



### **Rev. Dr. Derrick Spiva**

Derrick Spiva Ph.D. M.F.A. is a Fulbright-Hays Africana studies scholar in religion with post-doctoral seminar studies at Cairo University in Egypt and Hebrew University in Israel. Currently, he is a lecturer for the Africana Studies Department, College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University specializing in African American Studies, Arts/Humanities and Religion. He served on the Reconciling Ministries Board of directors for 5 years and was also chair of UMOC (United Methodist of Color) during his board tenure. Before joining RMN, Derrick served 5 years as a senior pastor for Sierra Vista and Saint Marks United Methodist Churches in Fresno, California. As an Educational/Entertainment specialist, Derrick produced the hit series "Through Our Eyes" for PBS, and the Black Family Network over 12 seasons. He wrote and co-produced the film "Heresy" featured at the 1997 Reel Pride Film Festival winning a "Telly Award". He co-created the "CEED" Broadcasting Internet Network.

Derrick holds a Ph.D. in theology with an emphasis in Youth Ministries/Christian Education from San Antonio Theological Seminary, a Masters of Fine Arts & Teaching Credential from the University of California at Irvine and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications/ Business from California State University, Northridge. The NAACP and the United States Congress recognized him for outstanding service in education for African American Studies, Performing Arts and Media.



## **Kristina Gonzalez**

Kristina Gonzalez serves as Director of Leadership Development for an Inclusive Church for the Pacific Northwest Conference of The United Methodist Church. She develops curriculum and offers leadership development opportunities in intercultural competency. Kristina serves as senior staff of the Bishop Jack and Marjorie Tuell Center for Leadership Excellence, which works to instill a culture of innovation among lay and clergy of the Greater Northwest Episcopal Area and beyond for the work of the church in the world.

Ms. Gonzalez is a Qualified Administrator in the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) and an Associate with the Kaleidoscope Institute for leadership in a diverse changing world. Kristina co-leads the ongoing development and delivery of the ecumenical intercultural training program KI Northwest. She has served as faculty of the annual school for UM supervising clergy for 12 years, and consults and trains ecumenically in the field of intercultural competency.

Ms. Gonzalez has professional experience in the public and non-profit sectors working in the arts and human services. Her community service work includes 8 years on the Curriculum Committee of Leadership Tomorrow, a community leadership program serving the greater Seattle area, and a term on the Board of Trustees. She served on the UM Connectional Table, the denomination's global leadership body from 2004-2008 and chaired the Washington Association of Churches for a two terms. She serves on the Board of Directors for Bayview Manor Retirement Community, a UM founded institution.

Kristina resides in the Seattle area, where she takes advantage of the breathtaking beauty.