

## Hispanic Ministries Report for Diocesan Council | February 2026

By the Rev. Canon David M. Dubay

In October, I accompanied Canon Simonis and visited with seminarians at Trinity Anglican School for Ministry. I spoke to seminarians asking if they had any interest in or desire to engage in domestic mission to the Spanish speaking community in our country. There was little interest among the students but some among the faculty. I also attended and spoke at a Spanish service at Church of The Savior Anglican in Ambridge PA. They have given space to an EPC pastor who is leading worship with assistance from two Trinity Seminarians. One of these seminarians is being paid a stipend by their Diocese.

Over the last year, our only Spanish language congregation was slowly being formed at St. John-Holy Trinity, in downtown Charleston. This congregation, which numbers 32 individuals, many in family groups have been shepherded by Father Angel Davila Lizardo who is also the Associate Rector for Fr. David Dubay. Most of the congregation and Fr. Lizardo reside in Summerville. In January of this year, the whole Spanish speaking congregation moved to Summerville and is now worshipping at St. Paul's Anglican church in the evening and in the old church building. Plans are to grow this congregation and in time, plant as a mission somewhere in Summerville. We are grateful for the support and blessing given to this ministry by Fr. Tripp Jeffords and the leadership of St. Paul's. Father Lizardo and his wife Doralis have worked tirelessly to follow God's calling to be bi-vocational and church planters in a new country during a rather stressful time for migrants. Fr. Lizardo is still waiting for a date for an asylum hearing. It may take a year to hear from the courts. Please keep him, Doralis and their two daughters in your prayers.

"El Puente" (The Bridge), a network of English-speaking churches, ministering to Spanish speakers will be up and running in early March. It is designed to connect, resource, and support any ministry to Spanish speakers, first in our Diocese and then in the greater church. The Canon will be compiling a list of interested people over the next few weeks.

One of the main networks of Hispanic Domestic Missioners in the ACNA has resurfaced. "Caminemos Juntos" (Walking together) will be holding its first convention in a long while in Fort Worth in April. I, and hopefully another member of our team, will be in attendance.

Spring outreach to the Spanish speaking community of our state will include prayer breakfasts in migrant camps, English Lessons in our interested parishes, and Spanish Alpha, an amazing free resource. If your church hears a call to be a part of

this ministry, please contact Canon Dubay by emailing [fr.dubay@gmail.com](mailto:fr.dubay@gmail.com). Or wait, and he will come to you.

La Paz y La Gracia de nuestro Salvador,

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