

IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE

Wilfredo “Choco” De Jesús, U.S. Missions executive director of The General Council of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri, will be guest speaker at (place), (address), on (day, date, time), according to the Rev. (name), (position).

De Jesús was appointed U.S. Missions Director of the Assemblies of God in April of 2024. He served as general treasurer from 2019-2024. He is a member of the Executive Leadership Team.

He served as lead pastor of New Life Covenant Church in Chicago from 2000-2019. During that time, the church grew to 17,000 adherents globally through church campuses, plants, and more than 75 ministries that reach the most disenfranchised: the poor, homeless, prostitutes, drug addicts, and gang members. Prior to this position, De Jesús served as district youth director for the Midwest Latin District (1989-1996) and as executive assistant to the CEO of Chicago Public Schools (1997-1999). He was nominated to serve as a Chicago alderman in 2009 and ran for mayor of Chicago in 2010.

De Jesús is the first Latino to serve on the Executive Leadership Team. In 2013, he was named one of Time magazine's 100 most influential people in the world and recognized for his leadership and influence within the evangelical and Latino communities. De Jesús is the author of *Amazing Faith*, *In the Gap*, *Stay the Course*, *Move into More*, and *Love Them Anyway*.

De Jesús holds a doctorate degree from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have three adult children and seven grandchildren.