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I am Costa Rican born, Argentine raised, American from a lineage of Italian Pentecostal ministers. In Argentina, I was formed as a Pentecostal between the interstice of identity, the global North and the global South. This "in-between" hybrid upbringing encouraged me to look beyond the boundaries of my own tradition, developing an expansive view of the ekklesia and the kin-dom of God, further forming me as an "ecumenical Pentecostal." I am passionate to see churches explore the places that the Spirit is calling them towards in seeking the renewal of all things.

In ministry I have served as a youth Pastor in Argentina, Seminary professor at the Instituto Biblico Rio De La Plata and have worked at a large church in Texas as an outreach coordinator. Most recently I have worked at a community liaison for Latinx middle school students for the YMCA, produced a podcast for the Hispanic Theological Initiative and worked in a variety of research roles. All these experiences have shaped me and have taught me valuable lessons.

I married my wonderful wife, Courtney, of four years and am the proud parent of our daughter, Ellie Louise. We are living in Carlisle, Pennsylvania where I am finishing my Master of Divinity at Princeton Theological Seminary virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I recently completed graduate coursework in Sociology of Culture at the Universidad Nacional De San Martín in Buenos Aires, Argentina. My interests include Latin American Pentecostalism, political theology, and decolonial theory.