



## **Gilberto Collazo and William Singer promoted to vice president positions at Church Extension**

INDIANAPOLIS, March 31, 2008 — Church Extension announces the promotion of two staff members to the positions of vice president. Gilberto Collazo has been promoted to the position of vice president for Missional Development and Operations and William (Bill) Singer has been promoted to vice president for Loan Services.

As vice president for Missional Development and Operations for Church Extension, Collazo is responsible for collaborating with Church Extension's other vice president for Missional Development and Operations, Lori Adams, in leading staff in organizational transformation to implement the vision and priorities of Church Extension. He provides oversight of daily operations, including marketing, office management and information systems. He also provides leadership, training and operational oversight for New Church Ministry and leadership for Church Extension's anti-racism initiative, which includes developing and implementing policies and procedures as they pertain to the mission, vision and core values for the ministry.

Singer serves as vice president for Loan Services. He is responsible for all aspects of Loan Services within Church Extension, including the application process, risk assessment review, the approval process, the disbursement of funds, the monitoring of payments, the development of alternative capital formations and forecasting and loan projection. Singer works closely with the leadership of various Church Extension areas including Congregational Services Team, Treasurer and the Vice President for Donor and Investor Relations.

According to James L. Powell, president of Church Extension, "In an effort to better serve Disciples congregations, Church Extension has been working diligently to develop a leadership staff that will provide the ministry with excellent strategic direction. I am confident that both Gilberto and Bill will provide great leadership in their appointed areas."

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Collazo, who joined Church Extension eight years ago, is an ordained minister from San Juan, Puerto Rico. He has a bachelor of arts and a master of business administration from University of Florida and a master of divinity from the Evangelical Seminary in Puerto Rico. Collazo is currently enrolled in the Doctorate of Ministry program at Lexington Theological Seminary. Collazo resides in Indianapolis with his wife, Ruth, and their four children.

Singer joined Church Extension six years ago. He has a bachelor of arts degree from Millsaps College and a master of divinity from Yale Divinity School. He has received several certifications from the National Association of Securities Dealers including being licensed in Series 7, 8, 63 and 65. Singer, his wife Melissa and son live in Greenwood, Ind.

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