

REV. DR. ROBERTO ESCAMILLA
2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD RECIPIENT

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The Reverend Dr. Roberto Escamilla earned the S.T.M. from Perkins School of Theology in 1955, 1h71 Td [(Th)3(e)4(ol)-3(ogy)3(i 8s 1n7fl)-3(ogy)3(2Bm9w8)-3(og.002 Tw 1 T.-5)51 Course of Study School (COSS), where he teaches classes on Evangelism, Worship and the Sacraments and Preaching. He also serves Perkins as worship coordinator for COSS every summer. Originally a clergy member of the Rio Grande Conference, and subsequently the Southwest Texas Conference, he presently is Minister of Evangelism at First UMC in Ada, Oklahoma. Perkins Dean William B. Lawrence expresses appreciation for the extraordinary scope of Escamilla's ministries. "Roberto Escamilla has devoted a lifetime to the mission of the church. He has embraced tasks on a scale as large as global Christianity and as small as conversations with individuals across personal boundaries

Escamilla served as a United Methodist pastor in Dallas, San Antonio, and Austin, and was chairperson of the Board of Discipleship in the Southwest Texas Conference. In addition to being elected a delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences, he served on the Board of Missions of the Board of Global Ministries; with the Board of Discipleship as Associate General Secretary of the Division of Evangelism, Worship, Stewardship, and Upper Room; and as Editor of the Upper Room (Spanish Edition). He currently is President of the Board of Directors of the United Christian Ashram International. Escamilla is author of Prisoners of Hope: Essays on Life's Journey (1982/86) [Prisioneros de la Esperanza: Ensayos Sobre la Jornada de la Vida (1984)]; La Sed de Vivir (1970); Come to the Feast (Denman Lectures, 1998 Congress on Evangelism, Kansas City, Missouri); and editor of A Feast of Life (Tidings, 1972).

Escamilla is a recipient of the Foundation for Evangelism's Harry Denman Evangelism Award. While at Perkins, he received the B'nai B'rith Award in Social Ethics and the W.B. DeJernett Award.