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### **The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) Announces Three New Strategic Collaboration Agreements**

*February 10, 2025* — The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) is proud to announce three new collaboration agreements with leading organizations in the field of theological education, pastoral care, and social transformation. These partnerships will strengthen AETH's mission to promote excellent and relevant theological education for Hispanic-Latino/a leaders across the Americas and contribute to the broader mission of transforming communities through education and service.

The three organizations joining forces with AETH are TertuHablemos, the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (SEPR), and World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean (WV LACRO). These collaborations will create new opportunities for theological education, pastoral formation, and community development, particularly for Hispanic leaders and communities.



#### **Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico: Advancing Theological Education**

The Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico (SEPR) is an accredited theological institution committed to the comprehensive formation of both pastoral and lay leadership. SEPR seeks to equip leaders for Christian ministries and the mission of the people of God in Puerto Rico, the Caribbean, and beyond. AETH and SEPR will work together to ensure transformative theological education is accessible and relevant, providing advanced studies in Bible, Theology, and Practical Theology that meet the educational and training needs of church leaders in various global contexts.



#### **TertuHablemos: Strengthening Pastoral Ministry**

TertuHablemos (TH) is a project launched in 2020 aimed at strengthening and supporting pastoral ministry through continuing education, mentoring, and pastoral care initiatives. TH offers ecclesiastical leaders a space for growth and reflection, addressing contemporary topics relevant to their ministries. By joining AETH, TH will further its mission to ensure that no member of the pastoral ministry lacks the tools necessary to fulfill their calling. This collaboration will enable the sharing of resources, experiences, and best practices to enhance pastoral care and ministerial development across Hispanic communities.





## **World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean: Promoting Child Protection and Social Justice**

World Vision Latin America and the Caribbean (WV LACRO), a member of the global Christian humanitarian organization, works to promote the well-being and participation of children, adolescents, youth, and their families in Latin America and the Caribbean. Their mission aligns closely with AETH's vision of holistic ministry, emphasizing human transformation, justice, and the gospel. Through this partnership, AETH and WV LACRO will collaborate on programs that focus on the most vulnerable communities, supporting the integration of theological education and social action in the work of ministry leaders.

### **A New Era of Collaboration in Hispanic Theological Education**

These new agreements are a testament to AETH's continued commitment to building a collaborative network of theological institutions and ministries. By fostering mutual support and sharing resources, knowledge, and innovative practices, AETH aims to close the gap between Bible Institutes and formal theological education in seminaries, ensuring high-quality, accessible training for Hispanic-Latino/a leaders.

Dr. Jessica Lugo, AETH's Executive Director commented that "these collaborations mark a significant step in AETH's mission to equip and empower leaders to serve in the church and the world, fostering transformation in communities through theological education and social engagement."

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### **About AETH**

The Association for Hispanic Theological Education (AETH) is a network of individuals and institutions dedicated to the promotion of theological education for Hispanic-Latino/a leaders. Founded in 1992, AETH has served communities across the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Latin America, striving to enhance theological education and its impact on the church and society. AETH is the only organization recognized by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to certify the quality of programs offered by Bible Institutes and other Hispanic ministerial development programs.

