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## Curriculum Vitae

Born in Araçatuba, near São Paulo, Brazil, July 26, 1955. Following theological studies in São Paulo, was ordained a pastor of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil in January 1980. A graduate of the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute of Bossey (1981-1982), he joined the faculty of the São Paulo Theological Seminary of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil (1982-1989), pursuing at the same time under graduate studies of philosophy at the Catholic University of São Paulo and graduate studies of sciences of religion at the Methodist University of São Paulo. He wrote his master's dissertation on the theology of the Roman Catholic theologian Gustavo Gutiérrez (São Paulo, 1986) and his doctoral thesis on the thinking of the Roman Catholic theologian Juan Luis Segundo (Strasbourg, France, 1995).

He was the General Secretary of the Association of Protestant Theological Schools of Brazil (ASTE) and the editor of the ASTE's publications programme and theological journal (*Simpósio*) 1995-1999. At the same time he was one of the resource persons of the Ecumenical Centre of Service to Evangelisation and Popular Education (CESEP, São Paulo). He taught practical theology at Master programme of the Methodist University of São Paulo (1999).

From 2000 to 2007 he was the Executive Secretary of the Department of Theology of the (former) World Alliance of Reformed Churches (today World Communion of Reformed Churches), with especial responsibility for the bilateral and multilateral ecumenical dialogues and for WARC's theological journal, *Reformed World*.

From 2007 to 2015 he was a member of the Secretariat of the World Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order (with responsibility for united and uniting churches, week of prayer for Christian unity, forum on bilateral dialogues, study on ecclesiology) and professor of ecumenical theology at the WCC Ecumenical Institute, Bossey. In 2015 he was appointed interim Director of the Commission on Faith and Order, while keeping his teaching assignment in Bossey. He is married to the German Lutheran pastor Katharina Vollmer Mateus. They have two daughters, Anna Magdalena and Lorena Cecilia.

## Selected publications

“José Miguez Bonino and the Struggle for Global Christian Unity in the 1970s”, in K. Kunter and A. Schilling (editors), *Globalisierung der Kirchen – Der Ökumenische Rat der Kirchen und die Entdeckung der Dritten Welt in der 1960er und 1970er Jahren*. Göttingen, Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2014, 237-254. Available at [academia.edu](http://academia.edu).

*Dois Ensaio sobre Gênese Universitária de Juan Luis Segundo*. São Paulo, Emblema, 2013, 98p. Available at [academia.edu](http://academia.edu).

*Beyond Confessionalism: Essays on the Practice of Reformed Ecumenicity*. São Paulo, Emblema, 2010.

(Guest Editor), *The Ecumenical Review*, 62(1), March 2010, Theme: United and Uniting Churches.

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*Crepúsculo – Pequenos Escritos Ecumênicos*. São Paulo, Emblema, 2008. Available at [academia.edu](http://academia.edu).

*The World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Modern Ecumenical Movement: A Selected, Chronological, Annotated Bibliography (1863-2004)*. Geneva, WARC, 2005. 143p.

(Editor). *Reformed World*, 55(2), June 2005. Theme: Re-imagining Ecumenism.

## Translation

Portuguese translation of *The Church: Towards a Common Vision*, May-June 2014. Provisional title: *A Igreja: Uma Visão Ecumênica*.

## Ongoing work

“*The Church: Towards a Common Vision: Its Origins, Making-of and Interpretation*” (a paper to help readers to understanding why and how that text was written, and how to approach its reading).

“*Faith and Order 1920: The Life and Time of an Ecumenical Conference*” (a monograph about the 1920 preparatory meeting for the First World Conference on Faith and Order, held in Lausanne in 1927).