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The Rev. Canon Anthony Guillén is the Director of Ethnic Ministries and is the Missioner for Latino/Hispanic Ministries as part of the Presiding Bishop's staff since 2005. As Missioner, Guillén developed the Episcopal Church's Strategic Vision for Reaching Latinos/Hispanics which was adopted at General Convention in 2009. This Strategic Vision challenged the church to rethink the dynamics of ministering to today's Latino/Hispanic communities, two-thirds of whom are American-born Latinos characterized as multi-generational, English-dominant and bicultural.

Previously Guillén served two parishes in the Diocese of Los Angeles. He was rector of All Saints in Oxnard, California a diminishing Anglo congregation that became a vibrant bilingual congregation under his leadership. In his early years in ministry he served as a youth minister for 12 years before a 4-year period as a missionary in the Diocese of Western Mexico where he planted two missions, worked as diocesan youth coordinator and directed an earthquake relief program.

Guillén has been a strong proponent of utilizing digital resources for over a decade and is committed to raising and equipping a large network of "digital disciples" that together can spread the Gospel and introduce people to the Episcopal Church. Guillén and the Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries yearn for a church that embodies the multiethnic, multilingual and multicultural context we live in today. Their vision is to make the Episcopal Church known to Latino/Hispanic communities that they may experience our church and embrace it as their spiritual home.