

## CONNECTED IN CHRIST



# 2023 Pacific Southwest District Pastors' Conference Keynotes

## Rev. Dr. Leopoldo Sanchez

### **Discerning the Spirit of Christ in Mission**

Learning to discern the movement of the Spirit from a Lutheran perspective requires a way to talk about the Spirit that moves beyond highly subjective (individualistic) and homogenous (one-size-fits-all) approaches to life in the Spirit (or sanctification). The Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions give us such a Christ-centered grammar to discern how the Spirit is already at work (or how the Spirit may be asked to be at work) in our lives, churches, and vocations. In two sessions, and drawing from his book *Sculptor Spirit* (IVP 2019), Dr. Sánchez will share a variety of ways in which the Lutheran tradition describes how the Spirit is shaping us after Christ's likeness, and will invite participants to discern how the Spirit is moving in their own ministries for the sake of Christ's mission in the Pacific Southwest.