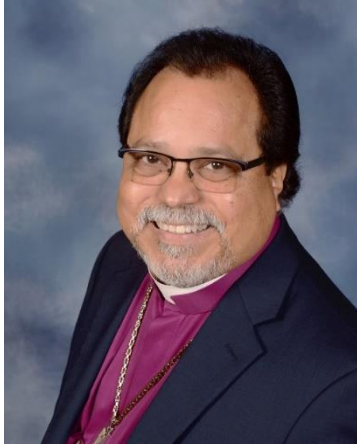




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## Bishop & Assistants to the Bishop



### Bishop

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Read Bishop Suárez's biography below

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- Pastoral Care for Rostered Ministers
- Mission & Vision
- Ordinations
- Reports of Misconduct
- Ecumenical Relationships
- Public Church Presence

**Bishop Pedro M. Suárez**

The Rev. Pedro Suárez was elected bishop on Oct. 13, 2017 and installed in a service held on Jan. 20, 2018.

The Bishop is the Pastor to the Synod Community and exercises the church's power to ordain and consecrate the Rostered ministers of this church. The Bishop is also responsible for strengthening the unity of the Church, exercising leadership in the mission of the church, and overseeing and administering the general work of the synod and staff. The mission of the Office of the Bishop is to shepherd and resource rostered ministers and congregations as they proclaim Christ to the world.

Bishop Suárez most recently served as lead pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Pompano Beach, FL and as interim Director for Evangelical Mission for the Florida-Bahamas Synod. Previously, Suárez served in Texas, Illinois and in Wisconsin.

Born in Venezuela, Suárez earned the equivalent of a bachelor's degree from the Seminario Evangelico Asociado in Venezuela in 1980. He earned an MDiv from the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago (LSTC) in 1992. Bishop Suárez is married to ELCA Deacon Aura Suárez. They have 2 adult children



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- Preaching & Presiding in Worship
- Representing Office of the Bishop at Anniversaries & Special Events
- Commissioning & Installation Services
- Pastoral Support
- Development & Redevelopment
- New Ministry Starts
- Congregational Vitality



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- Administrative Matters
- Constitution Updates



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- Rostered Minister Transition
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