

INTERCULTURAL PROCLAMATION

We recognize...

1. **The Sovereignty of God**, which presents the church with one of its greatest opportunities to fulfill the Great Commission by reaching the ethnic groups of our nation. We declare that He is Lord of the Harvest, and that He will guide us in our task.

We recognize...

2. **The cultural diversity of our society**, our different levels of assimilation, and our needs for recognition, representation, and participation. We believe that God will raise up ethnic leaders who will plant strong churches in America.

We recognize...

3. **The unity of the body of Christ** and the importance of working together to pool resources, implement strategies, and build God's kingdom. We declare that God's family is one without regard to race, color, language, or national origin.

We recognize...

4. **The planting of churches** as one of the most effective means of fulfilling the Great Commission. We encourage existing congregations to become multicultural and to share in the planting and nurturing of new ethnic churches.



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Rev. David Avila, a visionary leader with a heart of compassion, is committed to evangelizing the ethnic peoples of America. He longs to see the ethnic believers trained in the Word of God and for Christian ministry, especially in areas of leadership.

Brother Avila has served effectively as a pastor and a church planter for over 20 years. Following his terms as Secretary-Treasurer and Assistant Superintendent of the IPHC Texas Latin Conference, he served eight years with distinction as the Superintendent of that conference. As Superintendent, he served on the General Board of Administration, the highest Board of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church. He was the first Hispanic appointed to serve on the Board of Evangelism USA.

Before becoming a minister of the Gospel, Rev. Avila was employed in the corporate business world, and he brings that experience and expertise to the office of Intercultural Ministries Department of the International Pentecostal Holiness Church.



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INTERNATIONAL PENTECOSTAL HOLINESS CHURCH

MINISTRIES Intercultural



AGGRESSIVELY
EVANGELIZING THE ETHNIC
POPULATION OF AMERICA

Immigration patterns are making America the first *universal nation* in history, a nation more complex than most foreign fields.

LOOK AT THE FACTS

- ☛ 31% of Americans are ethnic.
- ☛ There are over 500 ethnic groups in America.
- ☛ America is the 3rd largest Hispanic nation in the world (12.5% of the population).
- ☛ 12.1% of the USA population is African-American, and 3.6% is Asian.
- ☛ The USA has 542 Native American tribes.
- ☛ More Jews live in America than in Israel.
- ☛ More Cubans live in Miami than in any city in Cuba except Havana.
- ☛ More Polish people live in Chicago than in any city except Warsaw, Poland.
- ☛ Los Angeles is the second largest Mexican, Armenian, Filipino, Korean, and Salvadoran city in the world.

America can no longer be thought of as a “Melting Pot” but rather a “Stew Pot,” where those who arrive from other countries maintain their cultural distinctions and thus make unique contributions to American society.



Recognizing the diversity of American society and the tremendous opportunity for evangelism it represents, Evangelism USA, through Intercultural Ministries, is committed to reaching, winning, and discipling the ethnic communities of the United States.

The International Pentecostal Holiness Church currently serves sixteen distinct people groups in different areas of our nation.

Leonard Sweet in *Faith Quakes* writes the following description of the cultural changes occurring in America today:

Whatever the future,
it isn't white.

Whatever the future,
it isn't western.

Whatever the future,
it isn't European.

Whatever the future,
it isn't business as usual.

INTERCULTURAL MINISTRIES PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES

- ☛ Ethnic Church Planting Assistance
- ☛ Audio/Video/On-Line Resource Materials
- ☛ Ethnic Leadership Development
- ☛ Intercultural Advisory Council
- ☛ National Filipino Pastors' Conference
- ☛ Spanish Newsletter (*El Hispano*)
- ☛ National Hispanic Pastors' Conference
- ☛ Spanish Church Planting School
- ☛ Spanish Translation of Resource Materials
- ☛ National Training Institute for Hispanic Leadership
- ☛ Connectivity and Fellowship