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Hector Gutierrez Oral History Interview and Transcript

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Extant

1 hour and 47 minute interview and 1 transcript

Abstract

In this interview, Rev. Hector Gutierrez recounts his childhood, years in the Catholic seminary, parish work near Guadalajara, Mexico, return to the Pontifical University of Mexico, and his experiences with Liberation Theology, his remove to the United States and becoming an MCC ordained elder. He reflected on the conditions of MCC churches in Latin America.

Biographical

Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez (He/Him/His) was born in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, April 14, 1966 and is the youngest of a family of eight. Much of his ministry was focused on formation, responding to his great passion for teaching and education. His graduate studies were at the Pontifical University of Mexico, where he earned his Pontifical Master Degree in dogmatic theology with a specialization in Christology. Since May 2003 Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez has been the Head of Development for Latin America. In 2005 he was admitted as a clergyman. In 2012 was appointed as an MCC Elder. He is the leader of MCC Community Development Team, member of the Senior Leadership Team, and support for the MCC Judiciary Process. Rev. Héctor Gutiérrez lives in Guadalajara, México, with his husband Juan Ramos.

This profile was submitted by Hector Gutierrez from the MCC website.

Biography Date: September 30, 2025

Scope and Content

In this interview, Rev. Hector Gutierrez recounts his childhood and family life in Guadalajara, Mexico, and his decision to enter the Catholic seminary to train for ordination as a parish priest.

He described what he saw and knew of gay life in his seminary and the liberalization of Catholic practices in the 1960s and also in the era of Liberation Theology. His return to the Pontifical University of Mexico expanded his experiences with Pedagogy and Christology and he described his encounters with the British-born, Latin American priest James Alison who embraced homosexuality. He reflected on the controversies which precipitated his decision to remove to the United States, becoming an MCC ordained pastor and elder. He also reflected on the conditions of MCC churches in Latin America.

This interview was conducted by Dr. Doris Malkmus as LGBTQ-RAN archivist as part of a series of oral histories at the MCC General Conference in 2025.

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