



HISPANIC LEADERSHIP NETWORK

BUILDING BRIDGES. CHANGING LIVES.

Hispanic Access Foundation's mission is to connect Latinos and others with partners and opportunities to improve lives and create an equitable society. A national nonprofit organization, we envision a future where every Latino in America enjoys good physical health and a healthy natural environment, a high-quality education, economic success, and civic engagement in his or her community with the sum of improving the future of our country.

Our founder and CEO, Maite Arce, immigrated as a young girl with her family to the U.S. from Mexico in search of a better life. While working in the nonprofit sector for many years, Maite realized how much easier life could have been for her parents had they had access to information, resources, and personalized guidance to help them navigate the surroundings of their adopted country. To help other families like her own, Maite founded Hispanic Access.

A multi-issue organization, our work spans from health outreach to educational opportunity, financial literacy, and environmental justice. Among our accomplishments, we have created meaningful federal internships for hundreds of young Latino professionals, helped to establish seven national monuments, built and trained our network of faith leaders representing more than 150,000 Latino churches, and assisted Latinos in receiving free health services. We frame our work through a social justice lens, elevating Latino voices that might otherwise be unheard.



Altogether, our work received more than 1,400 media mentions in 2021—on radio, television, and in print—and our CEO was invited to the White House in recognition of our accomplishments.



"Pastoral ministry helped me grow and develop as a spiritual leader, but I always had that need to connect with the world outside the walls of our temples. Through Hispanic Leadership Network, I was able to discover a different kind of leadership, one that responds to the needs of others by serving in and to the community."

Rev. Dr. Daniel Cali,
Baptist Church Family of God, New Jersey

Together, Reverend Cali and other pastors form a robust network of faith-based leaders representing 150,000 Latino-serving churches throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Hispanic Access Foundation's deep, trust-based relationships with this vast pastoral network make us unique and strong.



EMPOWERING LATINO FAITH LEADERS

Faith-based organizations, defined as places of worship or congregations, offer extensive penetration into neighborhoods through complex social networks. Duke University's National Congregations Study has found that 45% of all American congregations are involved in formal delivery of social services, while another 27% are involved informally. Particularly in Latino culture, churches play a key role in the community. Latino churches provide not only spiritual nourishment but also offer meals, clothing, English lessons for adults, tutoring for children, and more. They also serve as key sources of local information and as conduits between the English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities.

Latino churches are not only at the center of Latino communities, they are also at the center of everything Hispanic Access does. We call upon our faith-based leaders to campaign for the environment, help us to conduct financial literacy training, set up free COVID vaccination clinics, host cancer free cancer screenings, and more. Through our church partners, we are able to access the humblest and hardest-to-reach members of the Latino community—the poor, the undocumented, the uninsured, the less educated, and the non-English speaking.



While we ask a lot of our church partners, we give a lot in return. Our Hispanic Leadership Network (HLN) is a special initiative that provides free professional training and career mentoring for selected pastors. HLN pastors benefit from workshops on self-care, leadership skills, program evaluation, fundraising, and more. Over a five-year period, HLN has engaged directly with 96 pastors serving high-need congregations.

These pastors, in turn, share elements of the program with at least 25 additional pastors, ultimately benefiting 2,400 faith leaders and the communities they serve. Empowered by our training and support, HLN alumni have gone on to lead a statewide COVID vaccination campaign reaching 39,000 community members, founded a nonprofit to address the lack of affordable housing in Colorado, and more.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Supporting Hispanic Access' Hispanic Leadership Network is surprisingly cost effective. For \$33,550, we are able to plan and deliver a series of four professional development training sessions, along with professional coaching, to 50 pastors. This amounts to \$671 per pastor to impart career-changing support that changes lives and transforms ministries.

We invite you to contact our Director of Development, Luke Miguel Argleben, at luke@hispanicaccess.org or (571) 205-6264 (Eastern Time), to discuss opportunities for partnership.

