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The Hispanic/Latino-(a) Congregational Support office of the GAMC is proud to make available this Hispanic Women in Ministry in the Presbyterian Church (USA) directory. We hope that this document serves as a communication tool for the benefit of the whole denomination. This is very important, especially in a multicultural society like the United States where a third of the total population is Racial Ethnic and where the Hispanic/Latino-(as) are more than 15% of the population.

Fifteen percent of the total Hispanic/Latino-(a) ministers in PCUSA are women's and they represent more than 50% of the total PCUSA Hispanic/Latino membership. That means the Hispanic/Latino-(a) constituency has the largest percent of women's ministers as pastors in local congregations among all the Racial Ethnic constituencies in the denomination.

We give thanks to the almighty for the contribution of the Hispanic women in ministry working as pastors and leaders in Hispanic and Anglo congregations, in middle governing bodies, in diversified ministries and as national leaders. The largest percent of deacons in Hispanic congregations are women, and there are a growing number of elders, preachers and candidates for ministry. This information reflects the mission support of woman's locally and holistically.

Latin America and United States are very well represented in our women's leadership. Since the first Hispanic Presbyterian woman was ordained in 1966 (Ofelia Ortega), the number of women in ministry and leadership has continued to grow.

Men's and women's are calling by God to serve the whole constituency and the whole denomination having the advantage that the largest percent of our ministers are bilingual and bicultural. Even though the opportunities for women's ministry in the PCUSA grow at a slower pace than we would want, they are making history. I hope this document serves as a living witness of God's work between us.

To God be the glory.

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