

LGBTQIA+ Global Partnership Program: Partner Biographies



Luis Andrés Caicedo Guayara is Bishop of the Iglesia Colombiana Metodista (Colombian Methodist Church) and a Theologia in Bogotá, Colombian. He has served for more than 25 years in pastoral ministry, eight of them as a bishop. He has oriented his work towards the defense of human dignity and human rights. He is a husband and family man.



Pastor Jhon Botia Miranda serves the *Príncipe de Paz* congregation of the Iglesia Colombiana Metodista (Colombian Methodist Church) in Bogotá, Colombia. With a background in Marketing and Advertising, Pastor Jhon has dedicated much of his ministry to human rights advocacy and to nurturing faith communities where everyone is welcomed, affirmed, and invited to grow in God's grace. In 2018, he became the first openly gay pastor ordained within the Methodist tradition in Latin America. In October 2026, he will be ordained as an Elder in the Colombian Methodist Church, reflecting his denomination's continuing commitment to the full affirmation and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in the life and ministry of the Church. Together with the *Príncipe de Paz* community, Pastor Jhon is helping to cultivate a vibrant, diverse, and welcoming church where all people are invited to experience God's transforming love and to join in Christ's mission for the world.



Rev. Helder Luis Carlos, from Mozambique, is an ordained minister serving in the United Methodist Church. Helder holds a PhD from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. He is the Project Coordinator for the All Africa Theological Education by Extension Association (AATEEA)-ACTIF project and also a member of the Executive Committee of AATEEA, representing Southern Africa and Portuguese-speaking countries. He is a professional teacher and a theologian (Biblical Scholar).



Pastor Caroline Omolo is a distinguished leader and activist with significant roles across several organizations dedicated to advocacy and social justice in Kenya. Caroline graduated in the first Cohort in 2022 In Leadership and womanist Theology and is currently studying theology at Nairobi Pentecostal Bible College in Nairobi. Caroline has also completed a Family and Marriage Counseling course. Their extensive leadership includes Cosmopolitan Affirming Community: Co-founder, Senior Pastor (Ordained in 2019), and Executive Director. Wawa Aba Institute, serving as the Country Program Director and Regional Director for Kenya, Uganda, and Rwanda. Minority Womyn in Action (MWA) as Program Officer. And GALCK+ (formerly Gay and Lesbian Coalition of Kenya), as Cluster Security Coordinator. Caroline's activism spans significant events such as the "The in process" conference in 2016, the Pan African Clergy March in Nairobi CBD in 2018, and participation in the "Religion: A Friend or Foe" debate in 2024. Caroline also contributed as a research assistant in the "SHAME IS NOT A CURE" conversion practice research in Kenya in 2021.



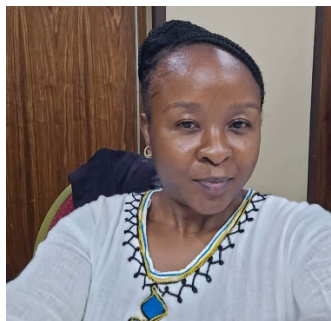
Rev. Lee Dong-hwan serves as the pastor of Glory First Church in South Korea, part of the Korean Methodist Church, and as an activist with Q&A, an organization advocating for LGBTQ+ human rights within the Christian community. Throughout his ministry, Rev. Lee has envisioned a church where every individual is respected just as they are. Rev. Lee's focus has been on standing alongside those who are easily marginalized, both inside and outside the church. After offering a blessing for LGBTQ+ individuals at the 2019 Incheon Queer Culture Festival, he faced church trials that ultimately led to his excommunication. Nevertheless, his conviction remains unchanged: blessing God's children without discrimination as a pastor's primary calling. He is currently pursuing legal proceedings in court to be reinstated into the Korean Methodist Church. Rev. Lee hopes to foster a church culture rooted in inclusion and hospitality rather than conflict and exclusion. Moving forward, through both his pastoral work and efforts at Q&A, he continues to offer care, stand in solidarity with others, and faithfully walk this path with the hope of realizing God's equal kingdom within our church and society.



Rev. Susanna Kim has been serving at Sumdol-Hyanglin Church, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), since February 2024. She works to nurture a community that embodies love, equality, and peace, while also advocating for the enactment of an Equality Act and comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation in Korea. Through the Rev. Lim Borah Memorial Association, Rev. Susanna also seeks to carry forward the values of gender equality, labour justice, peace, and ecological justice. She strives to stand in solidarity with those who suffer from discrimination, stigma, and injustice, and to help build a society where the dignity of all beings is respected and protected.



Wanda Sue Emanuel Mavulula is a student of Communication Sciences, Public Relations and Journalism, social activist, communicator, and digital content creator from Mozambique. Her work is dedicated to promoting the rights of women and the LGBTQIA+ community, focusing on the defence of dignity, inclusion, and human rights. Wanda has coordinated a project at LAMBDA Mozambique, aimed at promoting dialogue between LGBTQIA+ people and religious leaders, contributing to the reduction of prejudice and discrimination through the construction of bridges and mutual respect. She also works with We Love Sapas, the premier LBQ organization in Mozambique. Currently, she works as a communications and digital content creator, producing content focused on topics related to the LGBTQIA+ community. She believes in the power of communication as a tool for social transformation and aims to amplify the voices of historically silenced people. Her goal is to consolidate herself as an international reference in communication and defence of the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community, contributing to debates and initiatives that cross borders. Feminist and defender of social justice, she was a finalist for the Tulip Award 2025 in the category of Activist of the Year, in recognition of her impact on promoting equality.



Mwaka Mwandia is an Administrative Assistant at All Africa Theological Education by Extension (AATEEA), the umbrella body representing more than 20 Theological Education by Extension (TEE) institutions across Africa. AATEEA is based in Zambia. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Development Studies and has over eight years of experience in administration, development, and organizational leadership. Throughout her career, Mwaka has supported initiatives that promote theological education, gender diversity, institutional strengthening, and capacity building across Africa. She is committed to fostering collaboration among churches, advocating for the inclusion of minorities and persons with disabilities, and contributing to the growth and sustainability of theological education networks. Through her work, she plays a key role in advancing AATEEA's mission to equip and strengthen churches and theological institutions across Africa.