Where the Cross Meets the Street
What happens in the barrio when God is at the center?

A one-week intensive course in South Hamilton, MA June 8-12, 2015

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**Course Description:**

This course is designed to explore the Biblically informed philosophy of Christian Community Development rooted within a framework of Kingdom ministry developed in the context of my work in barrios in San Francisco, San Jose and Chicago.

We will explore the Kingdom themes of incarnation, proclamation and formation, demonstration of compassion, restoration and development and the confrontation of injustice as essential elements of ministry in under-resourced communities, with the goal of gaining both theological insights and ministry insights to more effectively impact change in the barrios of our nation.

**Course Goals:**

To explore CCD within the context of the Latino reality
To gain a better understanding of how to engage the Latino church in community development
To have honest conversation regarding the challenges of embracing a (w)holistic paradigm of ministry
To understand the role of Biblical justice in our Latino context

**REQUIRED TEXTS:**

Castellanos Noel, Where the Cross Meets the Street, IVP
Justo Gonzales, Santa Biblia; Reading the Bible through Hispanic Eyes
Virgilio Elizondo, Galilean Journey

**Class Assignments:**

Read required texts and write a one-page review on each book
Class participation
A reflective journal for each day of class
A 2,000 word paper reflecting on how the course material/experience will impact you current ministry or your future work in the Latino community.

While the majority subject class will be taught in English, students will be encouraged to participate in Spanish if they prefer.