**Isabel Noelia Docampo**
Brief Biography

Isabel Noelia Docampo joined the Intern Program of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in 1997. In this capacity she places and supervises students in congregations and other ministries where they serve as interns for up to one year. She also teaches in the Spanish language Course of Study School held at Perkins School of Theology. In March, 2006, she co-led a group of Master of Divinity students on an immersion course with Dr. Joerg Rieger to the Arizona-Mexico border with the nonprofit organization, BorderLinks.

An ordained Baptist minister, Isabel grew up within the Latino Baptist church context. She received a Doctor of Ministry from Perkins School of Theology, SMU in 2003, and a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky in 1982. She began her ministry by starting new churches with and for Latino/a populations in Radcliff, Kentucky and Chester, Pennsylvania. Her subsequent ministry has been primarily in interfaith services to the poor and marginalized in areas including domestic violence, hunger advocacy, senior adults, and literacy, and she continues to be involved in peace and justice faith organizations. Her experience includes creating and directing nonprofit organizations and writing grants as well as traditional clergy leadership skills.

Isabel has published curriculum on ministries with senior adults for the Presbyterian Church (USA) and has written articles for the National Council on Aging/National Interfaith Coalition on Aging. She also served on the National Congregational Studies Project led by Dr. Carl Dudley of the Hartford Institute on Religious Research of Hartford Seminary. In 2003, Isabel was elected to serve on the steering committee of the Association of Theological Field Education, an affiliate of the Association of Theological Schools. She was re-elected to serve a second term (2005-2007) as chair of the ATFE Biennial local arrangements committee who will host the 2007 Biennial in Dallas. In 2005, she was invited to participate and submit a paper for the consultation of the Academy of Religious Leadership held in Washington, D.C. In 2006, she was elected to serve a term on the Board of Directors of The Alliance of Baptists and also as chairwoman of the Faith, Feminism and Philanthropy Advisory Council of the Dallas Women's Foundation. She participates in the local chapter of Jobs with Justice, serves on the advisory board of The Wilkinson Center and is a member of CityChurch of Dallas, a local church affiliated with both The Alliance of Baptists and American Baptist Churches USA.

The daughter of Cuban immigrants, Isabel was born and raised Protestant in Catholic-French New Orleans, Louisiana. Her background has given her special empathy with immigrants and others outside the dominant culture. She has worked in ministry with Latino/a, Vietnamese, Hmong, and Middle Eastern immigrants. In November 2001, to foster understanding and communication between women of different faiths, she co-founded the Muslim and Christian Women's Dialogue Group of Dallas that is now the Muslim, Jewish and Christian Women's Dialogue Group of Dallas.