



Grace Presbytery

Presbyterian Church (USA)

If we live, we live to the Lord,

And if we die, we die to the Lord;

So then, whether we live or whether we die,

We are the Lord's.

Romans 14:8

Friends,

The **Rev. Benjamin F. Gutiérrez** passed away November 2, 2017. Ben was born October 8, 1930 in Taft, Texas. He graduated from Stephen F. Austin High School in Houston in 1949 and received his bachelor's degree from Austin College in 1953. He earned his master's degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May 1956. He also took part in graduate studies at National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City and Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies in Bossey, Switzerland. He was member of the Protestant Theological Faculty in Paris, France from 197-1973. He also continued his studies in Brazil and Cuba in 1992 and 1993.

He was ordained June 24, 1956 in the Presbytery of Western Texas. He and his wife, Tina, were married February 17, 1960.

Ben was active in the Presbyterian Church for the next four decades. He was pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Robstown, Texas, followed by pastor of Ebenezer Presbyterian Church in Taft. He then served as pastor of Gethsemane Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth from 1958-1963. From 1963-1967 Ben was a Mission Co-Worker with the Andean Indian Mission in Ecuador. From 1968-1972 he was with the Board of World Missions (PCUS) and Commission of Ecumenical Mission and Relations (UPCUSA) in Mexico, working with the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico as evangelist and then Field Secretary. From 1973-1988 he was Liaison with Latin America and the Caribbean with The Program Agency (UPCUSA) and from 1988 until his retirement in 1996 he was Coordinator for South America of the Worldwide Ministries Division of PC (USA).

During his time in Latin America and the Caribbean, Ben served on many ecumenical committees and councils including Committee on Caribbean and Latin America and Latin American Council of Churches.

The viewing for Rev. Gutiérrez will be **Sunday, November 12** from 3—5 p.m. at Lucas Funeral Home, 1601 S. Main, Keller, Texas 76248. There will be a memorial service at a later date.

Notes of condolence may be sent to his wife, Tina, at 417 Deer Run, Keller, Texas 76248-5382.

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