

**IN SUPPORT OF HISPANO/LATINO PRESCENCE IN THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL**

MARCHA (Methodist Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans)

**WHEREAS** Daniel A. Ivey-Soto is a Christ-centered attorney who was raised in The United Methodist Church, whose father was a Methodist missionary to Cuba, and whose mother is a native of Cuba and was active in the Methodist church in Cuba. And,

**WHEREAS** Daniel A. Ivey-Soto has a demonstrated commitment to the life of The United Methodist Church, including our Wesleyan heritage, our democratic process, our historical commitment to reaching out to all persons for salvation, and our adherence to the Book of Discipline. He has always been active at all levels of the church since the age of 16, when he was elected a Reserve Delegate to the 1984 General Conference. Daniel continues to give back to the church, currently serving as Third Lay Alternate Member of the Judicial Council, MARCHA Representative to the Connectional Table, Chair of the Appeals Committee on the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Chair of the Finance Committee of the South Central Jurisdiction Mission Council, Chair of the New Mexico Annual Conference Rules Committee, and Executive Committee member of the Albuquerque District Committee on Ordained Ministry. And,

**WHEREAS** Daniel A. Ivey-Soto is well educated, possessing a Juris Doctor degree, a Master of Business Administration degree, and a Master of Arts in Education degree. A former school teacher, Daniel serves as Associate Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, Ethics & Legal for the State of New Mexico and is a practicing lawyer who is active in mediation and who is also experienced in appellate work. And,

**WHEREAS** there has never been an Hispanic voting member of the Judicial Council.

**THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that MARCHA, the National Hispanic Caucus of The United Methodist Church, meeting in its 36<sup>th</sup> annual session in the year of our Lord 2007 in Newark, New Jersey, hereby endorses Daniel A. Ivey-Soto as a Lay Candidate for the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church, and encourages the election of this qualified, passionate, and committed leader of the United Methodist Hispano Community to the Judicial Council of The United Methodist Church.

*Recommended by Consejo Directivo de MARCHA. Approved by the Plenary at the MARCHA Annual Meeting on August 11, 2007*

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