DR. CLÁUDIO DA FONSECA DIVINO

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Crossroads College, 920 Mayowood Road SW, Rochester, MN 55902 (2003-Present) Professor of Intercultural Studies

- Teaches Cultural Anthropology, World Missions, Biblical Theology of Missions, and World Religions.
- Coordinator of the Ambassadors Group [Mission Trips].
- Director and Mentor of the International Students Fellowship [Intercultural Affairs].

Antioch Christian Church, 120 Madison Street, Mamaroneck, New York, 10543 (1997-2003) Senior Minister

- Raised his own support from several Christian churches from Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina.
- In association with the Hisportic and the Orchard Group [Go Ye Chapel] missions successfully planted the church in July of 1997.
- The church has had four different locations in the New York metropolitan area [Westchester County]: New Rochelle, Stamford, Port Chester, and Mamaroneck.
- Flourishing Ethnic Ministry in the New York Metropolitan area—the church averaged 350 per week.
- Developed a strong and solid local leadership made up of Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses.

First Christian Church (Johnson City, TN), 200 East Mount Castle Drive, Johnson City, TN 37601, # 423.232.5700 (1996-1997). Associate Minister.

- Pastor in charge of the church's ethnic ministry.
- Responsible for the ministry of prayer within the whole body of believers.
- Raised approximately US$ 200,000.00 for the Antioch Project in New York among the Christian Churches in East Tennessee and South Virginia.

Central Wesleyan Methodist Church of Petrópolis (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Rua Casimiro de Abreu, 50 Petrópolis, RJ, Brazil 25615-000 (1988-1993). Senior Minister.

- The congregation grew from 650 to almost 2,000 members during my ministry there
- Successful ministry among the youth
- Usually preached four times per week
- Built a sanctuary that seats 1,500 people
- Served as President of the "Petrópolis Christian Ministers

Association"

- Served as Secretary of the Ministerial Admission Commission of the Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Served as Secretary of the Legislation Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Planted two new churches in the Petrópolis metropolitan area
- Served as Secretary of the General Council Legislation Committee.

Wesleyan Methodist Church of Campo Grande (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Rua Luiz Barata, 23 Campo Grande, RJ, Brazil (1984-1987). Senior Minister.

- Ministry of spiritual growth and maturity
- Organized the building of a church camp with the capacity to hold up to 1,000 people
- Oversaw the improvement and enlargement of the church's facilities
- Encouraged an increase in attendance and contribution
- Served as President of the Wesleyan Camp

Wesleyan Methodist Church of Volta Redonda (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), Av. 17 de Julho, 502 Volta Redonda, RJ, Brazil (1980-1983). Senior Minister.

- Supervised the building of a sanctuary and a parsonage
- Planted two new churches in the Volta Redonda area
- Encouraged an increase in attendance and membership

Wesleyan Methodist Church of Taubaté (Sao Paulo, Brazil) (1979). Church Planter.

- Planted the church during my last year of Bible College
- Baptized and received 300 people in one year
- Organized a good lay team of Christian workers
- Trained several people who became successful ministers

OTHER EMPLOYMENTS

Executive Director [part-time] of MCEA (Minnesota Christian Evangelizing Association), Albert Lea, MN (April 2004-Present).

Ethnic Consultant for Orchard Group, N. Chelmsford, MA *(October 2003-Present)*

Adjunct Professor of Cultural Anthropology for the *University of Saint Francis, 500 Wilcox Street, Joliet, Illinois, 60435, Phone 1-800-735-7500 (Spring 2004, Fall 2006).*

Adjunct Professor of Inter-Cultural Studies, Cultural Anthropology, and Theology of the New Testament at the *Centro de Formação Teologica* [Theological Formation Center] of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in Nilópolis, RJ, Brazil (1983-1993).

- Taught "Cultural Anthropology" for two (2) years (1992-1993)
- Taught "The Church and the Culture" for three (3) years (1985-1988)

Founder and Director of an Extension of the CEFORTE [Theological Formation Center], in Volta Redonda, RJ, Brazil, and Adjunct Professor of Missions (1983)

- Taught "Cultural Anthropology" and "The Church and the Culture" for one (1) year (1983)

Editor of Bible School Lessons Publication (1984-1993)

- Edited "Explaining the Scriptures," an Adult and Youth Bible magazine studies
- Wrote 26 Lessons per year

General Director of the National Youth Department (1977-1978)

- Directed the general activities of the Wesleyan Methodist Youth Department
- Traveled throughout the country visiting local youth programs
- Organized several regional youth conventions and one general youth convention

District Superintendent (1984-1993)

- Represented the Bishop in the ecclesiastical district
- Worked as superintendent of 20 ministries in the district of Campo Grande, RJ; and of 18 ministers in Petropolis, RJ
- Help to solve occasional problems between the local congregations and their ministers
- Helped the Bishop to assign the pastors to the local parishes

General Secretary of Administration (1988-1992)

- Represented the Wesleyan Methodist Church legally
- Member of the General Board of the Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Supervised all administrative aspects of the secretaries and departments of the church

AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the ORCHARD GROUP, East Islip, New York (1999- present)

- Member of the NACC CONTINUATION COMMITTEE (1999-2001; 2004-present)
- Chaplain with the United Chaplains STATE of New York, INC. (2002-Present)
- International Advisor of the Restoration Foundation, Atlanta, GA, (1996-present)
- Member of the International Society of Theta Phi
- Honorary Member of the "Associação Evangélica Brasileira" (Brazilian Evangelical Association)
- Brazilian Delegate to the III CLADE-Congresso Latino Americano de Evangelização (Latin American Congress of Evangelism) (1992)
- Member of the COMIBAM-Congresso Missionário Íbero-Americano (Iberian-American Missionary Congress) (1989)
- Member of the Congresso Brasileiro de Evangelização (Brazilian Congress of Evangelization) (1980)
- Member of the International Conference of the Iglesia Metodista Pentecostal del Chile (1985)

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Emmanuel School of Religion
One Walker Drive
Johnson City, TN 37601
Doctor of Ministry, May 2005
Thesis*: "An Analysis of the Spiritual Lives of Converts from the African Brazilian Religions to Christianity and Its Ministerial Implications"*

Emmanuel School of Religion
One Walker Drive
Johnson City, TN 37601
Master of Divinity, May 1997
Thesis*: "Proposed Models for Cross-cultural Church Planting in the United States of America"*

Faculdade Batista Teológica de São Paulo
Rua João Ramalho, 466 - Perdizes
P. O. Box 30259
São Paulo, Brazil 05008-001
Bachelor of Theology, December 1979, Concentration: Inter-Cultural Studies
Thesis*: "Sons of God and Daughters of Men"*

Centro Evangélico Brasileiro de Estudos Pastorais

Curitiba, PR, Brazil
Studies in Pastoral Communication

PROFESSIONAL/SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Publications

Christian Leaders in Action, Hisportic Christian Mission, East Providence, RI, 1999.

Epístola aos Romanos [The Epistle to the Romans], Centro de Publicações Wesleyano [Wesleyan Publication Center], Nilópolis, RJ, Brazil, 1989.

Pescadores de Homens [Fishermen of Men], Centro de Publicações Wesleyano [Wesleyan Publication Center], Nilópolis, RJ, Brazil, 1991.

Articles

Dinha, published in the Clipboard [Emmanuel School of Religion, Johnson City, TN] 2006.

Why Don't They Look Like Us? published in the Christian Standard, 2000

Psalm 115, published in the Lookout, 1999

"*Culture Shock*" in the O Mensageiro [The Messenger], October 2002
"Cultural Adaptation" in the O Mensageiro [The Messenger], May 2002

"*Analysis of Cultural Adaptation and Its Effects on Transplanted Families*" in the O Mensageiro [The Messenger], April 2003

LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

"*World Missions Seminar*," 6 hours workshop delivered at Crossroads College (March of 2007) and at the Landmark Christian Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin (May of 2007).

"*Ministering to a New Generation*," 4 hours lectures delivered at the XIV Pastors' Conference, São Lourenço, MG, Brazil, May of 2006.

"*History of Missions*," 30 hours course for Pastors in Bissau, Guinea Bissau, Africa, April of 2005.

"*World Religions*," 20 hours course for Christian Leaders in Honjo, Japan, January of 2005.

"Dynamics of Unity and Diversity in Congregational Ministry from an

Ethnic Perspective," Forrest F. Reed Lecture sponsored by the Disciples Historical Society at the Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, Oklahoma, April of 2004.

"*The American Mosaic: Missions Have Come Home*," workshop in the North America Christian Convention, Tampa, FL, June 2001.

Featured Preacher at the Eastern Christian Convention, Hershey, PA, November 2000.

"When the Minority Becomes the Majority," workshop in the North America Christian Convention, Louisville, KI, July 2000.

"The Heartbeat of God for Reproducing Churches: Successful Church Plants," workshop in the North America Christian Convention, Denver, CO, July 1999.

"*Reaching Ethnics in the USA,"* workshop in the National Missionary Convention, Lexington, KI, 1996.

Featured Speaker at the National Youth Convention in 1984, 1986, 1989, 1991 [Brazil].

Featured Speaker at the National Adults National in 1981, 1983, 1990 [Brazil].

Featured Speaker at the Regional Council of the Wesleyan Methodist Church 1980, 1985, 1993 [Brazil].

Featured Speaker at the General l Council of the Wesleyan Methodist Church 1992 [Brazil].

"Eschatology of Matthew," lecture delivered in the Wesleyan Theological Week, Petrópolis, RJ, Brazil, May 1981.
"*The Importance of Holiness*," workshop in National Youth Convention, Volta Redonda, RJ, Brazil, 1982.

"*Qualifications for Effective Ministers*," workshop in the Pastors Retreat, Caxias, RJ, Brazil, 1984.

"*Sovereignty of God,"* lecture delivered in the Wesleyan Theological Week, Taubaté, SP, Brazil, May 1984.

"*Ministering to Pastoral Families*," workshop in the Pastors Retreat, Caxias, RJ, Brazil, 1984.

"God's Children Are Tempted: How to Overcome Temptation," workshop in the National Adults Convention, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, 1985.

"*An Exegesis of Acts 14:1-28,"* lecture delivered in the Wesleyan

Theological Week, Duque de Caxias, RJ, Brazil, 1986.

"*An Effective Post-Modern Ministry,"* lecture in the Wesleyan Theological Week, Duque de Caxias, RJ, Brazil, 1989

"Dating: Making the Right Choice" workshop in the National Teen Convention, Vitória, ES, Brazil, 1991

"*Biblical Theology of the New Testament,"* 36 hours course in the Centro de Formação Teológica— CEFORTE [Theological Formation Center], Nilópolis, RJ, Brazil, 1995.

COURSES TAUGHT

Cultural Anthropology [Brazil and USA]
World Missions: Perspectives [USA]
The Church and the Culture [Brazil]
Christian Theology and World Religions [USA]
Biblical Theology of Missions [USA]
Studies on Islam [USA]
Historical Models of Christian Missions [USA]
Missions Anthropology [USA]
Cross Cultural Communication [USA]
Ministry and Evangelism [USA]
Promotion of Missions [USA]
The Church in Latin America [USA]
Cross-Cultural Studies [USA]
Contemporary Trends in Mission [USA]
Urban Missions [USA]
African Religions in the New World [USA]
Wesleyan Theology [Brazil]

PERSONAL INFORMATION

- Born on January 4, 1958, in Governador Valadares, MG, Brazil
- Married to Alzira de Carvalho Divino (7/14/1979)
- Father of Estêvão(7/18/1980) and Celme (9/25/1983)
- Christian Baptism on 4/10/1971
- Ordained Minister on 1/16/1979