

# Justo González awarded 2014 Distinguished Service Medal

At the ATS Biennial Meeting in Pittsburgh in June, Justo González became the fourteenth recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The award was presented during the Biennial Meeting banquet on June 25.

In addition to the bronze Distinguished Service medal, González was presented with a proclamation citing his five decades of service to theological education, the church, and the broader public as a scholar, a teacher, and a leading voice on behalf of the Hispanic community.

Born in Cuba, he attended seminary there prior to becoming the youngest person to be awarded a doctorate in historical theology at Yale. González was a founder and long-time editor of the first academic journal related to Latino/a theology, *Apuntes*. He helped found the Association for Hispanic Theological Education and the Hispanic Summer Program, which he served as its first director. He directed the efforts that led to the establishment of the Hispanic Theological Initiative to support research doctoral education for Hispanic scholars, and he chaired its steering committee for more than 15 years. Justo has published widely, including two much-used resources in church history: *The Story of Christianity* in two volumes and *A History of Christian Thought* in three volumes. González has taught at the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, at Candler School of Theology of Emory University, and as an adjunct at Columbia Theological Seminary and the Interdenominational Theological Center, and he is a retired member of the Río Grande Conference of the United Methodist Church.

