

## Reverend Max Rodas



Pastor Max Rodas has been involved in responding to health inequities to the urban communities of Greater Cleveland, Ohio since 1984. He is the Founder and Executive Director of Proyecto Luz, an HIV/ AIDS, faith-based initiative on the West Side of Cleveland and 5 years ago became the Chief Executive Officer of Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center, a larger umbrella organization addressing the root causes of systemic poverty and health inequities in Cleveland's Cudell Neighborhood. Under his leadership, Nueva Luz has evolved from an idea to a social service organization providing assistance to over 3,000 individuals both in Cleveland and Lorain, Ohio. Currently, Nueva Luz employs over 20 staff members, contracts with numerous consultants and collaborates with over 100 volunteers in challenging health inequities in Northeastern Ohio.