



Coalition for Hispanic Ministries

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Solomon wisely noted in Ecclesiastes 3:

¹¹He [God] has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

I continue to marvel at the work that God is doing among Hispanic Friends and how he has used the Friends Church and the Coalition for Hispanic Ministries to accomplish some of His purposes for the redemption, salvation and sanctification of His people. I cannot fathom God's work, and yet together we can give thanks for the beauty of it.

Currently we are in a time of transition in the Coalition for Hispanic Ministries. I have given leadership to this organization for over 32 years now and have realized that it is soon time for me to step away and move toward the next chapter in my life and ministry. What I am realizing is that God is already preparing the way for CHM's task of developing and promoting ministries to the Hispanic communities of North America to continue to be realized.

Pastor Sergio Ayala from Coahuila, Mexico is leading the Ministerial Alliance of Hispanic Friends (AMANA); Pastor Samuel Navarro has taken leadership among the Friends Churches of EFC-ER; Pastor Omar Castillo from Chicago seems ready to assume leadership of the CHM board that has been capably led by Pastor Karl Newmann as chairperson; and EFM is in conversations to partner with CHM to expand the ministries of Edwin and Maria Giron as missions mobilizers so that they can act as Hispanic Ministries Coordinators to promote, develop, and help coordinate the Friends Hispanic ministry movement in North America and beyond. I am so thankful for God's ongoing work.

This will be a busy year in preparation for the changes to come and I look forward to traveling to join with Hispanic Friends for our North American Conference in September in the Philadelphia area with the theme, "Our Commitment to the Gospel." There we will be seeking God's leadership for the future.

In the meantime, pray with me for the immigrant communities in the United States; that God would minister among them so that they can be a blessing to this nation and to the building of God's kingdom. Pray for the pastors and leaders of the Spanish-speaking churches and ministries in Mid-America and beyond. Pray that in our churches our vision for reaching people for Christ will make us effective missionaries in our own communities.

I thank God for you and your vision in participating as a part of this Coalition for Hispanic Ministries!

Your servant and partner in ministry,
David C. Byrne