



[2019-2020 Church Planting Residency Class]

Efrain Cirilo

Efrain was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico and raised in Bronx, NY. Megan was born and raised in Pennsylvania. The two met in college, where they both gave their lives over to the Lord. Soon after college, Efrain and Megan were married and began to get plugged in at a local church where they led a college ministry, life group and prayer team.

It was during this time God began to stir a passion and desire for Efrain to enter into full-time ministry. After several years of schooling and mentoring, God opened a door in Kilgore, TX. Efrain and Megan made the radical decision to quit their lucrative jobs, move halfway across the country with their little ones and serve God and His people in Texas.

Efrain has served as Senior Pastor at Crosspointe Church for the past 8.5 years and Megan as the Children's Ministry Director. God has done amazing things at Crosspointe and many people have been saved and set free from the bondage of sin.

Over the past 2 years, God has been working in both Efrain and Megan's heart to church plant. He has given them a passion and desire to plant specifically in Conroe, Texas. Efrain & Megan are confident God has called them on this mission and they are excited to reach many people for Christ. They moved to Conroe (North- West Houston) in December of 2018 with their three children Grace (11), Josiah (9) and Anna (5) and plan to launch Merge Church in the Spring of 2020.

Andre Riggs

André Riggs was born in Houston, Texas but was raised on the southeast and east coast. In 1996, André placed faith in the Lord Jesus and in 2001 was called to pastoral ministry. André found it quite difficult to submit to the call of God and prayed for many years that God would change his mind. Through many situations and circumstances André realized that God was not going to change his mind and was requiring that he gave his life away to pastoral ministry, church planting and missions. As God made his will quite clear during those difficult years André made two life-changing decisions. He decided to find out how to successfully plant a church and serve as a local church pastor.

In 2009, he enrolled in Bible College and sought training related to church planting all over Texas. André has planted and started new churches over the last 10 years and have handed the leadership over to other pastors. Also within the last 10 years he graduated from CBS with a Bachelors of Science Degree with an emphasis in Pastoral Leadership. In May of 2019, he graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters in Theology and is currently pursuing a PhD in Bible and Theology at Calvary University.

André is married to his wife of 17 yrs. Nadia. They have two children, a girl Zion who is 7 yrs. old and Talith who is 3 yrs. old. André and Nadia are filled with gratitude that God would be so kind and give them another opportunity to serve in pastoral ministry. They are extremely excited to be apart of the HCPN family and have plans of planting a new church in October 2020.



Luke Samuelson



Luke Samuelson and his wife Stephanie moved to Kingwood, Texas two years ago. Luke and Stephanie have two boys, Noah and Hudson, and a baby girl on the way. Luke is a graduate of Texas A&M University-College Station with a B.S. in Economics and a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's of Divinity. He is currently finishing a Doctorate degree in Theology.

Luke and Stephanie have both served overseas as missionaries and have a heart for evangelism and discipleship. Prior to coming to Kingwood, Luke served as a Connections Pastor and then as a Campus Pastor, and most recently as a Lead Pastor. Together they seek to lead a generation of people to hear God's voice and respond in extreme faith in obedience.

As a Church Planter, Luke looks forward to preaching, teaching, pastoring, vision casting, and giving oversight to the church. He plans to strive with all of God's energy to accomplish the mission He has set before the church. His life's focus, and the focus of his role, is for God's people to be equipped and for God's church to flourish. He feels called to plant a church that plants churches in Northeast Houston and abroad, and is honored to be equipped through Houston Church Planting Network's Finishing Residency.

In his free time Luke enjoys Texas A&M football, Astro's baseball, and being adventuresome with his two boys.

Mac Gervais



Mac and Grace have been married for 6 years and have 3 children: Jayden (3), Aria (2), Judah (4 months). They both grew up in the Greater Houston area, and met each other in college. Mac was called into the ministry in June 2000 when he was 14-years-old. In May 2009 he received his Bachelor of Arts from Houston Baptist University where he double-majored in Christianity & Political Science. He recently received his Master of Arts in Apologetic (Philosophy Concentration) from HBU as well.

Mac has spent his 15 years of ministry serving in various capacities in local churches engaging in multi-ethnic ministry. Earlier this year, Mac stepped down from being a campus pastor for a large church in southeast Houston to pursue God's calling to plant a church. Mac and Grace have a passion to see not just all nations reached for the gospel, but also worshipping together within the local church context. Mac is currently serving as Church Planting Resident for Cistern Church and preparing to plant in the Westchase area of Houston in August of 2020.



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Otis Latin



Otis is a graduate of Rice University and currently attends Rawlings School of Divinity at Liberty University pursuing a master's degree in Biblical Exposition. Pastor Latin is a devoted husband to his loving wife Rosalyn Andrea Latin who has supported him in ministry for many years. Otis and Rosalyn are proud parents of three outstanding children Morgan Genell Latin, Otis James Latin III and Oryan Jacoby Latin.

Pastor Latin served faithfully at New Jerusalem Baptist Church for over 20 years. He was ordained as a deacon at 26 years old and served in that capacity for 3 years. In 1997 he was called by God to preach the gospel. Pastor Latin was licensed and preached his first sermon in August of 1997. In 2007 at the age of 39, Pastor Latin was ordained as an elder at New Jerusalem Baptist Church and served in a host of leadership positions during his tenure such as Sunday Teacher, Vacation Bible School Teacher, Marital Counselor, Sunday School Superintendent, Youth Pastor, and Assistant Pastor. In August of 2013, Pastor Latin was led by God to begin hosting weekly bible studies which developed into a core group of faithful followers. In March of 2015, Pastor Latin launched Revive Bible Church but is currently preparing to lead a relaunch church plant in September 2020.

Juan Eclarin



Juan and Jean are from the Philippines but moved to the US in 2001 and Houston in 2010. They have three children: Jv Kyle, Jm Krystelle, and Jz Kamilie. Juan received his Master of Religious Education from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary and Master of Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary.

Juan received his call to church planting when he was ten years old. To prepare himself, he went to a Bible College, and that's where he met Jean. To further learn the ropes of ministry, they got involved in several churches including Korean, Chinese, Filipinos, and American before moving to Houston.

While there, God showed the Eclarins that many of the over 155,000 Filipinos living in the Houston Metroplex need to hear the Gospel message. With the vision to "bring Christ to every Filipino home in Houston," they are delighted to partner with HCPN to accomplish this task.