
- "Spirit of the Living God," The United Methodist Hymnal UMH #393 Words: Daniel Iverson, 1926, Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926
- "Enviado Soy de Dios" (Sent Out in Jesus' Name), The Faith We Sing #2184, Words: Anon; trans. By Jorege Maldonado 1988, Music: Trad. Cuban; arr. By Carmen Pena, 1996
- "Everlasting God," Worship and Song #3021, Words, Brenton Brown and Ken Riley; Music: Brenton Brown and Ken Riley, 2005
- "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "You Are My All in All" by Dennis Jeringan, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "Above All" by Paul Baloche and Lenny LeBranc, arr. by Mary Hayes
- "In Christ Alone" by Stuart Townsend, arr. by Lary Shackley
- "Holy Ground" by Geron Davis, arranged by Carol Tournquist .
- "This Is the Day of New Beginnings" by Carlton Young, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "Let Us Break Bread Together" Traditional, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "Come, Share the Lord:" by Bryan Jeffrey Leeach, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "Here I Am Lord" by Dan Schutte, arr. by Mark Hayes
- "Good to Me" by Audrey Assad
- "Al Otro Lado del Rio" (On the other side of the river) by Jorge Drexler

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Words of Appreciation

- ❖ *We are grateful to all who helped make this celebration possible.*
- ❖ *Thank you to our special guests.*
- ❖ *We especially express appreciation to the Liverpool: First United Methodist Church for their hospitality and the use of space.*
- ❖ *We are grateful to our musicians.*
- ❖ *Thank you to the UNY Committee on Episcopacy.*

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez

Jessica White

The Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding

The Rev. Aaron Bouwens

The Rev. Michael Weeden

The Rev. Nola Anderson

The Rev. Ted Anderson

The Rev. Suzanne Block

The Rev. Debbie Earthrowl

The Rev. Robert Kolvik-Campbell

The Rev. Sherri Rood

The Rev. Carlos Rosa-Laguer

The Rev. Abel Roy

Mrs. Mary Bradley

Resident Bishop

Conference Lay Leader

Assistant to the Bishop

Director of Missional Excellence

Dean of the Cabinet & Northern Flow District

Superintendent

Crossroads/Finger Lakes District

Superintendent

Genesee Valley District Superintendent

Cornerstone District Superintendent

Adirondack/Albany District Superintendent

Binghamton/Oneonta District Superintendent

Mountain View District Superintendent

Niagara Frontier District Superintendent

Mohawk District Superintendent

Episcopal Manager

## **Biography**



Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez holds a M.Div. from the School of Theology at Drew University in Madison, NJ, a bachelor's in business administration with a concentration in Management and Strategic Marketing from the University of Puerto Rico, and a graduate certificate in Information Systems Technology. At the time of his election to the episcopacy, Bishop Burgos was serving as District Superintendent of the Central District of the Greater

New Jersey Conference.

Bishop Burgos served pastorates at West Creek United Methodist Church, NJ; First United Methodist Church in Tuckerton, NJ; Iglesia Casa de Esperanza in Tuckerton, NJ; and Oasis United Methodist Church in Pleasantville, NJ. He also served as Director of Worship and Urban Ministries, Executive Director of NextGen Ministries of GNJ, and Director of Connectional Ministries for the Greater New Jersey Conference.

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos, a Community Leadership Fellow from the Lewis Center for Church Leadership, a certified ICA coach, and an Outward Mindset facilitator, also served as Director of Communications for MARCHA, the National Hispanic/Latino caucus within the United Methodist Church. Bishop Burgos' interests include racial and organizational equity, leadership development, urban ministries, contextual evangelism and worship, and strategic communications in a digital era.

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico. A life-long Methodist, Hector's faith was nurtured at "El Olivar" Methodist Church, where he grew and served in the children/youth and adults' choirs, drama ministry, praise band, and as chair of the church evangelism ministry team. He enjoys cooking for his family and friends and is known for his famous meat marinades and BBQ ribs. Bishop Burgos also enjoys blogging. His blog, *Mensajes de Esperanza* has more than 205,000 followers throughout Latin America. He shares life with his wife, Jazelis Adorno, and their children, Fabián, Joel, Marcos, and Valeria.