

Isaac S. Villegas

Education

- Duke University, The Divinity School, Durham, NC: 2003-2006
M. Div., Summa cum laude
- Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA: 1998-2002
B.A. in Religious Studies, Magna cum laude

Ministry Experience

- Pastor, Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship, Chapel Hill, NC: 2003-present
Ordained in Mennonite Church USA, November 11, 2007
- Chaplain, Murdoch Center, Butner, NC: 2005-2006
Provided pastoral care and worship leadership for the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Community Chaplain, Walltown Neighborhood Ministries, Durham, NC: 2004-2005
Provided pastoral care for older adults and oversaw neighborhood food distribution
- Ministerial intern, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA: 2002-2003
- Counselor, Sweeney Youth Homes, Carpinteria, CA: 2002

Leadership Positions

- Appointed to the governing board of the North Carolina Council of Churches, 2009-present
Recently appointed to the executive committee as the president-elect of the Council
- Elected to the executive board for Mennonite Church USA (our denomination), 2013-2016
Served on the executive committee of the board from 2014-2016

Publications

- Columnist for *The Christian Century*, 2020 – present
- Columnist for *The Mennonite Magazine*, 2008 – present
- "[Permeable community](#)," *The Christian Century*, January 3, 2020
- "[All earth is grieving](#)," *The Christian Century*, December 27, 2019
- "The labor of incarnation," *The Mennonite Magazine*, December 2019
- "[La Frontera](#)," *The Christian Century*, October 14, 2019
- "[Tasting Salvation in Prison](#)," *The Christian Century*, September 19, 2019
- "[When Death in the Desert is not an Accident](#)," *Sojourners Magazine*, June 2019
- "[Then Solomon Took a Census of All the Aliens](#)," *Religions*, 10/3 (2019)
- "[Gospel in Solentiname](#)," *The Christian Century*, October 9, 2018
- "[God's love, our bodies](#)," *The Christian Century*, July 13, 2018
(This piece received the Associated Church Press's first place Award of Excellence for theological reflection in 2018)
- "[Living by the Word](#)," *The Christian Century*, April 25, 2018
- "[Holy Water, Holy Feet](#)," *Commonweal Magazine*, March 16, 2018
- "[Love Notes and Protests](#)," *Scalawag*, December 5, 2017
- "[White Skin](#)," *Scalawag*, September 26, 2017
- "Allah Loves Beauty," *Ruminate Magazine*, Summer 2017
- "[The Gerasene demoniac in an American Prison](#)," *The Christian Century*, September 13, 2017
- "[At the deathbed](#)," *The Christian Century*, January 23, 2017
- "[Amish wisdom and the calling of grace](#)," *Faith and Leadership*, December 13, 2016

- [“Wife and Wife,”](#) *Bearings Online*, October 24, 2016
- [“A church for the kids,”](#) *The Christian Century*, October 10, 2016
- [“Allowing holy second thoughts,”](#) *Faith and Leadership*, September 20, 2016
- [“Know the world, know yourself,”](#) *The Christian Century*, August 15, 2016
- [“An Apocalyptic Climate,”](#) *The Other Journal*, September 28, 2015
- [“Another Moses,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, September 23, 2015
- [“Drones are demons,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, June 23, 2015
- [“Living by the Word,”](#) *The Christian Century*, April 15, 2015
- [“The Sixth Extinction,”](#) *The Christian Century*, January 21, 2015
- [“Leaders as Mothers,”](#) *Faith & Leadership*, May 5, 2014
- [“Free on the Inside,”](#) *The Christian Century*, March 5, 2014
- [“Living by the Word,”](#) *The Christian Century*, June 12, 2013
- [“I long for the church of many identities,”](#) *Faith & Leadership*, May 21, 2013
- [“One body, many voices,”](#) *Mennonite World Review*, April 15, 2013
- [“Listening to prayer,”](#) *Faith & Leadership*, March 12, 2013
- [“Wounds of love,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, March 2013
- [“Church as prayer,”](#) *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology*, Spring 2013
- [“Post-Christendom or Neo-Christendom,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, February 2013
- [“Stability vs. Mobility,”](#) *Sojourners Magazine*, July, 2012 (co-author)
- [“Christendom isn’t dead,”](#) *Mennonite World Review*, June 11, 2012
- [“Change from above or below,”](#) *Mennonite World Review*, May 28, 2012
- [“A holy hybridity,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, April 2012
- Co-author, *Presence: Giving and Receiving God* (Cascade, 2011)
- [“Waiting with Mary: A Meditation on Luke 1:26-38, 47-55,”](#) *The Other Journal*, Nov 29, 2011
- [“Led into Leadership,”](#) *Faith & Leadership*, Nov 22, 2011
- [“Forms and Flows of the Word,”](#) *The Other Journal*, Oct 26, 2011
- [“Life of the Body,”](#) *Mennonite Weekly Review*, column, May 2010 – Oct 2011
- “The Politics of Discipleship,” book review, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, July 2011
- [“The Anabaptist Prison,”](#) *Conrad Grebel Review*, Winter 2010
- “Rooted in Jesus Christ,” book review, *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, July 2010
- [“I believe in the Holy Spirit,”](#) *The Mennonite*, May 2010
- [“Where is Jesus?”](#) *The Mennonite*, June 2009
- [“Roadside Jesus,”](#) *The Mennonite*, February 2009
- [“Radical ecumenism digs in the dirt,”](#) *The Mennonite Magazine*, June 2008
- Co-editor, *School(s) for Conversion: 12 Marks of a New Monasticism* (Cascade, 2005)
- Co-author, “A New Monasticism,” *Radix* 31.4, 2005

Research Awards

- [“Remembering the dead in the borderlands”](#)
The Louisville Institute, Pastoral Study Program, Sept 2020 – Nov 2020
- [“Gifts of Unity: God’s Movement in the Mennonite Church”](#)
The Louisville Institute, Pastoral Study Program, May 2010 – Oct 2010

Other

- [Anabaptist Witness](#), editorial committee, 2013 – present
- [Ruminate Magazine](#), jury member for the VanderMey Nonfiction Prize, 2020
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