

REFORMA de Florida: Rising up from the ashes

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For many years, REFORMA de Florida has been inactive. Since June 2019 members of the chapter have been working with Manny Figueroa, REFORMA's East Region Rep., to figure out ways to revitalize the chapter. When the President of the chapter resigned in May 2020 the "*REFORMA de Florida Vision 2020 Task Force*" was formed, with the task of rebuilding the chapter until new officers are elected.

The Chair of the Task Force is *Alma Ramos-McDermott*, Media Specialist, Lake Trafford Elementary School, Immokalee, FL. Other members are *Isabel Castro*, Branch Manager, Branch Book Branch Library, Newark, NJ, *Lucía González*, Director, North Miami Public Library, North Miami, FL, and *Alicia Long*, Access Services Supervisor, Bradenton Library, State College of Florida, Bradenton, FL. *Manny Figueroa*, Talent Development and Training Manager, Library Services, Queens Public Library, Queens, NY serves as Advisor.

The Task Force is proposing a REFORMA de Florida that will be member-driven. An email was recently sent to current and former members letting them know about the Task Force, and another will soon be sent with survey questions seeking member input to help create a REFORMA de Florida that every member wants to see, and that will carry on the work of REFORMA in every part of the state. We know that this new member-drive REFORMA de Florida chapter will be like a phoenix, rising up from the ashes.

If you are a member of REFORMA de Florida and did not receive the first email, please email Manny at chapter-east-region@reforma.org. He will be sure to add your email to the membership list to receive future communications.

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