

# Juan R. Prestol-Puesán

Juan R. Prestol-Puesán has worked for the Seventh-day Adventist Church since 1969. Guided by his strong commitment to service, he was the first person of color to assume top financial leadership roles in Adventist church entities worldwide, including as CFO/treasurer of the North American Division and CFO/treasurer of the General Conference.

Born in the Dominican Republic, Prestol-Puesán was baptized as a Seventh-day Adventist at the age of 14. He received a BA in business administration from Antillean Adventist University in 1969 and an MBA in 1980 and PhD in Leadership in 2014, both from Andrews University. He was ordained as a minister in December of 1976.

His first finance-related employment within the church was as an accountant for the Dominican Conference in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. He went on to serve as secretary-treasurer and implementing director of the North American Division Corporation from 2007–initiatives that remain in

As the CFO/treasurer of the General Conference, he led the financial reduction initiative of 2019 between the North American and South American Divisions. He engineered the successful completion of the initiative through the destabilizing economic conditions of the pandemic.

In addition to these accomplishments, he has served as a director, stewardship director, and treasurer. Due to his years of career experience, Prestol-Puesán has been a frequent speaker at conferences and initiatives. He is a public speaker and has authored several denominational publications.

Prestol-Puesán has been married to his wife, María, for 40 years. They have two daughters, Johanna and Idaía. They have three sons, Abel and Samuel. He owes much of his success to the love of his family, the guidance of his mentors, and the opportunities to serve throughout his life.

Now in retirement, Prestol-Puesán continues to serve as an advisor on the financial initiative of the General Conference. He is also involved in church development and worldwide missions. He currently serves as an assistant to the GC treasurer and as a member of the GC Board of Finance.

He remains an avid learner, a devoted family man, and a committed Sabbath School teacher.

For his outstanding service to the church, he has been honored with several awards and recognitions.