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Rev. Francisco Cañas: Coordinator

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Re: 2009 School of Congregational Development 7/29/09-9/2/2009

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,

The 2009 SCD, the product of the collaborative efforts of the General Board of Global Ministries and General Board of Discipleship, has been an indispensable resource for providing effective training of pastors since its inception in 1980. This event, hosted by the Northern Illinois Conference, in Evanston, Illinois, boasts a plethora of notable speakers who will be discussing key topics in Hispanic/Latino Ministry including:

Organizing for Missional Impact

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, IL Conference Episcopal Leader & Vice-Chair, NPH/LM Committee

Developing New Congregations in a Multicultural Context

Rev. Dr. Irving Cotto, Director, Congregational Development, Eastern PA Conference

Hispanic/Latino centered tracks for Church Planters as well as specialized tracks for annual conference leaders & staff include:

Annual Conference Strategies for Racial-Ethnic Ministries

Francisco Cañas, NPHLM Coordinator; Anne Marshall, Native American Ministry, Et al.

Congregational Development with Second and Third Generation Hispanic/Latino Immigrants

Rev. Jose Palos, Executive Committee NPH/LM; Rev. Ruben Saenz, Senior Pastor of El Buen Pastor, UMC

Developing an Annual Conference Strategy for New Church Development

Bishop Minerva Carcaño, Desert Southwest Conference Episcopal Leader & Chair, NPH/LM Committee, Et al.

Spanish Language New Church, Development

Rev. Saul Trinidad, NPH/LM Consultant

As National Coordinator of the NPH/LM I strongly recommend that you make an effort to attend all or part of the 2009 SCD. I firmly believe that the SCD is an effectual tool for equipping pastors and conference staff with the necessary knowledge to produce and maintain vital congregations, within the context of Hispanic Ministries and a changing American landscape.

We understand that planning a week away from your hectic schedules can be troublesome; however the SCD offers two options for attending. You may choose from The Full School, from Wednesday July 29th to Sunday, August 2nd, or The Weekend School, from Saturday, August 1st to Sunday, August 2nd. Please find the attached informative brochure, in PDF format, providing a full listing of The 2009 SCD speakers, workshops and events as well as information on registration and associated fees. Further information, including online registration, is available at www.scdumc.org. We encourage you to finalize your registrations as soon as possible.

The National Office of the NPH/LM will be providing a limited number of partial scholarships to assist those who may not have the available resources to attend the 2009 SCD. These limited scholarships will be provided to individuals who have demonstrated a need for assistance and will be dispersed accordingly. Please contact the National Office Assistant, Mr. Alberto Domínguez at adominguez@gbgm-umc.org for further information.

Sincerely,

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