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**PERKINS ALUMNI COUNCIL NAMES
DR. DAVID MALDONADO, JR. RECIPIENT OF 2009 PERKINS
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS/A AWARD**

David Maldonado, Jr. has been named by the Alumni Council of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, recipient of the 2009 Perkins Distinguished Alumnus/a Award. The singular award recognizes annually one graduate of Perkins who has demonstrated effectiveness and integrity in service to the church, continuing support and involvement in the goals of Perkins School of Theology and SMU, demonstrated service in the wider community, and exemplary character.

Dr. Maldonado's service to Perkins and the church, spanning more than forty years, has taken myriad forms and found many fruitful expressions. A 1968 M.Div. graduate of the school, Maldonado is currently Director of the Center for Latino/a Christianity and Religions at Perkins. He has held faculty and administrative positions at Iliff School of Theology, where he is President *emeritus*, Perkins, and California State University. An ordained elder in the Rio Grande Annual Conference, Dr. Maldonado has also served as a pastor and community organizer. He has written several books and numerous articles on a range of scholarly and pastoral subjects; held myriad denominational, national, and statewide service positions; and received many awards and recognitions.

The award will be presented to Dr. Maldonado during Ministers Week at Perkins, to be held February 2-4, 2009 on the SMU campus.

For additional information about the Perkins Distinguished Alumnus/a Award, Perkins School of Theology, or Ministers Week, please contact Roberta Cox, director of Public Affairs, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, at rcox@smu.edu. To learn more about the Center for Latino/a Christianity and Religions, contact Dr. David Maldonado, Jr., director, at Perkins School of Theology, P.O. Box 750133, Dallas, TX 75275-0133, or dmaldona@smu.edu.

Perkins School of Theology, founded in 1911, is one of five official University-related schools of theology of The United Methodist Church. Degree programs include the Master of Divinity, Master of Sacred Music, Master of Theological Studies, Master of Church Ministries, and Doctor of Ministry, as well as the Ph.D., in cooperation with SMU's Dedman College of Humanities and Sciences.

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