

## Dr. Eduardo (Eddie) Rivera

Dr. Eduardo (Eddie) Rivera is a native of Monterrey, Mexico and married to Hilda, a Professional Educator. They are the proud parents of Lizet and Derek Dickinson, both attorneys working in Missouri and Illinois.

In the summer of 1979 Eduardo received God's Call to ministry. He holds a Bachelor's of Theology Degree from the Seminario Metodista Juan Wesley (Monterrey, Mexico), a Master's of Theology Degree and a Doctor of Ministry Degree, both from Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Eddie has been in full-time ministry for over 30 years in both Mexico and the United States ministering in the Southern Illinois Conference, Northwest Texas Conference and now in the New Mexico Conference where he serves as the District Superintendent of the El Paso District.

In the New Mexico and Northwest Texas Conferences Eddie served at Trinity-First UMC (8 years), St. Paul's UMC-El Paso (5 years), St. Paul UMC-Abilene (4 years), St. Paul's UMC-Las Cruces (3 years).

Eddie chaired the Board of Ordained Ministry of the North-West Texas Conference and he currently chairs the New Mexico Conference Episcopacy Committee.

Dr. Rivera attended the 2008 and 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences as Reserved Delegate, and he is now the Head of the New Mexico Delegation for the 2016 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. He is a member of the South-Central Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee and represents the United Methodist Church (along with 50 others) at the World Methodist Council.

He enjoys playing the piano and making music arrangements (or "disarrangements" as he calls them), of traditional hymns and contemporary songs. He follows "religiously" the performance of the Mexican Soccer Team in international competitions.