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BIO

The Rev. Dr. Moses D. Barrios (he/el) is the Senior Pastor of Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church. He is an Indigenous American of Mayan descent, deriving from the Western Highlands of Guatemala and El Salvador. He was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA with more than 25 years of ministry experience, serving in Northern and Southern California and Hawai'i. He is married to his wife Brenda for 24 years, and they have three terrific children, Penelope and Amelie who attend college in the Bronx, NY and Hansel, a Senior at Kaiser High School in Hawai'i Kai. Pastor Moses received both his graduate and post-graduate degrees from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, CA. His doctoral project titled, "Confronting the Lack of Racial Unity in the American Christian Church," is one of his passions in ministry. Click here to read or [download](#).

His other theological and biblical studies derive from Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary (P.L.T.S.) in Berkeley, CA, Hispanic Center for Theological Studies (CHET) in affiliation with North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, IL and Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. He is an Ordained Roster Minister of Word and Sacrament with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

Additionally, Pastor Moses is the President of Faith Action, a faith-based non-profit organization in Hawai'i advocating for justice and equity for the last 40 years. Click here to learn more about [Faith Action Hawai'i](#). He has extensive experience as a chaplain and spiritual counselor working with disproportionate people groups. Most notably with the skid-row houseless community in downtown LA and the queer/trans community in the Greater LA area and Hawai'i. Moreover, he has served on pastoral staff in numerous traditions and denominations. This spectrum of theological and liturgical history has created an ecumenical approach and devotion to the engagement and reconciling of the local church and all creation.

Moses routinely speaks on racial reconciliation, LGBTQI inclusion, church vitality in the urban context, and liberation/prophetic preaching. Furthermore, as an advocate and activist for inclusion, racial unity, and the repair of all creation –he fully believes the Trinitarian flow of the divine is healing the world. Hope is here, joy is here, and healing is already happening. Enter the flow!

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