

# Ordination to the Gospel Ministry



“Then laid they their hands on them,  
and they received the Holy Ghost.”

Acts 8:17 (KJV)



Seventh-day  
Adventist<sup>®</sup> Church

TEXAS CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | 4:00 P.M.

Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church  
114 S. Fairview St. | Keene, TX 76059

# Ordination Candidates



MICHAEL CONRAD BOBB-SEMPLE

EDWIN "DANNY" CANO

RUBEN CASABONA

ANTONIO "TONY" CORREA

DEIVI GARCIA

RUSSELL HUGGINS

MANUEL IBUADO

VICENTE OSORIO

AUSTEN POWELL



# Ordination Service

Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church  
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Welcome and Opening Prayer .....Michael Gibson

Presentation of Candidates .....Sponsors

Special Music .....Kisha Norris,  
Karla & James DeChavez

Homily.....Elton DeMoraes

Ordination Prayer.....David Montoya

Ordination Charge.....Nathan L. Krause,  
Ismael Castillo

Candidates' Response .....Michael Conrad Bobb-Semple

Affirming the Call.....Tony Anobile Sr.,  
Southwestern Union Conference

Appreciation of Spouses.....Alessandra DeMoraes

Special Music .....Kisha Norris,  
Karla & James DeChavez

Benediction .....Randy Terry



## Michael Conrad & Fiona Bobb-Semple

*Emerald & Malia*

San Antonio Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Atascosa Seventh-day Adventist Church

Michael Conrad Bobb-Semple is a native of Guyana, South America. He feels he received a calling to ministry at the age of four. In his early teens, he conducted an evangelistic series. Following graduation, he attended the University of the Southern Caribbean, the other USC, where he completed a bachelor's degree in theology.

After completing his studies, Bobb-Semple accepted a call to the mission field, where he served for two years as a missionary in Taiwan. During that time, he nurtured his relationship with God, learning to apply the principles of the Bible to practical living. He witnessed God perform amazing miracles in the mission field.

After completing his missionary experience, Bobb-Semple migrated to the United States, where he completed a master's degree in theology with an emphasis in urban ministries.

Before receiving a call to ministry, he served as a disaster recovery case manager and substance abuse, gambling and sexual addiction therapist for more than 10 years. His service included working with homeless men and men incarcerated for drug-related crimes. Bobb-Semple reports that this experience helped him develop a non-judgmental attitude. During this time, he recognized his purpose to serve others despite their various backgrounds. He was reminded that God is concerned about the salvation of all people.

Bobb-Semple has planted and grown churches in Detroit, Michigan, and Houston, Texas. Over the past five years, he has been involved in pastoral ministry for the Baytown/La Porte, Missouri City and Texas City Born Again Seventh-day Adventist Church district in the Houston area. He now serves as pastor for the San Antonio Philadelphia and Atascosa Seventh-day Adventist Church district.

Bobb-Semple loves to worship and present the Word of God with power in a practical, life-transforming way. He has been married to Fiona Bobb-Semple for the past 23 years. Fiona works as an RN and is presently pursuing her nurse practitioner degree. They have two daughters: Emerald, a senior at Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, and Malia, a high school freshman.





Edwin “Danny” & Vennessa Cano  
*Vanya & Adrian*

Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church

“The Call” has never been a straight path or set of “aha” moments for Edwin “Danny” Cano. Instead, he feels it has been more of a winding road and near misses.

During his preteen years, it was difficult to understand his “call.” During these years, Cano saw insecurities and depression take over his life. It was through those years that he pursued the study of music and piano as an outlet for depression. Slowly but surely, Cano began to see a call for ministry, leading worship services at his local church.

Fast forward to the summer of 2003, God began to open doors that changed his direction, first, with an unexpected call to serve as counselor/worship leader for the Texas Conference summer camp. That opportunity led to Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, where he began his studies in nursing and continued growing his worship/music ministry.

By July 2009, two-and-a-half years into his marriage, Cano graduated with high honors after making a change in career studies. He worked at an architectural firm and was promoted to a full-time position. He became “dad” to a beautiful, healthy baby girl. Everything seemed in place, so they decided to become homeowners. Two weeks after moving into the house, he was laid off. During the confusion and chaos, God once again guided him to his second call to ministry.

With a lack of available jobs within his field, Cano searched for other possibilities. With his nursing and architectural field studies, Cano had the right endorsements for a job at Dallas Christian Academy in Dallas, Texas. He began his education career thinking he would return to the design world as soon as the economy grew. Instead, he fell in love with the education ministry and the youth he served. During his eight years in the education system, he saw God squeeze every skill he picked up along the way and make sense of them all.

For the past four years, Cano has served as the youth pastor at the Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church in Arlington, Texas. Cano continues to see God make sense of all his life experiences.

Above all, Cano appreciates Jesus’ love for his family and church family and considers it an honor to serve a generation that so richly loves people and is so desperately searching for truth and identity.





## Ruben & Cassandra Casabona

Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church

Ruben Casabona was born and raised in Peru. Since he was a child, he felt a connection to his local church community, and he loved being involved in various ministries, especially Pathfinders and church audiovisuals. These experiences ignited a passion within him to serve God.

During Casabona's final year of high school, he felt God's call to become a pastor. This led him to pursue a theological education and ministry wholeheartedly.

After completing his undergraduate degree in Peru in 2012, Casabona received a call from the East-Central Peru Conference to work as an academy chaplain. The opportunity to mentor and teach high schoolers about God's love was incredibly rewarding to him.

In 2014, Casabona made a life-changing decision to pursue a Master of Divinity degree at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan. During this time, he became engaged to the love of his life, Cassie. In May 2015, they were married, embarking on a journey of faith and ministry together.

Casabona's seminary experience was enriching but challenging, as he self-sponsored his studies. However, God's unwavering mercy and provision were evident throughout this journey, reassuring him that he was on the right path.

As graduation approached, the Carolina Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Charlotte, North Carolina, extended a call to Casabona to work as a district pastor in East North Carolina, overseeing four congregations. The work was challenging and inspiring, and he witnessed the transformative power of God's love in the lives of the people he served.

In 2021, a new chapter began when he received a call to the Keene Seventh-day Adventist Church in Keene, Texas, to serve as pastor for media. This calling aligned with his passion for using technology as a medium to spread the Good News.

As Casabona looks to the future, he is excited about the endless possibilities for touching lives, inspiring hearts and sharing the message of Galatians 5:1 (NIV): "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."





Antonio “Tony” & Blanca Correa  
*Ishmael & Jeremy*



Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Antonio “Tony” Correa was born and raised in Itararé, São Paulo, Brazil. His life completely changed when a couple shared the Faith of Jesus Bible studies with him while he was in a hospital bed. He was baptized shortly after at the age of 18.

Following his baptism, Correa became a student colporteur in Brazil and began studying theology at Universidad Adventista de São Paulo, Campus 2. This began his ministry journey.

In 2007, he was called to serve in publishing with the Review and Herald Publishing Association in Hagerstown, Maryland. He served as a publishing leader for seven years.

In 2015, he graduated from Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas, with a bachelor’s degree in theology.

Correa has a passion for supporting students through Adventist Education. For six years, he served as the Publishing Ministries director at the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Alvarado, Texas. Youth Rush, a student canvassing program, was established during that time.

In 2020, he became an associate pastor at McAllen Valley Central Spanish Church, in McAllen, Texas.

In 2021 and 2022, he felt privileged to participate in the Texas Conference Determined cycling tours to raise funds for Adventist Education.

Correa is now a trust officer and stewardship coordinator for the South Texas area for Texas Conference Planned Giving & Trust Services | Stewardship.

Correa and his wife, Blanca, have been married for seven years. They have two children: Ishmael (5) and Jeremy (3).

Correa enjoys cycling and fishing. His favorite Bible verse is Joshua 1:9 (NIV), “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”





## Deivi & Dania Garcia

Houston Spanish Spring Branch Seventh-day Adventist Church

Deivi Garcia was born in Orange County, California. When he was six, he and his family moved to Mexico. He moved to Texas when he was 14 and began high school. At 16, he experienced the power of God's love at a youth retreat, which led to his conversion.

Deuteronomy 31:6 (NIV) helped Garcia navigate through life's challenges. "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

Garcia felt the call to ministry after his second year at Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. There, he obtained his bachelor's degree in theology in 2013.

After graduation, he served at the Garland and Mesquite Spanish Seventh-day Adventist churches as a youth pastor from 2013 through 2016. He then completed his Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in youth and young adult ministry at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, in 2019.

That same year, he transferred to East Texas to pastor the Jacksonville Spanish, Montalba Spanish and Palestine Spanish Seventh-day Adventist companies from 2019 through 2020.

Presently, he serves as the youth pastor for the Houston Spanish Spring Branch Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Garcia met Dania at a church concert. When he saw her singing, he could not stop thinking about her. Garcia thought, "Someone like this would be great to do ministry with." When the concert ended, however, Garcia did not have the courage to introduce himself. Two years later, when he saw her again, he would not make the same mistake again.

Today, they are married. Dania has a bachelor's degree in healthcare administration from Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. She also has a master's degree in business administration and leadership from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

Garcia's passion is to develop meaningful relationships by facilitating spiritual and personal growth. He feels God has called him to disciple and teach others to reflect a Christ-like character. Garcia and Dania love Jesus and are passionate about sharing God's love with those around them.





Russell & Rachel Huggins  
*Hadley, Hampton & Houston*

Hurst Seventh-day Adventist Church

Russell Huggins is the pastor of the Hurst Seventh-day Adventist Church. Previously, he served seven years as pastor of three churches in Upstate New York. Huggins is passionate about serving others, preaching and teaching the Word of God.

He was born and raised in Spokane, Washington, where he lived for 26 years. In 2009, he left Spokane to see what God had in store for him and landed at Union College (UC) in Lincoln, Nebraska. He felt God was calling him to be a pastor. He decided to study theology and graduated in 2013 Cum Laude with a B.A. in Theology and a minor in Biblical languages.

In addition to receiving his degree at UC, he met his wife Rachel, with whom he now has three children: Hadley (9), Hampton (7) and Houston (1). He enjoys the outdoors, hiking and camping.

Huggins has a wealth of experience in building homes and doing construction, which he has used to help rebuild churches and support the mission of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He was also an auto mechanic before he received the call to become a pastor and enjoys ministering to others by helping them fix their vehicles for free.

As a pastor in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, it is Huggins' primary goal to serve as Christ served, to lead as Christ led, to live as Christ lived and to be an example as Christ was an example for us. Secondary to this objective, he seeks to provide for his family and lead them to Jesus' feet as His children. His third objective is to expand his experience in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a minister of the gospel and to meet the objectives of the larger body of Seventh-day Adventists in fulfilling the church's mission.







Manuel & Estefania Ibuado  
*Emilia, Elissa & Manuel*



Keene Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church

Manuel Ibuado was baptized at 11 years old in Cd. Juarez, Mexico. At that time, he remembers wanting to be one of “the doctors that get the babies out” (OB/GYN). “If someone would have asked any of the kids in my Sabbath School class who is going to become a pastor,” Ibuado recalls, “I would’ve been the least expected person. I didn’t study my Sabbath School lesson. I would always lose in the Bible games and had no interest in studying to do better.”

It wasn’t until his early 20s that Ibuado felt a call to ministry. He began his studies at Antillean University in psychology. After a year of fighting the call, he received confirmation from God and changed his major. To graduate, he had to complete two credits of pastoral practice. The school allowed him to complete the credits at the Houston West Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church.

After graduation, unsure what to do, he received a call to be a Bible worker at the Houston Central Seventh-day Adventist Church. He considers that opportunity one of the biggest blessings in his ministry. Ibuado now serves as the pastor of the Keene Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church, “a beautiful church where I have experienced a lot of growth,” he states.

Reflecting on how God led him in ministry, he says it’s difficult not to be grateful for the grace God provided in his life. He even gave him the job he wanted as a kid, “getting the babies out of the water” (now it’s baptizing people of all ages).

His biggest personal blessing is his family, his wife, Estefania, and their three kids. “They’re a daily reminder that God blesses those who serve Him,” Ibuado says.





## Vicente & Isela Osorio

*Insly & Jair*

Houston Spanish North Seventh-day Adventist Church  
Katy Bear Creek Spanish Seventh-day Adventist Church

Vicente Osorio was born in Tejupilco de Hidalgo, Mexico. Growing up in a Christian home, his parents belonged to the Church of God (Seventh Day). Due to life circumstances, he had to leave his home at a young age to start working in Mexico City, Mexico. In 1993, at 17, he traveled to the United States for a better life. He returned to Mexico in 1997 and met Isela, who would become his wife in December 1998.

Osorio learned about the Seventh-day Adventist message through an invitation from his wife. He was impressed with the message and loved how they studied the Bible together. That same year, he gave his life to God through baptism.

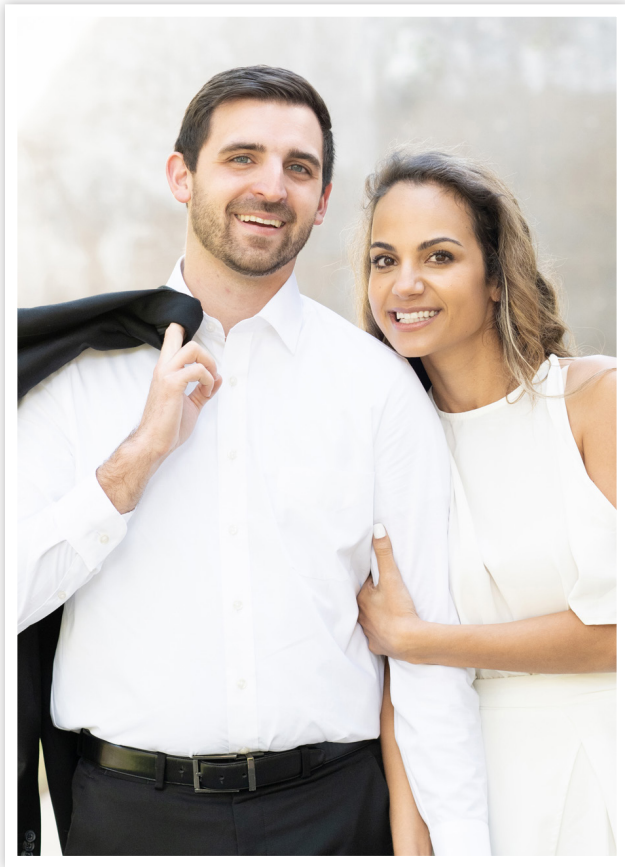
While leading a life not worthy of admiration, he noticed a church while driving with his wife one day in 2002. "Why don't we go to church?" he asked her. He remembers that day so well. It was a Saturday afternoon. He was tired of a life without Christ. When Osorio entered the church, he was not well. He went in and sat with his wife near the back. He did not want to be near anyone. The message that afternoon described his life. God was speaking directly to his heart. He cannot express what he felt then, but he left there with an enormous desire to return to church. Since then, he has served God.

Even though he never considered himself a good preacher, people would ask where he studied theology, thinking he was a pastor. After being asked that several times, he was even more surprised when someone walking down the street asked if he had graduated with a theology degree in Montemorelos. He finally took that as a call from God to ministry.

In January 2013, Osorio began his theological studies at the University of Montemorelos in Montemorelos, N.L., Mexico, graduating in January 2018. He began his work in the Del Rio Spanish, Eagle Pass Spanish, Uvalde Seventh-day Adventist Church district in June 2019. He now serves as pastor for the Houston Spanish North and Katy Bear Creek Spanish Seventh-day Adventist churches.

"I am happy serving God in ministry with my wife and children," Osorio shared, "as we prepare for the Lord's return." Osorio and his wife, Isela, have two children: Insly (21) and Jair (17).





## Austen & Aurianna Powell

Southwestern Adventist University

Austen Powell serves as a special assistant to the president at Southwestern Adventist University (SWAU) in Keene, Texas. He has written and managed more than \$9.7 million dollars of grant-funded activities. He serves to bridge ministry with education, developing student success services such as peer mentoring, career advising, internship, job placement, transfer student services and undergraduate research opportunities.

In addition to his administrator role, he is an adjunct professor in the Theology department teaching the Biblical Preaching course.

Dedicated to Christ, Powell graduated from SWAU with a B.A. degree in Theology and completed his M.Div. degree from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (AU) in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He also has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Texas at Tyler in Tyler, Texas.

Powell believes in collaborative ministry, bridging the school with the church to develop the next generation of Spirit-led young people who will rise to lead God's church. He is a church elder and young adult co-leader with his wife, Aurianna, at the Burleson Seventh-day Adventist Church in Burleson, Texas.

His previous work experience includes serving as AU's seminary student forum president and then associate pastor at the Cleburne First Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cleburne, Texas. He is passionate about youth and young adult ministries. While in Cleburne, he was appointed the Keene/Fort Worth area youth director and associate director for Public Campus Ministries for the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Alvarado, Texas. His mission as a pastor and administrator has been for young people to develop a life-changing authentic relationship with Jesus Christ through education and church ministry.

Powell's wife, Aurianna (Anobile) Powell, is a health professional with an M.S. in Speech Pathology from Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, California. She works at Texas Health Huguley Hospital Fort Worth South in Burleson, Texas. Their greatest joy is serving God and being able to be a catalyst to support many young professionals in their walk with Christ.



I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ...  
Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove,  
rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine.  
But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of  
an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

2 Timothy 4:1, 2, 5 (KJV)

