

# Ministry to Spanish Speakers

## in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

### May 2026

From April 23rd to the 25th of this year, I attended The National Event sponsored by Caminemos Juntos. Caminemos Juntos, which means let us walk together, is the Spanish Ministries Subgroup of the ACNA, overseen by Bishop Menes and now headed by the newly ordained deacon, Sebastian Vargas Thompson of Chicago Ill. (formerly of Chile) While there, I participated in his ordination.

Caminemos Juntos met for years in the U.S., as well as Central and South America, but has not met as an organized group for some years. This reinvigoration of the ministry was a wonderful time of ministry sharing, inter-diocesan connection and, with the addition of English and Spanish interpreters, was a much more diverse group than in the past.

I have now met many of the people in front line ministry whom I had only known online before. I also know now of resources that are available for the ACNA nationally that have only been available regionally. These resources include instruction in the catechism in Spanish online to train up local missionaries and evangelists. We will be availing ourselves of these resources near the end of the Summer. I am lobbying to have the next American Caminemos meeting here in South Carolina.

The Spanish speaking congregation and future church plant now found at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville is doing very well and has increased in number. There is now a thriving children's ministry, and I will attend the baptism of two young people in a few days. Father Angel and his family are still living in stressful times as they apply and reapply for asylum. Currently, the immigration protection given to his wife and daughters is in effect, as the Supreme Court has recently upheld its legality. However, Fr. Angel's status is different than theirs and his hope lies in the approval of his valid asylum claim. Please be in prayer for the Davila Lizardo family. Their oldest daughter, Victoria, will be a counselor at Camp Jubilee this summer. The hope is that very soon this congregation will form the first church plant/mission for Spanish speakers in our diocese.

Beginning in late July-early August, *Spanish for Local Missions* will be offered as an online course by the Canon for Hispanic Ministries. That will coincide with English lessons for the migrant population in the downtown Charleston area. The goal there is to reform and

rebuild a new congregation of Spanish speakers both downtown in Charleston and West of the Ashley and possibly in North Charleston, depending on where the worshippers God calls to us are located.

I have been in talks with other transitional deacons who are Spanish speakers since my meeting in Texas, and there is some interest to come and join us as bi-vocational pastors and evangelists to begin the building of new congregations. It is slow work. And the people to whom we minister are in great stress, and they're not easily invited to any gatherings. Please be in prayer for those of us who are on the frontline of this ministry. If you would like to be in the front line of that ministry, please contact the Reverend Canon David M. Dubay, 843-801-5856.

En Christo Solo,

The Reverend Canon David M Dubay