

Latino Leaders Convene at Intl Gathering to Interpret Hidden Hurdles Facing Christian Hispanics—TAMPA, Fla., April 16, 2019

Bishop T.D. Jakes Offers Platform for Faith-Based Leaders to Discuss Cultural Shifts, Religious Polarization and More at Inaugural ¡Dios Mío! Roundtable, April 24

The religious landscape of Latinos in America is shifting significantly. Recent Pew Research Center studies indicate that religious Latinos are identifying themselves as former Catholics (net loss of 25%) more than ever before. Global thought-leader and statesman, **Bishop T.D. Jakes** is bringing Hispanic leaders together to explore the intersectionality of the Christian faith and the unique challenges facing Latinos in America through this first-ever “¡Dios Mío!” roundtable conversation happening at the 2019 International Pastors & Leadership Conference.

Select media and a limited number of community leaders/guests are invited to register and attend the exclusive live taping event.

The English-language discussion will address topics such as:

- Current challenges facing Christian Hispanics such as immigration and trust in authorities (panel to discuss solutions)
- The changing landscape of Hispanics’ religious identity in America
- How the church can effectively support and address issues facing the Hispanic community, both domestically and globally
- How community and faith leaders should interpret changes and make a difference within their own communities

Emmy-winning journalist and TV host Myrka Dellanos will moderate the panel conversation of faith-based experts including: Julio Hobaish, associate pastor at The Potter’s House of Fort Worth; Rafael Sanchez, pastor at the House of Worship Ministries in New Jersey; and Diane Cortes, president at the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Tampa Bay. Panelists are available for interviews in English and Spanish, upon request.

WHAT:

First-ever ¡Dios Mío! conversational roundtable at the 2019 International Pastors & Leadership Conference

WHEN:

Wednesday, April 24 at 4 p.m.
(media and guests to arrive at 3:30 p.m.)

WHERE:

Rooftop 220 (adjacent to Armature Works)
220 W. 7th Ave.
Tampa, FL 33602

All attendees—reporters, photographers, community leaders, videographers and crew—are required to have and display credentials in order to cover the iDios Mío! roundtable and events within the conference. Gourmet refreshments will be served.

PRESS RSVP: Media must complete the [application form](#) online. Applicants will be notified via email whether they are approved or declined for credentials. Additional information about credentials, parking, facility access, interviews and other details will be sent upon approval confirmation.

For community leaders/exclusive guests who wish to attend, for media interview requests or for general questions, email pottershouse@guardianpr.co.

The 2019 International Pastors & Leadership Conference is April 25 - 27, at the Tampa Convention Center. At the conference, Jakes will also be unveiling his latest book, *[Crushing: God Turns Pressure into Power](#)*.

Visit PastorsAndLeaders.org for more information on confirmed speakers, talent, the full schedule and special event updates. Stay connected on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) by following @IPLEExcel.

About The Potter's House

Founded in 1996, The Potter's House is a 30,000-member, nondenominational, multicultural church and humanitarian organization led by Bishop T.D. Jakes, twice featured on the cover of *Time* magazine as America's Best Preacher. It has global humanitarian outreach and 48 active ministries like its Texas Offenders Re-entry initiative. Consistently ranked among the largest and most influential churches in the U.S., The Potter's House has five locations: The Potter's House of Dallas, The Potter's House of Fort Worth, The Potter's House of North Dallas, The Potter's House of Denver and The Potter's House at One L.A. For more information, visit ThePottersHouse.org.