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From humble and Pentecostal roots, Rev. Melissa Alfaro knew early on that her life purpose would be enveloped in “propelling” young men and women into their God-given potential. At the age of 15, Rev. Melissa heard the call of God and obediently began to step into that calling through the preaching and teaching of the Word. She is a certified minister with the North Texas District of the Assemblies of God and holds a B.S. in Biblical Studies and an M.A. in English. During her time at T.W.U. she was awarded the Edgar Dean Literary Endowment for her excellence in academics and her exposition on a piece of literature. Her Master of Arts degree was awarded to her after successful completion of her thesis entitled, “The Oppression and Deliverance of Women in Sandra Cisneros’ *The House on Mango Street*.” The thesis focuses on the treatment of women in various ethnic communities and discusses the cultural constraints that hinder women from reaching their full potential. She is currently completing her PhD in Rhetoric at Texas Woman’s University.

Currently, Rev. Melissa is serving as the 4th-8th E.S.L. Coordinator for Denton I.S.D. and has initiated two mentoring programs for young Hispanic boys and girls in various middle schools entitled “For Girls Only” and “G.O.L.!: Guys Operating as Leaders.” Along with her spouse, Rev. Jay Alfaro, she co-founded J.A.M. Ministries, an evangelistic ministry, and gave birth to a venue of mentoring young ladies spiritually, mentally, and emotionally through J.A.M. Ministries annual Princess Conference. In addition, she is a contributing author of *Nuestra Gente*, a magazine directed to the Latin community, that is circulated monthly throughout the area of Houston, Texas.

With a burden and message for this generation, Rev. Alfaro will continue to follow the call of God on her life as an evangelist, educator, orator, and writer challenging individuals in the area of education, discipleship, leadership, and excellence.