

# City of Seattle Boards & Commissions Notice of Appointment

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Appointee Name: John Mark Galang										
Board/Commission Name:	Position Title:									
Immigrant and Refugee Commission	Member									
Appointment OR  Reappointment		Council Confirmation required?  Yes  No								
Appointing Authority:	1/25/1	7 1	Term of Position: *							
⊠ Council		·   <u>1</u>	1/25/2017							
Mayor		t	<u>o</u>							
Other: Fill in appointing authority		1	1/25/2019							
Residential Neighborhood:	Zip Coo	le: C	Contact Phone No.:							
District 6	98112									
The Rev. J. Mark Galang is a pastor serving at Beacon United Methodist Church (Beacon UMC) in Seattle WA. He received his Bachelors of Science degree in Public Health from the University of the Philippines Manila and his Master of Divinity degree from Wesley Divinity School in Cabanatuan City, Philippines before eventually becoming an Ordained Elder of the United Methodist Church in 2006. Born and raised in the Philippines, Mark relocated to Seattle in July 2008 to serve as lead pastor of Beacon United Methodist Church. Majority of Beacon UMC's congregants are foreign born and first generation immigrants.  In addition to being Pastor at Beacon UMC, Mark also chairs the Board of Congregational Development of the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church (PNWUMC) which serves in the work of revitalization and renewal of existing communities of faith that includes many immigrant groups as well as in organizing new ones. He has also served as Dean and/or Co-Dean of the Christmas Institute (CI) in 2010, 2013, 2015 & 2016. CI is an ethnically relevant program of the UMC, designed to nurture and train youth and young adults, most of which are of Filipino descent, to be great leaders in the church and the community.  Mark is a staunch advocate for workers, immigrant, and human rights. He is currently a member of the Interfaith Economic Justice Coalition and Faith Action Network's Anti-Human Trafficking Work Group as well as lead organizer of the Crossroads Gatherings at Beacon UMC. He has also been part of a variety of worker's and immigrant rights campaigns and advocacy work in Seattle and the South King County Area.										
Authorizing Signature (original signatur	·e):	Appointing Signatory: Lorena González								
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\*Term begin and end date is fixed and tied to the position and not appointment date or appointee.

August 30, 2016

Last revised



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### OBJECTIVE

To be an advocate for the improvement and enhancement of the access to services of immigrants and refugees as well as to act as a cultural interpreter and connector to the different immigrant and refugee communities in the city

### **SKILLS**

As a Pastor I am trained to listen and I try to listen well to different groups of people. Being a fellow immigrant I could also act as a mediator and cultural interpreter for some of the immigrant groups.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### PASTOR • BEACON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JULY 2008-PRESENT

I have served as pastor of Beacon UMC since I arrived here in the US in 2008. Beacon UMC is predominantly an Asian/Asian-American Church that has around 260 members. My role, primarily, is to be this faith community's Spiritual Leader as well as to be their lead advocate for Social Justice. Since 2008 Beacon UMC has been welcoming new immigrants and helping them transition to this new life in this land. We serve the immigrant population in many different ways one of which is through our Annual Community Health Fair that helps new immigrants gain access to health services by connecting them to different agencies and helping them navigate the health care system. We also do partnership work with other non-profit organizations such as ICHS, IDIC, PEARLS, PAEP, Faith Action Network, Puget Sound Sage, Mabuhay Lion's Club, Seattle Bituin Lion's Club, Gabriella Seattle and many others.

## PASTOR • APALIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND RIVERSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JUNE 2004-MAY 2008

I was the senior pastor of 2 local congregations in Apalit, Pampanga, Philippines. Apalit UMC has 400 members and Riverside UMC has less than 100 members. I was also concurrently the administrator of Ecumenical Kiddie Lane (a church-owned elementary school with 270 students and 20 faculty and staff). In the 4 years I served as their pastor both Apalit UMC and Riverside UMC were able to build bigger and more beautiful sanctuaries.

#### PASTOR • CANDABA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JUNE 2004-MAY 2008

Candaba UMC has approximately 200 members. I was senior pastor in Candaba UMC while finishing my Senior year in the Seminary. I was also concurrently the Administrator of Ecumenical Learning Center (a church-owned school with more than 100 students and with 8 members of the School faculty & staff)







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## ASSOCIATE PASTOR • CHURCH OF THE NEW COVENANT - UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JUNE 2000-MAY 2004

I was assigned as Youth Pastor in CNC-UMC while I was in Seminary. My tasks included teaching Sunday School and Bible Study classes for young people. I planned, proposed and help launched a feeding program for at least 30 children in a community near the church. This program was a success that it became one of the banner programs of the church the following year, feeding approximately 200 children every week in 5 different areas.

## SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE • UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES • MAY 1997-MAY 2000

I was lead Research Associate for the Tropical Medicine Study Group of the University of the Philippines Manila. In the 3 years that I worked in the University, our Study Group was able to publish at least 3 Scientific papers and one of which won the 2001 Outstanding Scientific Paper Award given by the National Academy of Science and Technology in Manila Philippines

### **EDUCATION**

MASTER OF DIVINITY • MARCH 2003 • WESLEY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Graduated Magna Cum Laude; Recipient 2003 Preacher of the Year Award and 2003 Most Outstanding Paper of the Year Award

B.S. PUBLIC HEALTH • APRIL 1997 • UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA • APRIL 1992 • JOSE ABAD SANTOS HIGH SCHOOL
Graduated with Special Awards and also became the recipient of the
Centennial Award as Outstanding Alumnus in the field of Religion in 2008







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#### OTHER CURRENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

## CHAIR • BOARD OF CONGREGATION DEVELOPMENT – PACIFIC NORTHWEST AREA OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • JULY 2012-PRESENT

The Board of Congregational Development (BOCD) is an agency of the United Methodist Church in the Pacific Northwest Conference covering the whole of Washington State and Northern Idaho, which is aimed to help in the revitalization and renewal of existing communities of faith as well as the work of starting new ones. Many of the New Faith Communities we work with are those of immigrant communities.

## CLERGY MENTOR • GENERAL BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH • MAY 2010-PRESENT

The United Methodist Church is experiencing an abundance of people called to ministry (i.e., to become pastors) from a wide variety of ethnic, cultural and national backgrounds thus the need for more experienced immigrant pastors to walk with them in the candidacy process. I am one of many who mentors these candidates to ministry bringing my own immigrant experience in the process.

## FOUNDING MEMBER • INTERFAITH ECONOMIC JUSTICE COALITION • 2009-PRESENT

The Interfaith Economic Justice Coalition (IEJC) is composed of leaders from different faith communities in King County who are committed to standing with workers in their fights for dignity, respect, living wages and better working conditions. IEJC have been part of variety of immigrant's and worker's rights campaigns. Many of the workers we work with are from different immigrant communities in our county.







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#### CI-PNW CO-DEAN/DEAN • CI-PNW • 2010, 2013 & 2015

Christmas Institue -PNW (CI-PNW) is an ethnically relevant ministry supported by the United Methodist Church, designed to nurture youth and young adults and inspiring them to be great leaders in the church and the community. As Dean of the camp, I provide leadership, spiritual direction and support to all the other leaders and staff.

#### REFERENCES











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### Immigrant and Refugee Commission

15 Members: Pursuant to *Ordinances 12822 and 120345 and SMC 3.14.545*], [all] members subject to City Council confirmation, [14 [ have 2-year terms, (1) Get Engage Member has 1 year term:

- 7 City Council-appointed
- 8 Mayor-appointed
- Other Appointing Authority-appointed (specify):

### Roster:

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			9.	Member	Farhiya Mohamed	4/21/14	1/31/2018	2	Mayor
			10.	Member	Jessica Yu	1/25/17	1/25/19	1	Council
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			13.	Member	Marilena Morales	6/8/15	4/14/17	1	Mayor
			14.	Member	Kiwai Lai	8/2/16	8/2/18	1	Council
			15.	Member	Riddhi Mukhopadhyay	4/30/16	4/30/18	2	Mayor

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### Key:

- \*D List the corresponding Diversity Chart number (1 through 9)
- \*\*G List gender, M = Male, F= Female, T= Transgender, U= Unknown
- RD Residential Council District number 1 through 7 or N/A

Diversity information is self-identified and is voluntary.

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