



CHET – CENTRO HISPANO DE ESTUDIOS TEOLÓGICOS

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE MINISTRY?

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos, or CHET, the Evangelical Covenant Church’s Hispanic leadership training center in Compton, California.

For three decades, we have lived out our vision of providing high-quality Spanish-language Bible training in order to develop Latino leaders who will transform communities with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We continue to be a place for students who would not otherwise be able to get a theological education.

We offer programs that include a pre-ministerial certificate, a family counseling certificate, a bachelor of Christian ministry degree, and the Covenant Orientation program, so our students can be connected to the formal credentialing opportunities as well as entrance to any seminary in Canada, Puerto Rico, or the United States that is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.

Our learning centers educate students in other parts of the country and in Latin America. Ninety-five percent of Spanish-speaking Covenant pastors, including Central Conference superintendent Danny Martinez, have taken at least some courses through CHET.

WHAT KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS DID YOU ACHIEVE IN THE PAST YEAR?

This past year we began offering spiritual direction to students as another way to promote their healing and help guide them in discerning their call to ministry. Many of our students have experienced trauma. We frequently hear stories of people who have fled violence in their countries, had nothing to eat, or came to this country looking for work that could sustain their families.

Our staff have experienced a fresh sense of call as they minister to our students. We want CHET to be a safe place for our students to grow and heal.

We also developed an intentional system to help students navigate the ECC credentialing process.

Faculty who teach the bachelor level program evaluated, coordinated, and revamped the six module offerings. The board has become more intimately and actively involved in the evaluation process.



452
STUDENTS FROM
17
COUNTRIES
LAST YEAR



30
YEARS
OF MINISTRY

WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR?

In September, President Ed Delgado will retire after serving in that position for 12 years. We have launched a search process for a new president.

We have reached capacity at our current site in Compton. There is a need to expand the library and add more classrooms, so we will soon begin searching for a new building.

We will continue to search for new ways to expand our community partnerships. One way we do that is to provide a place for persons to volunteer as part of any court-ordered service. We in turn serve our volunteers with respect and spiritual care.

We will continue to develop new certificate programs in spiritual direction, preaching, and another called Resplandece ("to shine") that will provide focused training in helping end domestic violence.

We also envision developing an accredited master of arts in pastoral theology for Hispanics degree in Spanish.

CHET began with 50 students who attended classes at Iglesia del Pacto Bell Gardens, thanks to a \$1 million legacy endowment left by First Covenant Church of Los Angeles when it closed. Thanks to that gift and others, we have educated more than 10,000 students and remained debt-free. We have a goal to increase our current endowment of \$1.6 million to \$5 million.

We are grateful to our staff, who work with a deep sense of call; and our students, who continue to be our biggest recruiters as they testify to how CHET has served and equipped them.



ED DELGADO

President of Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos (CHET)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Delgado".