



The Wisconsin Conference delegation to the North Central Jurisdiction announces with joy its decision to nominate the Rev. Jorge Luis Mayorga Solis for the episcopacy. Born in Atiquizaya, El Salvador in 1955, he has been married with Rosy since 1974. They have three children and three grandchildren. In the midst of El Salvador's civil war in 1981, the family moved to the US. They became American citizens in 1988.

Raised in a Catholic family, Rev. Mayorga received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at the age of nineteen. He was the first in his family to become a Protestant. Now two of his other siblings are also United Methodist Pastors.

Rev. Mayorga has earned high respect, not only within the Wisconsin Conference, but nationally through his denominational work as a member of the Board of Directors of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, as a Facilitator for the National Plan for Hispanic Ministry and as a Consultant to Annual Conferences establishing Hispanic ministries. He also teaches at Garrett Evangelical for the Course of Study.

He was elected to General Conference in 2004, and was the first clergy elected to the 2008 General Conference; he has served as a District Superintendent since 2004. Rev. Mayorga has been also endorsed by MARCHA, which is the National Hispanic Caucus.

Says the Rev. Wesley White, "When you experience Jorge, you find a spiritual leader who loves people into creative mission through the reconciliation process of listening well and speaking with authority. Jorge's leadership results in creation and communities being transformed."

The pastor of Neenah Faith, Tim Vanden Langenberg states, "There have only been a few people that I have encountered that I would call truly holy. Jorge Luis

Mayorga Solis is one of those few. He so radiates the love of Jesus Christ that it is just good to be around him. His love for God and love for people is so evident and so deep and so sincere that he is one person that for me embodies the good news of Jesus Christ. “

A Madison, WI pastor and former District Superintendent, Christine Bethke, affirms: “Jorge excels in the areas of evangelism and discipleship. He is particularly attentive to those outside the faith community and has great enthusiasm for all ways possible in which the Good News can be shared. His passion is new church/faith community development and has demonstrated this passion in the number and variety of new ministries to which he has given primary leadership as a pastor and District Superintendent. He has a deep desire that people understand their faith journey as a life long, growing, outreaching process – hence, he is deeply committed to strengthening discipleship.”

Says the Rev. Dr. Thomas O. Garnhart, “I have known Jorge since his coming to Wisconsin. In 1997 I became his Superintendent while he was developing and growing the Lake Geneva Hispanic ministry. In my earliest supervisory meetings with Jorge, I became convinced that he was a potential bishop of the church with profound commitment and highly developed skills.”

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