

TEN POINTS TO REMEMBER ABOUT LATINO CULTURE
LATINO STEWARDSHIP WORKSHOP
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- HISPANIC OR LATINO? BOTH TERMS ARE USED BUT DO HAVE SOME IMPLICATIONS. TRY TO AVOID USING BOTH TOGETHER.
- LATINO IS NOT A RACE.
- MAJORITY OF LATINO POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH CAROLINA IS MEXICAN. EACH LATINO CULTURE IS DIFFERENT SO IT IS IMPORTANT TO BE SENSITIVE TO CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN LATIN AMERICA.
- A LATINO CULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE ITS OWN UNIQUE FEATURES.
- ROLE OF FAMILY: CRITICAL TO LATINO IDENTITY. ALSO SOCIAL NETWORKS AROUND FAMILY CRITICAL TO SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE.
- ROLE OF WORK: MANY LATINOS STILL HAVE AN ORIENTATION TOWARDS BEING CRAFTSMEN AND CRAFTSWOMEN. ABSTRACT IDEAS CAN BE HARD TO GRASP. HANDS-ON INVOLVEMENT IS STIMULATING.
- LATINOS ARE PRESENTLY FORCED TO OPERATE IN A SHADOW ECONOMY THAT LIMITS THEIR OPPORTUNITIES AND PENALIZES THEM ECONOMICALLY, SOCIALLY AND SPIRITUALLY.
- ROLE OF FAITH AND RELIGION: LATINO LIFE INTEGRATES RELIGION IN WAYS THAT ARE DIFFERENT FROM U.S.A.
- CONFUSION AMONG LATINOS ABOUT CHRISTIANITY IN USA.

ROLE OF CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANITY IN THE NEW WAVE OF LATINO INTEGRATION: THE OLD MODEL OF ASSIMILATION VS THE NEW MODEL OF TWO WAY ENRICHMENT OF OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH.