

Bio – Lissette González Sosa

Lissette González Sosa's life has been a journey of faith, service, and profound commitment to healing and justice. Currently, she serves as the Director of Christian Education at The Presbyterian Church at Bound Brook and is the visionary founder of *Sanctuary + Seed*, a newly validated ministry of the Presbytery of the Highlands. Through this ministry, Lissette leads the community in restorative spirituality and eco-spiritual practices, primarily through *Wild Church* gatherings, where participants reconnect with the earth and find healing alongside the rhythms of creation. For those who have felt distant from traditional church structures, *Sanctuary + Seed* offers a welcoming space to explore faith anew.

Lissette is a member *La Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana Bet-el* in Vineland, NJ, and is under care with the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey, certified ready to receive a call for ordained ministry with the PC(USA). Her ministry journey began at her home church, where she served in diverse roles including Sunday school teacher, choir director, Vacation Bible School leader, worship service translator, social worker, and even wedding planner. In her early twenties, Lissette joined First Presbyterian Church of Moorestown as a youth leader and missions translator to Mexico. In 2002, she was commissioned there as a young adult mission volunteer with PC(USA) to serve in Honduras, where she met her beloved husband, Mario. After her time in Honduras, Lissette returned to Moorestown as Youth Director and later supported their contemporary worship service as a volunteer.

In time, God called her family back to her home community, where she took on a role with PathStone Corporation, serving migrant and seasonal farmworker populations. This return also allowed her to re-engage with her home church as a youth leader, ordained elder, worship leader, and community organizer, deepening her dedication to supporting and empowering vulnerable communities.

Lissette's academic pursuits have enriched her ministry, holding three degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary—a Master of Divinity, a Master of Arts in Christian Education and Formation, and a Master of Arts in Theology and Ecology. Her studies have deeply shaped her *Mujerista* theology, which intertwines her commitment to liberation, land, people, and justice in a powerful, compassionate witness. She lifts up Indigenous voices,

advocates for marginalized communities, and brings a holistic approach to her ministry.

Widowed, Lissette's life is lovingly anchored by her children, family, and friends, who support her passion for the natural world and her mission of justice and empowerment for the BIPOC community. In her free time, Lissette and her daughters travel around the world seeking adventure and joy. Her life's work tells a story of resilience, love, and unwavering faith—a journey as inspiring as the ministry she leads.