

Noel Castellanos Biographical Info

Noel has worked in full-time ministry in Latino, urban communities since 1982. He has served in youth ministry, church planting, advocacy and community development in San Francisco, San Jose, and Chicago.

After serving on the Board of the Christian Community Development Association for many years, he established the CCDA Institute, which equips emerging church leaders in the philosophy of Christian Community Development, and currently serves as the Chief Executive Officer of CCDA.

Noel was appointed to serve on President Obama's Council for Faith and Neighborhood Partnerships, and is a highly sought after speaker, motivator, and mentor to young leaders throughout the USA, and has a deep passion to serve and invest in the lives of leaders committed to serving the poor.

Noel is the co-author of *A Heart for the Community, New Models for Urban and Suburban Ministry*, and has contributed to various other books and publications, including *Deep Justice in a Broken World, A Heart for the City, and Crazy Enough to Care*.

He and his wife, Marianne, have three children; Noel Luis, Stefan, and Anna, and make their home in the barrio of La Villita in Chicago.