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**VISITING PROFESSOR ADA MARIA ISASI-DIAZ TO LECTURE AT
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Dallas, Texas – Dr. Ada María Isasi-Díaz, professor of Social Ethics and Theology at the Theological School of Drew University and visiting professor at Perkins School of Theology, will present “Reconciliation: The Face of Justice in the 21st Century” on Thursday, October 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall of Elizabeth Perkins Prothro Hall at Perkins. The lecture is made possible by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, and is sponsored by the Center for the Study of Latino/a Christianity and Religions of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. Co-sponsors include the Religious Studies Department and the Women's and Gender Studies Programs at SMU. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Dr. Isasi- Díaz was born and raised in La Habana, Cuba and came to the United States in 1960. After serving as a missionary in Lima, Peru for three years and subsequently living in Spain, she settled in Rochester, New York in 1975, where she worked as a minister in inner city Roman Catholic parishes before becoming the regional developer for the Women’s Ordination Conference. She moved to New York City in 1983 and began studies at Union Theological Seminary, where she received her Ph.D. in 1990.

Since the late 1980s Isasi-Díaz has focused on the elaboration of *mujerista* theology based on the religious understandings and practices of Latinas living in the U.S. She has lectured throughout the

country on issues of justice, women's liberation, and Latina/o theology. She has been visiting professor in Cuba, Korea and the Philippines, and has also lectured in Germany and Zimbabwe. She co-authored, with Yolanda Tarango, *Hispanic Women: Prophetic Voice in the Church*, the first book on Latina theology published in the U.S. Her other books are: *En La Lucha—In the Struggle, Mujerista Theology*, and *La Lucha Continues*. She has co-edited several other books, as well as contributed articles to many other books and journals. At present she is work