

Eliseo Santana, Vice President

Eliseo Santana, who will soon turn 65 years old, has resided in Pinellas County since 1980. He and his wife, Nereida, will celebrate their 45th year of marriage in June. How does he describe himself and his values? The wellbeing of the family is central to his daily actions. Together, they have four adult children, 13 grandchildren, scores of nephews/nieces and grandnephews/nieces that live in the area and they are very active in their lives.

In 2003, Eliseo found himself spiritually in a very dark place, which is when he found UUC and became a member. The love he found in the UUC congregation literally saved his soul and changed his life.

The individuals in UUC showed him that LOVE is the most powerful force. In the last 20 years at UUC, Eliseo's life has gone through much change and transformation. He awakens with a sense of deep gratitude and joy, just about every morning. The UU principles are integral to him, and he practices them in all his affairs. The way to positive change is to be a participant. To be an effective agent of change, he believes he must be an insider. His decisions are guided by honoring the spirits of direct ancestors and the wellbeing of future generations. His daily prayer is to always base my actions on LOVE and to be of service to others.

Eliseo has an MBA. He has served in the U.S. Army and the Florida National Guard. He is founder and President of both the Pinellas County Council of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and Puerto Rico Connect. He is involved in multiple, local civic organizations. At UUC, he is a FAST Network Team Member and serves on the Social Justice Council.

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