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I am Vilma De León- Cotto and have been an educator for 35 years working as an Elementary and Secondary school teacher; twelve (12) of those years were as a Secondary school principal. I obtained a MA in Educational Administration and Supervision from Universidad Metropolitana in Puerto Rico (2017); a second MA in Christian Neuro Theology from University of Christian Neuro Theology from Puerto Rico (2019); and I will graduate in May 2022; with a Dr degree in Neuro Theology.

I became an IPSLEI certified instructor in 2011 and have been a facilitator in Leadership and Ethics for the Public Safety Program at Southern Illinois University for over 10 years; also teaching Grant and Proposal Writing for Public Safety and Analytical Approaches to Public Fire Protection at SIU. I taught IPSLEI's Leadership and Ethics course for PSM program at West Texas A&M University for a semester; due to the closing of the PSM program, was not able to continue.

I was born in Chicago, Illinois; raised both in Chicago's northside and Los Angeles, CA. As an adult, I moved to Puerto Rico until the year 2020 when I moved to the north metroplex of Texas. I am currently still employed with SIU (Carbondale, Il campus) and am serving as the ministry assistant for Prestonwood Baptist Church in Spanish at Lewisville, TX campus since 2021.