

## **Brief Biography of the Rev. Eriberto (Eddie) Soto**

**Eriberto (Eddie) Soto was born in New York City of Puerto Rican parents who came to the United States after the Second World War. Even though he is a third generation Protestant, it was not until the age of 15 that he had a personal experience with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of his life.**

**After finishing High School he worked for the American Bible Society in New York City for one year. Then he went to study at a theological college in Costa Rica. From there he went to Guatemala, Central America where he became a Presbyterian, studied for the Christian ministry and was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. He spent ten years of his life in Guatemala. Eddie returned to the United States to continue his theological education and obtained a Master of Divinity degree and later on a Master of Theology degree at the Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He served as a bi-lingual pastor in the United States of Spanish-English speaking congregations. He also served as a missionary in Venezuela and Brazil, South America. He served for almost four years as Coordinator for South America of the Presbyterian Church USA's World-wide Ministries Division in Louisville, Kentucky. He also served as Latin American Coordinator for the Knox Fellowship of Burlingame, California (a PCUSA recognized ministry) in the areas of evangelism, discipleship and leadership development. During his time in Latin America he served as a theological educator in Presbyterian seminaries dedicated to the training of nationals for ministries within their context. He also served as professor of Church History and Systematic Theology at the New York Theological Seminary Hispanic Program in New York City as well as at the Florida Christian University in Orlando, Florida in the Spanish and Portuguese languages.**

**Eddie is fluent in the English, Spanish and Portuguese languages and is committed to the Reformed-Evangelical faith as well as to holistic Christian mission which includes: evangelism, discipleship and ministries of compassion. He is also committed to a ministry under the guidance and fullness of the Holy Spirit for the necessary power and leading in fulfilling Christ's ministry here on earth.**

**Presently he serves as Associate for Latin American Ministries of the Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery in Charleston, South Carolina and is a ministerial member of that Presbyterian Church USA presbytery. He is also committed to fellowship and cooperation with other expressions of the Body of Christ as witnessed in other Christian denominational bodies, whether, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecostal, etc.**

**He is married to Marcia Leite Soto, originally from Brazil, South America who is a third generation Presbyterian from that country. They have three grown children.**