

Pastor Jim Rivera – Board Secretary

Pastor Jim Rivera is the Founder and Senior Pastor of City Limits Assembly of God in Allentown, a flourishing, multicultural church since 1993. He is a graduate of Berean University with a degree in Pastoral Theology as well as beneficiary of business studies at Reading Area Community College. Affectionately known as “Pastor Jim”, he also is Founder of Reach Community Services, an agency dedicated to community revitalization and economic empowerment. Another component of the Reach organization is Timothy House where men who struggle with life controlling issues are mentored into proficiency in job and life skills. Pastor Jim also serves as a Police and Fire Chaplain.

Pastor Jim is especially recognized for his passion for urban community outreach/development and drug rehabilitation. The latter having been a life-changing personal experience when he overcame a 14-year heroin addiction. It was that experience, through the power of God, that inspired him to commit to the rescue of others caught in the same trap. Pastor Jim and his wife of 35 years are the proud parents of three children and eleven grandchildren.