

The Reverend Altagracia Perez-Bullard, PhD

OBJECTIVE

To equip, support and facilitate leaders of Christian communities to seek and serve all God's children, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and to transform and renew their communities, forming disciples in Christ's name.

EMPLOYMENT

July 2019- Present **Virginia Theological Seminary, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology**

November 2014- June 2019 **Episcopal Diocese of New York, New York, NY**

Canon for Congregational Vitality

- Support the revitalization of congregations and the development of lay and clergy leadership for ministry responsive to the current realities of their contexts.

April 2003-October 2014 **Holy Faith Episcopal Church, Inglewood, CA Rector**

- Senior Pastor and Administrator of a 100-member, diverse, bilingual congregation engaged in community service and social justice.

May 1994-April 2003 **St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Los Angeles, CA Rector**

- Managing necessary change, led efforts that created a more cohesive bilingual, multi-cultural congregation, whose families are of varied socio-economic levels and work together for a common mission.
- Brought administrative and programmatic procedures up to current best business practice standards.
- Increased congregation's engagement in policy change to improve the quality of life of the poor in our community.

January 1990-November 1993 **Diocese of Chicago Coordinator of Youth Ministries**

- Designed and implemented various programs for young people that enhance Christian spiritual formation and enriched community life.
- Consulted and trained young people and adults in the principles and practice of youth ministry for the development and maintenance of local youth programs.
- Increased programming that educated young people and adults on critical social issues with emphasis on their theological and practical implications for Christians.

June 1986-December 1989 **Pilsen Catholic Youth Center, Chicago, IL Associate Director**

- Developed and provided youth programs for un-churched youth with focus on gang and dropout prevention, spiritual formation, cultural enrichment and recreational alternatives.
- Developed leadership program that supported youth in community service and advocated for social change to improve their community. Designed one of the first AIDS peer education programs targeting Hispanic high-risk youth in the nation.

June 1985-June 1986 **Misión San Juan Bautista, Bronx, NY Leadership Coordinator**

- As pastoral team member developed leadership programs for women and youth as part of

mission development project funded by Trinity Church, Wall Street.

September 1984-May 1985 **City Council of Churches, NY, NY** **Campus Ministry Associate**

- As chaplain of Borough of Manhattan Community College developed programs focusing on social responsibility and community building, especially addressing tensions between Jews and Muslims and between Lesbian/Gay and Christian students.

September 1983-August 1984 **Union Theological Seminary, NY, NY**

Co-Director of Women's Center

- Designed and implemented programming for women of seminary community. Responsible for budget, administration.

EDUCATION

September 2010-May 2015 Claremont School of Theology, Claremont, CA

Doctor of Philosophy in Practical Theology

September 1985- June 1986 Union Theological Seminary of New York, NY

Master of Sacred Theology

September 1982- June 1985 Union Theological Seminary of New York, NY

Master of Divinity

September 1978- June 1982 New York University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Science

Major in Educational Psychology and minor in Psychology

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTIVE)

Co-convenor and Co-editor, Academic Conference and Anglican Theological Review Journal Issue on Latinx Theology in the Episcopal/Anglican Church, forthcoming Fall 2019

Instructor, Spanish for Latinx Ministry Course, Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, January 2019-May 2019

Consultant, Designing *Spanish for Latinx Ministry* Course to teach in Spring 2019, Episcopal Divinity School at Union Theological Seminary, New York, NY, February 2018-June 2018

Member, Council of Advice, Office of Black Ministries, The Episcopal Church, New York, NY, January 2018-Present

Participant, Wabash 2016 Workshop for Hispanic Theological Initiative Fellows, Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, March 2016,

<https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/programs/workshops/2016-hispanic-theological-initiative/>

Secretary, La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion, AAR/SBL Recognized Scholarly Organization (RSO), 2015-2017

Faculty, CREDO, Memphis, TN, August 2005-December 2009

Chair/Commissioner, City of Los Angeles, Neighborhood Council Review Commission, September

2006-June 2007

Director, Episcopal Urban Internship Program, Inglewood, CA, April 2003-August 2005

Commissioner, City of Los Angeles, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Fall 2005-Sprint 2007

Chaplain, Camp Stevens, Julian, CA, July 2005

Member, Mayoral Transition Team (Villaraigosa), City of Los Angeles, May 2005-July 2005

Convener, Coalition for a Better Inglewood, CA, 2004-2007 (Wal-Mart Campaign)

Deputy, General Convention, Diocese of LA, 2003-2012

Member, General Convention, Program, Budget and Finance Committee, ECUSA, 2003-2009

Faculty, Multi-Cultural Ministry Course, January Intercession, Los Angeles, CA, 2002-2004

Dean, El Centro Deanery IV, Diocese of LA April 2002-April 2003

Board President/Founding Member, Jubilee Consortium, Los Angeles, CA, 2001-2008

Board Member: Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, LA, CA 2000-2004

President of the Board: Coalition LA, Los Angeles, CA, 1999-2005

Member: *Hispanic* Ministries Program Group, Diocese of LA 1995-1997

Member: Commission on Cultural Awareness and Racial Equity, Diocese of LA 1997-1999

Member/Co-Chair Racial and Ethnic Populations Subcommittee: President Clinton's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, Washington DC 1994-1999

Province V Coordinator of Youth Ministries, The Episcopal Church, USA, June 1991-May 1994

Deacon, then Non-Stipendiary Assistant, Messiah & St. Bartholomew Church, Chicago, IL June 1991- May 1994

Consultant and Project Coordinator, AIDS resources for youth and congregations, 70th General Convention resolutions A004 and A005, The Episcopal Church, USA, April 1993-May 1994

Member, HDI, National Latina Leadership Council on HIV/AIDS, Washington, DC, 1990-1993

Member: Joint Standing Committee on AIDS/HIV, General Convention, ECUSA, 1988-1991

Sign Language Interpreter, New York Society for the Deaf, New York, September 1980- August 1984

Professional Affiliations: Religious Education Association and American Academy of Religion, La Comunidad of Hispanic Scholars of Religion

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTIVE)

Book Review, *Post-Traumatic Public Theology*, Arel and Rambo, eds., *Anglican Theological Review*, forthcoming

"Leadership Transformed and Transforming," *Living Church*, December 7, 2017,
<https://livingchurch.org/covenant/2017/12/07/leadership-transformed-and-transforming/>

"Ask Yourself 'Who Is Not Here?'" *Episcopal New Yorker*, Summer 2017,
http://www.evergreeneditions.com/publication/?i=427324&p=2#{%22page%22:26,%22issue_id%22:427324}

Book Review, *Turning Teaching Inside Our: A Pedagogy of Transformation for Community-Based Education*, Davis and Roswell, eds., *Reflective Teaching*, October 2016,
<https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/book-reviews/>

"Theologizing Ministry and Pastoral Care: Latina/o Practical Theology: Reflections on Faith Based Organizing as a Religious Practice," *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Latino/a Theology*, Orlando O. Espin, ed., Submitted for Publication/Publication Pending (Wiley-Blackwell, Chichester, West Sussex, 2015)

"Living into Multicultural Inclusive Ministry," *Anglican Theological Review*, 93:4, 659-667.

"Pastoral Care with Persons Living with HIV/AIDS, Injustice and the Care of the Souls: Taking Oppression Seriously in Pastoral Care, Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Karen Montagno, editors, Fortress Press, Minneapolis, 2009

"Abundant Life," The Book of Women's Sermons, Lee Hancock, editor, Riverhead Books, New York, 1999

"Este Es Mi Cuerpo:" A Faith of One's Own, Explorations by Catholic Lesbians, Barbara Zanotti, editor, The Crossing Press, 1986

Episcopal TAP: Teen AIDS Prevention Curriculum, ECUSA, 1993

"The Phenomenon of Spiritual Violence," Ounce of Prevention Fund, Chicago, IL 1991

PRESENTATIONS (SELECTIVE)

"Liturgies and Communal Spiritual Practices as Sites of Liberation and Transformation among Latinx Peoples", Identity, Suffering, and Hope in Puerto Rico and Beyond: Latinx Communities Claiming Freedom Panel, Union Theological Seminary, New York, April 2018.

"God's Story, Transforming Our Communities," Bold Like Jesus, Keynote, North Carolina Synod ELCA, Salisbury, NC, February 2018.

"Exploring Multicultural Urban Ministry," Regional Discernment Retreat Lab, Forum for Theological Exploration, Los Angeles, September 2017.

"Today's Challenges for Congregational Leaders," General Theological Seminary Colloquy, New

York, February 2017.

"Together from the Beginning: Intersectional Justice Ministries," Missional Church for the Life of the World, ELCA Mission Developers Congregational Development Training Conference, Colorado, Fall 2016.

"Juntos Creemos/Together We Grow," Nuevo Amanecer Conference, Key Note, Hendersonville, North Carolina, Summer 2016.

Strategizing for Cross-Cultural Partnership Lab, A National Forum, Forum Theological Exploration, Atlanta, 2015.

Succession Planning, Sustainability Institute Workshop, Episcopal Charities, New York, September 2015.

Executive Leadership in Changing Times, Gathering of Black Clergy Leadership, Co-Leader, Diocese of Chicago, April 2015.

"Community Organizing with Urban Congregations/Religious Organizations: An Analysis of the Social Justice Campaigns' embodiment and practice of liberation theologies and liberative pedagogies." American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Baltimore, 2013.

"A Liberative Pedagogy for Multicultural, Inclusive Urban Congregations," Religious Education Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2012.

"My Call" Presentation for "Am I Called Conference," National Discernment Conference for Young People of Color, Diocese of Los Angeles, June 2005

A View from Afar: Angelinos Bear Witness to September 11th," Gallery Talk, September 11: Bearing Witness to History, Japanese American National Museum, Los Angeles, CA, August 2004

Innovative Women Leaders of Religious Communities Consultation, Ford Foundation, New York, NY, 2002

"Building Bridges to Justice," Women Connecting Women, Mt. St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA, March 2001

"Speaking Truth to Power," The 2001 Congress on Urban Ministry, SCUPE, Chicago, IL, March 2001

"Healing Ourselves in Order to Help Others Heal: Body, Mind, Spirit," Women's Health Leadership Convening, Monterey, CA, November 2000

"HIV Prevention with Faith Communities and Communities of Color," Center for Disease Control Satellite Broadcast, Atlanta, GA, November 1999

"The Spirit of Service," The Second Annual Community Service-Learning Conference "Engaged Campus: Building a Community Service-Learning Framework," Chancellor's Office California Community Colleges, November 1999

"Having the Spirit to Volunteer," Points of Light Foundation Community Service Conference, Las Vegas, NV, July 1999

"Substance Abuse Treatment for Latinos: Myth or Reality- An Evolving Issue for Religious and Community Leaders," National Council of La Raza Conference, Philadelphia, PA, July 1998

"The Spirit for Healing in the Long Haul," National Minority AIDS Conference, Miami, FL, March 1997

"My call, my work, myself," Presentations to university students at the University of California at Los Angeles, California State University at Northridge, and Occidental College, 1995-1998

"Machismo and Marianismo: Challenges to HIV/AIDS Prevention in the Latino Community," HIV/AIDS Train the Trainer Event, Hispanic AIDS Network, Chicago, IL, 1991

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, American Sign Language

AWARDS RECEIVED

Pauli Murray Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award, Union of Black Episcopalians, 2012

Bishop Charles Golden Scholarship, Honorable Mention, Claremont School of Theology, 2011

Episcopal Church Foundation Fellowship, Academic Track, 2010-2012

Hispanic Theological Initiative Consortium Fellowship, 2010-present

Religious Freedom Award, American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, September 2006

The Hugh White Award, Trumpet of Justice, Episcopal Network for Economic Justice, 2005

Los Angeles Regional Social Justice Award, Urban and Environmental Policy Institute, Occidental College, April 2005

Phenomenal Woman Award, Women's Studies Department, California State University at Northridge, October 2002

Economic Justice & Worker's Rights, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, May 2002

The Camel Award, Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, September 2001

Golden Angel Religious Advocate Award, National Institutes of Mental Health, July 2001

Outstanding Service Award, Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, May 2000

REFERENCES

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