

Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15, 2021

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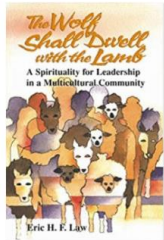
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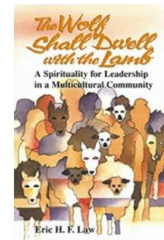
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