

Roque, Emmanuel (1966-) was born in New York City and reared in Miami. He graduated from Baylor University (B. A.) and served as associate pastor of Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion in Miami. From 2004-2006 Roque served as Director of Hispanic and International Ministries with the Miami Baptist Association. In 2006 Roque became Director of the Language Church Planting Department of the Florida Baptist Convention and in 2016 Roque became the State's Hispanic Church Catalyst.

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Roque named Hispanic Church Catalyst

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Long-time [Florida Baptist Convention](#) employee Emanuel Roque has been named as the state's [Hispanic Church Catalyst](#), a position he will assume effective May 2.

In this role, he will serve and partner with churches and pastors to plan and facilitate processes that support, strengthen and encourage Hispanic Florida Baptist churches in their mission and kingdom ministry.

"I am excited for the leadership, vision and direction that Emanuel brings to this role," said Tommy Green, Florida Baptists' executive director-treasurer. "He is extremely qualified and equipped to lead in an effective manner as our Hispanic Church Catalyst."

Roque will assume the position left vacant with the April 30 resignation of Deris Coto.

Roque is currently serving in the role of [multicultural church/leadership catalyst](#), a position created through the 2015 reorganization of the Convention staff under Green's leadership.

The State Board of Missions' Administrative/Personnel Committee approved the appointment by poll during the week of April 18.

Roque has served the Convention since 2006 in roles that included team strategist, Leadership Development Ministries team, 2011-2015; and director, Language Church Planting, 2006-2011; He was a longtime associate pastor of [Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion in Miami](#), one of the city's strongest Hispanic congregations, from 1988-2004. While there, he planted and pastored the church's English speaking congregation.

He will continue to live in Miami.

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State Board hires 4 new employees after re

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EUSTIS (FBC)- While officially saying goodbye to eight retiring Florida Baptist Convention staff members, the State Board of Missions welcomed four new persons into the fold and promoted a fifth during its Sept. 22 meeting at Lake Yale Conference Center.

Elected to Convention posts were Ed Johnson of Ocala as director of the Cooperative Program Office; Emmanuel Roque of Miami as director of the Language Church Planting Department; Francisco Tola of Jupiter as a language church planting field missionary in Central and Southwest Florida; and Rebecca Crandall of Monroe, La., as Baptist Collegiate Ministry director for the University of Miami.

Eight-year employee Bob Bumgarner was elected director of the Church Development Division, one of the top administrative posts within the Convention's organizational structure. Bumgarner, 43, will succeed James Chavis, who will retire at the end of the year.

In bidding adieu to the retiring employees, the Board approved resolutions of appreciation which will be presented during the Florida Baptist State Convention meeting in Nov. 13-14 in Fort Myers. Retired staff honored for their combined 134 years of service to the Convention and their places of service were Chavis; Milton Boyd, director of the African-American Church Development Department; Larry Elliott, director of the Church Planning and Revitalization Department; Brenda Forlines, director of the Church and Community Ministries Department; Arthur Herbert, associate director of the Church Annuity Promotion Department; Don Otwell, state consultant for deaf ministries; Pedro Rivera, regional multi-ethnic catalytic missionary; and Raul Vazquez, director of the Language Division.

Five positions left vacant with these retirements were filled during the May Board meeting. Others were

filled at this meeting.

Bumgarner, a native of Austin, Texas, was reared in locations across the country while his father served in the military. In his tenure at the Convention he served as associate director of the Pastoral Ministries Department, 1997-2000; the director of Pastor/Staff Leadership Department, 2000-2004; and most recently as director of the Office of Leadership Development.

In sharing his vision for leading the 14-person staff of the Church Development Division, Bumgarner cited Jude 3 and I Corinthians 9, saying he would seek to "find common ground with biblical faithfulness while engaging the culture." His focus, he said, will be on promoting "church health."

Prior to coming to the Convention staff, Bumgarner served as executive pastor at Arlington Baptist Church in Jacksonville 1991-1997 and as pastor of Amanda Baptist Chapel in Middletown, Ohio, 1988-1991.

Bumgarner holds the bachelor of science degree from Wichita State University in Wichita, Kansas, and the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

The Cooperative Program assignment assumed by the 63-year-old Johnson was transferred during the meeting from the Stewardship Department to the office of the Executive Director-Treasurer. This action stresses the importance of the Cooperative Program within Florida Baptist life, said John Sullivan, executive director-treasurer.

Johnson, a native of Newport News, Va., has served as pastor of First Baptist Church of Ocala since 1983 where he led the church to be a Cooperative Program contributions leader in the state. Previously Johnson served as pastor of Sharpstown Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, 1980 to 1983; and



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Calvary Baptist Church in Kingsport, Tenn., 1973 to 1980. Johnson has many credentials as a denominational statesman in Florida and the SBC, including President of the Florida Baptist State Convention, 1992; President of the Florida Baptist Pastor's Conference, 1990; President of the State Board of Missions, 1999; Chairman of the SBC Committee on Committees, 2002; chairman of the Board of Trustees, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary 1995-1996; and Moderator of the Marion Baptist Association in Ocala, 1997-1998.

After receiving the bachelor of science degree from East Tennessee State University in Johnson City in 1970, Johnson earned the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1972; and the doctor of ministry degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1978.

Roque has served as director of Hispanic and International Ministries with the Miami Baptist Association since June 2004.

He will assume the Convention position previously held by Frank Moreno, who was promoted in May as director of the Language Division, succeeding Raul Vazquez.

The 40-year-old Roque will assume his new position effective Oct. 1 and will continue to live in Miami.

Born in New York City and reared in Miami, Roque holds the bachelor of arts degree from Baylor University. Before joining the association, Roque served as the associate pastor of the Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion in Miami and led the church to start an English-speaking congregation, of which he subsequently served as pastor.



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Tola will assume the position vacant with the retirement of Pedro Rivera. With the election of the year-old Tola, a native of Guayaquil, Ecuador, the Convention's Language Division staff will represent the diversity of the state.

Before his election to this position, Tola served as pastor of two churches—



TOLA

Iglesia Bautista Resurreccion in Belle Glade, Fla., and Iglesia Bautista de Jupiter. He holds the bachelor of science degree from Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., and two master's degrees from Ford University in Bronx, N.Y., and Island University in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. He also received a certificate from New York Theological Seminary in New York City.

Crandall, a native of Macon, Ga., earned the bachelor of arts degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 2000 and the master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 2005. She served as an associate Baptist Campus Ministry director

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