

ORDINATION OF REV. KARINA GARCIA

On October 10, another of my students, Karina García, was ordained as a pastor. The ceremony was held at the church where she has been serving for several years, La Santísima Trinidad (Holy Trinity) Lutheran Church, here in Mexico City. Karina is the fourth woman pastor ordained into the Mexican Lutheran Church. She received her degree from our Seminary last December. The Rev. Daniel Trejo, President of the Mexican Lutheran Church, performed the ceremony of ordination.



In addition to serving as pastor, Karina remains active with the Lutheran Seminary, serving as Administrator of our Online Course Program, and at the Theological Community of Mexico, where she serves on the Board of Directors. It has been a pleasure working with Karina, who is gifted in many areas, including especially art and music.



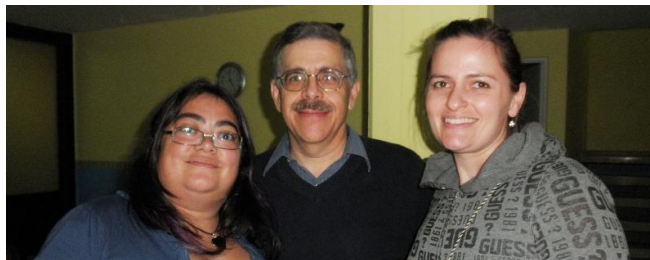
Karina will continue to serve at La Santísima Trinidad, where she is very much loved and appreciated by the congregation.

**SEEDS OF TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM**

This past Friday, October 30, together with two other Mexican Lutheran pastors (Angela Trejo and Miguel Angel Solórzano), I gave a presentation on Latin American Lutheran Identity to a group visiting Mexico City from ELCA churches in the United States. We discussed the history of the Lutheran Church in Mexico and Latin America and of the Lutheran Seminary in Mexico. We also talked about the challenges and achievements of Lutherans in this region.



As of this month, we will be saying goodbye to Bethany Ulrich as Coordinator of the Seeds of Transformation Program here at the Lutheran Center and hello to Wendy Alcántara, who will be replacing Bethany. Alicia and I have known Wendy since she was a child. She is fully bilingual, having lived both in Mexico and the U.S. (Wendy is at left, Bethany on the right:)



We continue to invite and encourage you to participate in any of the short-term immersion programs run by Amextra's "Seeds of Transformation" organization. These include programs on migration, transformational education, ecotourism, and Latin American Lutheran identity. For more information, visit: <http://www.amextra.org/seeds-of-transformation-immersion-program/>. Programs are offered both for individuals and groups throughout the year.

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