

Rev. Gerardo García Palacios was born in Mexico City. His family is composed of his parents Gerardo S. García Sr. and Laura Herrera, and his two younger siblings-- Yoalli García (sister) and Ernesto García (brother). Gerardo has strong Presbyterian foundations. He grew up in the National Mexican Presbyterian Church in Mexico City "Principe de Paz." It was there he began to develop the following: his leadership, the importance of teamwork, love and respect for nature and all of God's creation and serving his neighbor. It was his work in the church and his dedicated service at such a young age, the National Mexican Presbyterian Church considered him a semi-official within the church. He was encouraged by the Senior Pastor to take theology classes along with the other Ruling Elders at the age of 15.

In August of 1996 his entire family immigrated to the USA. In the same year, Gerardo and his family found a Presbyterian LatinX Ministry in San Mateo, California, "Latinos Unidos En Cristo." Gerardo's participation and integration to the church was absolute and complete.

Within a 17-year period at Latino Unidos, Gerardo participated and worked as: Worship Director, Sunday School Teacher for children and adults, Youth leader, Moderator of the Evangelism Committee, among other responsibilities. During this time, Gerardo was installed at Latinos Unidos as: PCUSA Deacon, Ruler Elder and in 2005, Gerardo was commissioned by the Presbytery of San Francisco as Commissioned Pastor (CLP). He served as a Commissioned Pastor for six years at Latinos Unidos En Cristo, and for four years at the Mission Presbyterian Church "La Iglesia" on the Mission District in the City of San Francisco. Gerardo has a B.A degree in Theology from the Latin American Faculty of Theological Studies Seminary (FLET) in the state of Florida. In June 2018, he received his 144 Master of Divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Gerardo is fully bilingual (Spanish and English) and bicultural, skills that helped him in his work as Campus Operation Director at Fuller Seminary's extension in Menlo Park, California. On July 16th, 2020, Gerardo was ordained as Minister of Word and Sacrament by the San Francisco Presbytery. Rev. Garcia completed his one-year chaplaincy residence program, followed by another year specialization fellowship at Stanford Hospital in Palo Alto. He provided spiritual care and pastoral care to patients and medical and hospital personnel at the beginning and middle of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Currently, Gerardo is working to become a Board-Certified Chaplain (BCCI). He serves in a non-profit organization Upward Scholars at San Mateo County, providing spiritual and pastoral care to immigrant/low-income students. Rev. Garcia is part of the teaching faculty at the Spanish theological seminary ELET (Escuela Latinoamericana de Estudios Teologicos) at El Cerrito, California.