

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON CLIFTON L. HOLLAND



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(PROLADES)**

PERSONAL

- **Birthdate & Place:** July 9, 1939 in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA
- **Citizenship:** USA
- **Childhood:** Raised in Southern California (1942-1956)
- **Military Service:** U.S. Air Force (December 1956-October 1960), Honorable Discharge
- **Marital Status:** Married to Linda J. Ives (July 26, 1958)
- **Children:** Richard L. (born 1961 in Lynwood, CA) and Suzan L. (born 1962 in Chicago, IL)
- **Current Residence:** Costa Rica (since April 1972)

EDUCATION

- **Diploma, Compton High School, Compton, California (1956).**
- **Diploma, Electronics School, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville, Illinois; Ground-to-Air Communications Specialist & Electronics Technician (six-month program).**
- **Course Work: University of Wisconsin Extension Program; 8 credit hours taken during 1957-1960 while serving in the U.S. Air Force.**
- **Diploma, Pre-Aviation/Missionary Major, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, IL (1961-1964).**
- **Course Work: Fullerton Junior College, General Education requirements, Fullerton, CA; 12 credit hours taken during 1965-1966.**
- **B.A., General Bible Major, BIOLA College (now BIOLA University), La Mirada, CA (1965-1967).**
- **M.A. in Missiology / Inter-Cultural Studies, School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, CA: Missiology Major with concentrations in Cultural Anthropology, Latin American Studies & Church History, 1968-1971.**
- **Certificate of Completion of Spanish Language Program at the Spanish Language Institute / Instituto de Lengua Español (ILE) in San Jose, Costa Rica (year-long program, 1972-1973).**
- **Graduate Studies at the Latin American Biblical Seminary, San José, Costa Rica: Dept. of Christian Ministry, Licentiate Program, 1975-1977: Cultural Anthropology, Latin American Church History, Latin American Theology.**

- **Doctor of Missiology Studies, School of World Mission, Fuller Theological Seminary,** Pasadena, CA: Missiology Major with concentrations in Latin American Studies & Church History, resident studies 1980-1981; Doctoral Candidate 1981-1991 (candidacy terminated in 1991).

CHURCH AFFILIATIONS: 1954 to the present

- **First Baptist Church,** Compton, CA (American Baptist Churches in the USA)
- **First Baptist Church,** Ferndale, WA (independent)
- **Galilee Baptist Church,** Chicago, IL (Conservative Baptist Association)
- **Bethel Baptist Church,** Anaheim, CA (North American Baptist Association)
- **Sunkist Baptist Church,** Anaheim, CA (North American Baptist Association)
- **Altadena Baptist Church,** Altadena, CA (Baptist General Conference)
- **Lake Avenue Congregational Church,** Pasadena, CA (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, CCCC);
- **Trinity United Presbyterian Church,** Santa Ana, CA (Presbyterian Church in the USA);
- **Templo Bíblico** (Costa Rican Bible Church Association, AIBC), San José, Costa Rica.
- **Iglesia Bíblica Nazaret** (Costa Rican Bible Church Association, AIBC), San Francisco de Dos Ríos, Costa Rica.
- **Primera Iglesia Bautista de Desamparados** (Independent), San José, Costa Rica.
- **Iglesia "El Camino de Emaús"** (Independent) San José, Costa Rica.
- **Comunidad Vida Abundante,** San Antonio de Coronado, Costa Rica.

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1956-1972

- **1956-1960, Served in the U.S. Air Force as an enlisted man;** received basic training in at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX (January 1957); graduated from Electronics School at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, IL (February-June 1957); **worked as an Electronics Technician** (July 1957 to October 1960) in ground-to-air communications systems at Blaine Air Force Station in Blaine, WA, and at San Clemente Island Air Force Station, San Clemente Island, CA; received Honorable Discharge as Airman First Class from U.S. Air Force at Oxnard Air Force Base in October 1960.
- **1960-1961, Electronics Test Equipment Repairman** at the Autonetics Division of North American Aviation in Downey, CA.
- **1962-1964, worked as an Electronics Technician** during summers while attending Moody Bible Institute in Chicago; employed by Motorola Military Electronics and Zenith Television; also worked part-time as a **Bindery Clerk** at the Federal Reserve Bank in Chicago (1962-1964).
- **1964-1965, Director of Christian Education & Youth at Bethel Baptist Church,** Anaheim, CA (North American Baptist Association)
- **1966, Director of Christian Education & Youth at Sunkist Baptist Church,** Anaheim, CA (North American Baptist Association)
- **1967-1968, Electronics Technician** at Hughes Ground Systems in Fullerton, CA.
- **1969, Associate Pastor of Christian Education at Altadena Baptist Church,** Altadena, CA (Baptist General Conference)
- **1970, Electronics Technician** at Resdel Engineering in Pasadena & Arcadia, CA.
- **1971-1972, Assistant Minister of Pastoral Visitation,** Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, CA (Conservative Congregational Christian Conference, CCCC)

MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE: 1972-1995

- **1972-1989, Missionary Affiliate** with the **Latin America Mission** of Coral Gables, Florida (interdenominational mission agency, member of the IFMA); resided in San José, Costa Rica.
- **1972-1982**, served as a staff member of the **International Institute for In-Depth Evangelization (INDEPTH)** and worked in the following positions: Director of In-Depth Publications and Editor of the quarterly bulletin **IN-DEPTH EVANGELISM AROUND THE WORLD** (1973-1975); Secretary of Financial Administration and Publications (1975); Secretary of Public Relations & Financial Development, and INDEPTH advisor for Nicaragua (1976-1977); Director of **PROCADES** (Central America Socio-Religious Studies Program) and INDEPTH advisor for the Republic of Panama (1978-1980); Director of the Department of Strategy & Research; and Founder and Coordinator of the Latin America Socio-Religious Studies Program (**PROLADES**), 1981-1982.
- **1983-1989**: service contract with the **Missiological Institute of the Americas (IMDELA)** in San José, Costa Rica, on loan from IDEA Ministries; founder and first director of IMDELA, a master's level program in Missiology and Inter-cultural Studies for the purpose of training Latin Americans for missionary service around the world; PROLADES became a department of IMDELA.
- **1983-1989**: Founder and President of **In-Depth Evangelism Associates (IDEA)** in Orange, CA (IDEA Ministries, incorporated in the State of California, was the major support arm of IMDELA).
- **1988-1995**: Chairman of the **Latin American Church Growth Task Force (LACGTF)**, a network of researchers/missiologists who monitored the growth of the Protestant Movement in Latin American/Caribbean and tracked the development of new religious movements; also served as a **Lausanne Research Associate for Latin America** with the Strategy & Research Track, and attended the **II Lausanne Congress on World Evangelization** in Manila, Philippines, in 1988, and assisted with workshops on Strategy & Research.

WORK EXPERIENCE: 1990 to the present

- **Executive Director (CEO) of IDEA Ministries** (resigned from the LAM effective December 31, 1989; signed a new service contract with IDEA Ministries effective January 1, 1990); resident of Costa Rica: <http://www.ideaministries.com/>; IDEA Ministries was dissolved in July 2012.
- **Director of the Latin America Socio-Religious Studies Program (PROLADES)** in San Jose, Costa Rica since its founding in 1977: <http://www.prolades.com/>
- **Professor of Missiology & Social Sciences at IMDELA-School of World Mission** in San José, Costa Rica; Coordinator of extension programs in Mexico City and Los Angeles; IMDELA is now part of the **Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA)** in San José, Costa Rica: <http://www.unela.net>
- **President of the Board of Directors of UNELA, 1999-2017.**
- **Editorial Director** of the monthly news journal **MESOAMERICA**, published by the Institute for Central American Studies (ICAS) in San José, Costa Rica (1997 to 2007).
- **Translator** (Spanish to English) of book manuscripts and reports for several international organizations (1997 to present).
- **Internet website developer and webmaster**: creator of <http://www.ideaministries.com> - <http://www.prolades.com> - <http://www.mesoamericaonline.net> - <http://www.ReligionInLosAngeles.net> - <http://www.HispanicChurchesUSA.net> – <http://www.aphilacam.net> – <http://www.spiritual-journeys.net>
- **Co-Founder and General Partner of Holland International Consultants**: USA office in Fairfax, CA; Latin American Office in Costa Rica (July 2012 to date); research and information management and educational consulting.

COURSES TAUGHT

- **Non-Formal Education (1974-1989).** Taught over 60 seminars and workshops in ten countries of Latin America and among Hispanics in the USA on a variety of subjects in the areas of Christian Leadership Development, Discipleship and Church Growth Studies.
- **Formal Education (1975-2012).** Taught more than 80 courses at the university or post-graduate levels for academic credit at the Latin American Biblical Seminary (3) in San José, Costa Rica; Fuller Theological Seminary (2) in Pasadena, CA; the International Urban Institute-Los Angeles Field Site (1) for Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona; the Venezuelan Baptist Seminary (1), Caracas, Venezuela; the School of World Mission-IMDELA (+25) and the Evangelical University of the Americas (+50) in San José, Costa Rica; and the UNELA Extension Program in Urban Studies in Quito, Ecuador (1); intensive 5-day courses (40 hours) on Historiography of the Christian Church in Latin America and the Caribbean at the Licenciante level at the Martin Luther King Nicaraguan Evangelical University (February 2012), the Christian University of El Salvador (February 2012) and the Evangelical University of El Salvador (June 2012).

PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES - SPECIAL PROJECTS

- **1971**, presented two papers at the International Consultation on In-Depth Evangelism in Alajuela, Costa Rica: "**The Religious Dimension In Hispanic Los Angeles: A Protestant Case Study**" and "**Church Growth and Evangelism-in-Depth.**"
- **1974**, *The Religious Dimension in Hispanic Los Angeles: A Protestant Case Study* (Pasadena, CA: Wm. Carey Library; the published version of my M.A. Thesis in Missiology at Fuller Theological Seminary).
- **1975**, "A Profile of Evangelical Churches in Costa Rica," in *In-Depth Evangelism Around The World*, Vol. 2, No. 4 (January-March 1975).
- **1975**, "Anglo Hispanic Protestant Tensions in Southern California," in *Missiology, An International Review*, Vol. III, No. 3 (July 1975).
- **1977-1986**, produced a series of *National Protestant Church Directories* for Costa Rica (1978, 1982, 1986), Nicaragua (1979), Panama (1979), Guatemala (1980), El Salvador (1981), Honduras (1981, 1985) and Belize (1981); served as chief technical advisor for these research and publication projects.
- **1979**, "¡Crecen las Iglesias Evangélicas en Centro América!" in *Ministerios en Comunidad* (San José, Costa Rica: CLAME, October 1979).
- **1980**, "Discovering the Facts, Planning New Strategies," in the *Latin American Evangelist*, September-October, 1980 (Miami, FL: Latin America Mission).
- **1981**, *World Christianity: Central America and the Caribbean* (part of a series of Status of Christianity Country Profiles), edited by Clifton L. Holland (MARC-World Vision)
- **1982**, "**A History of the Protestant Movement in Central America**," unpublished Doctor of Missiology Dissertation (Fuller Theological Seminary, School of World Mission)
- **1982**, "Oh, God, Please Let Us Do It Again!" in the *Latin American Evangelist*, September-October, 1982 (Miami, FL: Latin America Mission).
- **1983**, "**Hacia una Historia del Movimiento Protestante en América Central**," the Spanish versión of my Doctoral dissertation at Fuller Theological Seminary (San José, Costa Rica: PROLADES).
- **1986**, general editor of *A Directory of Hispanic Protestant Churches in Southern California* (AHET-ILAS-IDEA).
- **1986-1995**, produced an **Urban Church Growth Studies** series on the **Mexico City Metro Area (MCMA, 5 volumes)** as a joint venture between PROLADES and VELA; served as chief technical advisor for the project; created the **National Evangelical Center for Research and Information** (CENII, 1994), located at the VELA offices in Colonia Lindavista in Mexico City; designed and supervised the creation of a computer database of 1,200 Evangelical churches in the MCMA; designed and supervised the creation of a computer database of more than 10,000 Evangelical

churches at the national level (this database continues to grow as more information is added by the VELA Team).

- **1989, "Los Pueblos Menos Evangelizados en América Central,"** a working document produced by PROLADES for students of IMDELA.
- **1989,** a contributor to the *Diccionario de Historia de la Iglesia*, Dr. Wilton M. Nelson, general editor (Miami, FL: Editorial Caribe, 1989).
- **1990, "Toward a Classification System of the Protestant Movement in Latin America and the Caribbean"** (PROLADES: English and Spanish editions; updated yearly between 1995-2015).
- **1990, "A Study of Unreached People Groups in Mexico,"** a working document produced for the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, CA.
- **1991-1992,** served as Executive Director of the Steering Committee for an Urban Conference in Los Angeles: **"Celebrate Christ's Presence in the City of the Angels!"** (held in April 1992 at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church of Los Angeles).
- **1992, "A Study of Unreached People Groups in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area,"** a working document for the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, CA. (updated in 1993).
- **1992-1993,** Director of the **Resource Center for Urban Ministry** for the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area (GLAMA), located on the campus of the William Carey International University, Pasadena, CA; sponsored by IDEA Ministries.
- **1993,** produced the **ICDS User's Manual** (366 pages) for **IDEA Church Directory Software** (Orange, CA: IDEA Ministries); producer of **IDEA Church Directory Software (ICDS)** with technical assistance from Alan Young & Associates.
- **1993,** wrote **"Una Historia de los Primeros 120 Años de la Iglesia Evangélica Hispana del Sur de California,"** chapter 1 of *Hacia Una Historia de la Iglesia Evangélica Hispana de California del Sur* (Montebello, CA: AHET, 1993); member of AHET's History Committee and publications coordinator for the book.
- **1993,** general editor of **A Directory of Hispanic Protestant Churches in Southern California** (IDEA Ministries); created a computer database of 1,500 Hispanic Protestant churches in Southern California for the Hispanic Association for Theological Education (AHET).
- **1993-1996,** Director of the **IDEA-GLAMA Resource Center for Urban Ministry**, Orange, CA
- **1993-1996,** Producer/Compiler of **A Resource Directory on Ethnic and Religious Diversity in GLAMA: Regions I-VII** (7 volumes, one for each region) and **Los Angeles County** (two volumes) (Orange, CA: IDEA); created a computer database of 12,500 religious groups for the Los Angeles 5-County Region; classified these religious groups based on Dr. J. Gordon Melton's *Encyclopedia of American Religions*; created a series of over 100 computer-generated color maps using **AtlasGIS** software for the GLAMA database project; installed the **IDEA Church Directory Software (ICDS)**, the **GLAMA Database of Religious Groups**, and the **AtlasGIS mapping programs** on computers of about 30 organizations in the Los Angeles area as part of the **IDEA-GLAMA Research Network** (see <http://www.ideaministries.com/> for further information).
- **1993-1994,** produced **A National Directory of Hispanic Protestant Churches and Ministries in the USA** (Pasadena, CA: IDEA-PROLADES-HABBM); created a computer database of 6,500 Hispanic Protestant churches in the USA for HABBM (Hispanic Association for Bilingual-Bicultural Ministries; served as a founding member of the Board of Directors of HABBM with headquarters at Templo Calvario (pastor Danny de Leon) in Santa Ana, CA.
- **1994-1995,** produced a series of **PNRF (Permanent National Research Function)** working documents for PNRF projects in the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and Colombia.
- **1995, "Religion in Central America, Part I,"** in *MESOAMERICA*, Vol. 14, No. 2 (February).
- **1995 to December 2007,** Editorial Director of the monthly news journal *MESOAMERICA*, published by the Institute for Central American Studies (ICAS) in San Jose, Costa Rica: <http://www.mesoamericaonline.net/>
- **1996, "Religion in Central America, Part II,"** in *MESOAMERICA*, Vol. 15, No. 2 (February).
- **1996,** creator and developer of the IDEA Ministries website at: <http://www.ideaministries.com/>

- **1996 to present**, creator and developer of a computer database of all known religious groups in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is now known as RITA = Religion-In-The-Americas; see <http://www.prolades.com>
- **1997**, compiled **A Resource Directory on Spiritual Mapping for GLAMA** (about 1,000 pages) for the California Prayer Evangelism Network (CPEN).
- **1997 to present**, translator (Spanish to English) of a series of publications for the **Inter-national Cooperative Alliance (ICA)** (for example: **Doing Business With Healthcare Cooperatives in the Americas**, ICA, 1997, 124 pages) in San José, Costa Rica, **Inter-national Health Programs (IHP)** in Santa Cruz, California; the **Global Water Partnership (GWP)**, **Lutheran Church in Central America**, and other organizations.
- **1998**, produced a series of eight research reports on the Protestant Movement in Costa Rica (average of 15 pages each) for the independent **Center for Socio-Religious Research (CISRE)** and the **Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica (EACR)**.
- **1999**, compiled a research report on the Religious History of the Province of Cartago (90 pages) for CISRE and EACR.
- **1999**, creator and developer of the **Institute for Central American Studies (ICAS)** website at: <http://www.mesoamericaonline.net/>
- **1999**, served as technical advisor for an update of the **Mexico City Directory of Protestant Churches**, produced by VELA Ministries in Mexico City.
- **2001**, founding president of the Administrative Council of the **Institute for Socio-Religious Research (IDES)**, affiliated with the Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA) in San Jose, Costa Rica (IDES replaced CISRE): <http://www.unela.net/>.
- **2001-2002**, a regional editor and contributor (14 articles) to **Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices**, 4 volumes, Drs. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann, general editors (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2002).
- **2002-2003**, a contributor (seven articles) to the **Wordmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices**, published by the Gale Group of Detroit, Michigan, in 2004.
- **2003**, produced a **Manual of Policies, Standards and Procedures for the Evaluation of Christian Schools in Latin America** (70 pages each, Spanish and English editions) in partnership with Worldwide Christian Schools of Grand Rapids, MI.
- **2003**, produced a document on **Chronologies of the Protestant Movement in the Americas**: see: <http://www.prolades.com/historical/chron-index.htm>
- **2003**, produced a +300 page document and CD on **A Study of New Religious Movements in Costa Rica, 2003** (35 profiles in Spanish): see <http://www.prolades.com/profiles/perfiles2.htm>
- **2003- 2004**, began production of the first edition of the **PROLADES Encyclopedia of Religious Groups in Latin America & the Caribbean** (two editions, in English and Spanish); for an overview of this project, see: <http://www.prolades.com/encyclopedia/encyclopedia-main-index.htm>
- **2005**, produced a professional research document on "**Ethnic and Religious Diversity in Central America: An Historical Perspective**," which was presented in a focus group on Latin America at the **Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)** in Rochester, NY, in November.
- **2005 to present**: continual writing, updating and editing of articles and databases for PROLADES websites.
- **2007 to date**: began the process of updating and adding computer graphics to the English and Spanish editions of **A History of the Protestant Movement in Central America, 1750-1980**; also, began to do research and writing for **A History of the Pentecostal Movement in Central America, 1900-2008**, and "A History of the Charismatic Movement in Costa Rica" (1966-2010).
- **2008-2010**, a regional editor and contributor (35 articles) to the second edition of **Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices**, 6 volumes, Drs. J. Gordon Melton and Martin Baumann, general editors (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 2010).
- **2010-2012**, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of "An Online Handbook of Hispanic Protestant Denominations, Institutions and Ministries in the USA," available at: <http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/aeth-prolades-network-main.htm>

- **2010-2012**, compiler of "Historical Profiles of Protestant Denominations with Hispanic Ministry in the USA," (PDF edition, 588 pages); available at: http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/denominations/HSUSA_ENCYCLOPEDIA_DRAFT.pdf
- **2010-2018**, editor of the first edition of the **PROLADES Encyclopedia of Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean** (two versions, English and Spanish; also "Religion in Brazil" was translated into Portuguese; about 1,500 pages in four volumes for each edition).
- **2011-2012**, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of "An Online Handbook of Hispanic Protestant Denominations, Institutions and Ministries in Puerto Rico;" final edition published in July 2012, about 550 pages; see the following website for details at: <http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/aeth-prolades-network-main.htm>
- **2011-2012**, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of "An Online Handbook of Hispanic Protestant Denominations, Institutions and Ministries in the Dominion of Canada"; final edition published in July 2012, 266 pages; see the following website for details at: <http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/aeth-prolades-network-main.htm>
- **2012**, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of the Religion-In-The-Americas (RITA) Online Database and Informational Resources on 52 countries and dependent territories in Latin America and the Caribbean regions; originally produced between 1997 and 2007; updated under contract with Fuller Theological Seminary (Pasadena, CA) during 2012; see the following website for details: http://www.prolades.com/FTS/new_rita_home_page_FTS.htm
- **2012-2013**, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of "A Study of Ethnic and Religious Diversity in the Greater Los Angeles Metro Area – GLAMA," originally produced between 1990-1997 and updated under contract with USC's Center for the Study of Religion and Civic Culture (1 September 2012 to 31 January 2013); see the following website for details at: http://www.prolades.com/glama/glama_database_home_UPDATE-2012.htm
- **2018 to present**, editor of the second edition of the **PROLADES Encyclopedia of Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean** (two versions, English and Spanish; about 1,800 pages in four volumes for each edition).

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

- **Conducted on-site church and mission-related research projects in the following regions and countries between 1968-1998:**

NORTH AMERICA: Hispanics in the USA (Los Angeles, Southern California, Chicago and Miami) and Mexico (Mexico City and Baja California).

CENTRAL AMERICA: Costa Rica, Panama, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala and Belize.

CARIBBEAN: Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Puerto Rico.

SOUTH AMERICA: Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Argentina.

OTHER COUNTRIES: Great Britain, The Netherlands and the Philippines.

- **Since 1998** research activities have been concentrated on the study of all known religious groups in 52 countries and dependent territories of the Americas for the **RITA Database Project:** <http://www.prolades.com/> Most of the research has been conducted via the Internet and e-mail, as well as during occasional travels to other countries: Mexico in 1999; Nicaragua in 2000 and 2003; Ecuador and Colombia in 2001; El Salvador and Guatemala in 2011; Nicaragua, El Salvador (twice), Honduras and Panama in 2012. However, additional fieldwork also has been done in Costa Rica.

- **COSTA RICA, 2000-2001:** supervised the fieldwork of two researchers who interviewed leaders of all Protestant denominations (232 church associations) as part of an update on the National Study of Protestant Church Growth in Costa Rica; designed and supervised the creation of a computer database of 2,700 Protestant congregations at the national level; created a series of computer-generated color maps for the national study; produced a CD with the results of the national study, including databases (denominational headquarters, the geographical distribution of churches throughout the country, service agencies, etc.), reports, maps, tables and other graphics (May-December 2001). See documents in Spanish at: <http://www.prolades.com/costarica/!primero.htm>
- **COSTA RICA, 2001-2003:** supervised the fieldwork of 12 researchers (students in the schools of Sociology, Anthropology, Psychology and Communications of the University of Costa Rica), who interviewed leaders of 37 religious groups (both Christian and non-Christian groups) during 2001-2003, as part of **A Study of New Religious Movements (NRMs) in Costa Rica**, sponsored by PROLADES; the researchers produced a series of 35 Profiles of NRMs in Spanish, which were edited and placed on the PROLADES Internet website at: <http://www.prolades.com/profiles/perfiles2.htm>
- **2010-2012:** project designer, manager, chief researcher, compiler, editor and producer of databases of Hispanic Protestant denominations and local churches in the USA, Puerto Rico and Canada using published sources and Internet resources: <http://www.hispanicchurchesusa.net/>
- **2011-2015:** project designer and manager of the **PROLADES Historiography Program on the Protestant Movement in Central America** in coordination with national church history commissions and academic programs in each country of the region; see the following website for details: http://www.prolades.com/historiografia/historiografia_home.htm
- **2011-2015:** project designer and manager of the **PROLADES Study of Protestant Mega-churches in Central America** in coordination with colleagues and academic programs in each country of the region; see the following website for details: http://www.prolades.com/cra/regions/cam/megachurches_cam.htm
- **2011-2015:** project designer and manager of the **PROLADES' Study of New Religious Movements (NRMs) in Central America** in coordination with colleagues and academic programs in each country of the region; see the following website for details: http://www.prolades.com/profiles_new.htm
- **May 2013-Dec 2014:** designed and supervised a **national study of the Protestant Movement in Costa Rica** with the support of the Costa Rican Evangelical Alliance Federation; a team of six researchers and office staff were contracted for this study; personal interviews were conducted with the 60 largest Protestant denominations in the country; telephone interviews were conducted with an additional 420 denominations, for a total of 488; statistics were compiled on membership and/or attendance for each denomination nationally along with historical data; a total of 3,800 local churches were registered in our national geographical database; a separate database was compiled on the 488 denominations and church associations, along with another database of 295 para-church ministries; a series of reports, charts and maps were created to show the results of this study, which is available at: <http://www.prolades.com/costarica/menu/MENU-PRINCIPAL-NEW.htm>
- **2014-2015: Regional Project Manager for the One Hope study of ministries to children and youth** (ages 5-19) in Panama, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and El Salvador; an average of 360 local churches were interviewed in each country.
- **2014-2015:** project designer and manager of the **PROLADES ESRI ArcGis Cloud Mapping** application on ethnic and religious diversity in Southern California (6 counties) for a private

research network related to the U.S. Center for World Mission in Pasadena, CA.

- **2015:** project designer and manager of the **PROLADES “A Case Study of an Evangelical Mega-Church in Costa Rica”** (Vida Abundante de Coronado – 3,500 members) for the Center for the Study of Revitalization Movements in World Christianity at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Produced with Jordon Dobrowski (my research assistant) a 66 page “case study” report for the English and Spanish editions of *Signs of New Life in Central America and the Caribbean: Christian Revitalization Amid Social Change* (edited by Karla Ann Koll, 2019, First Fruits Press, Wilmore, KY), which was edited by the publisher and entitled “Abundant Life: An Evangelical Megachurch in Costa Rica” (pp. 131-152); in addition, I wrote another chapter in this book, entitled “Remembering Revitalization in Costa Rica, 1972-2015” (pp. 204-214); the published book is available at: https://issuu.com/asburytheologicalseminary/docs/signs_of_new_life_in_central_america.
- **2016:** I contributed two chapters to the book, *The Hispanic Evangelical Church in the United States: History, Ministry and Challenges* (Sacramento, CA: NHCLC 2016), edited by Dr. Samuel Pagán (524 pages); Chapter 5, “A Chronology of Significant Hispanic Protestant Beginnings or Events in the USA, 1829-2000” (pp. 124-164); and Appendices II, “A Statistical Overview of the Hispanic Protestant Church in the USA, 1921-2013” (pp. 495-517).
- **2016:** Served as the Interim Academic Director (January thru July) of the Latin American Studies Program (LASP) in Costa Rica, sponsored by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) in Washington, DC.

MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

- Member of the **General Council of the International Institute for In-Depth Evangelization (IINDEF)** in San Jose, Costa Rica; former staff member of IINDEF from 1972-1983.
- Member of the **Association of Professors of Mission, APM** (founding member); and a member of the **Evangelical Missiological Society, EMS**.
- Research Associate for Latin America with the **Lausanne Committee for World Evangelism** (1980-1995): Unreached Peoples research and documentation.
- Member of **AHET (Hispanic Association for Theological Education)**, Montebello, CA (1985-1997); also served as a member of AHET's History Committee (1990-1997).
- Member of the Board of Directors of **HABBM (Hispanic Association for Bilingual-Bicultural Ministries)**, Santa Ana, CA (1985-1992)
- Member of the **Association for the Study of the Hispanic Church in America (APHILA)**, active in 1993-1994.
- Member of the **Association of Hispanic Theological Educators (AETH)**, 1993-to date (APHILA and AETH have now merged into one organization); this organization is now known as the Association for Hispanic Theological Education / Asociación para la Educación Teológica Hispana (AETH).
- Member of the **National Hispanic Ministerial Association (AMEN)** in the USA (1994-1997).
- Former board member of the Center for Socio-Religious Research (CISRE) in San Jose, Costa Rica; affiliated with the Evangelical Alliance of Costa Rica, 1997-2001; former director of the Institute of Socio-Religious Studies (IDES) that replaced CISRE in 2001, affiliated with the

Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA).

- Member of the Board of Directors of the **Evangelical University of the Americas (UNELA)**, 1998 to 2006; served as President or Vice-President of the Board of Directors between 2000-2006; retired from teaching at UNELA and from all board responsibilities in May 2006.
- Received an **Honorary Doctorate in the Science of Religion** (November 30, 2001) from UNELA in recognition of nearly 30 years of ministry in Costa Rica as a missionary and co-founder of IMDELA, as well as for assisting in the administrative and academic development of UNELA.
- Member of the **Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)** in 2005-2010; attended the Annual Meeting in Rochester, NY, in November of 2005; and the Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah, in October of 2010.
- Member of the **International Editorial Board** (includes 20 international scholars), beginning in 2008, for the second edition of **ABC-Clío's Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices, 6 volumes** (ABC-Clío, a major publisher of reference books, is located in Santa Barbara, California); Dr. J. Gordon Melton of the Institute for the Study of American Religion (ISAR) is the General Editor; published in October 2010.
- Founder and president of the **Costa Rican National Church History Commission** and facilitator for the formation of similar commissions in each country of the Central American region (2011-2015).
- Founder and president of the **Association of Church History Professors in Latin America – Asociación de Profesores de Historia de la Iglesia en Latinoamérica (APHILA, 2012)**: <http://www.aphila-cam.net>
- Technical advisor to the international board of directors of the **Latin American Fellowship of Evangelicals (CONELA)**: <https://nhclc.org/media/press-releases/nhclc-merges-with-conela-to-become-worlds-largest-hispanic-evangelical-association>
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