

MISSION NETWORKING COMMITTEE REPORT TO PRESBYTERY – JUNE 2019

Lorelei Kay and Roger Scott Powers, Co-Chairs

The Coordinating Team tasked the MNC with helping Santa Fe Presbytery continue the conversation about the Doctrine of Discovery and what it means for us today. To that end, we invited Native Americans in our Presbytery to come to the MNC's first meeting of the year on Jan. 14, 2019. Stella and Jim Webster, Peggy Barnet, Lou Ann Johnson, Georgia Pedro, and Leona Mark participated in that MNC meeting, along with Jane Stringfellow and Susan Quass. Together, we watched a 14-minute video on the Doctrine of Discovery produced by the Episcopal Church and had a very rich 90-minute conversation about how the MNC might help the Presbytery continue the conversation. Subsequently, a Doctrine of Discovery (DOD) Planning Team was formed (Nelson Capitan, Lorelei Kay, June Lorenzo, Roger Powers, Stella and Jim Webster). The DOD Planning Team met at the Laguna Presbyterian Church in Casa Blanca on Feb. 2 and Mar. 9. Those planning meetings have borne much fruit:

- We showed “Healing the Wounds of Privilege” before the Feb. 23 Presbytery Meeting.
- We developed an Annotated List of Recommended Resources for Congregations, which is now posted on the Presbytery’s website.
- We organized “Continuing Conversations on the Doctrine of Discovery: A Daytrip to Gallup,” on Sat., May 18, which drew 47 participants from 6 congregations, the Synod of the Southwest, and Ghost Ranch.
- We have made plans for Tewa Women United to give a presentation on intergenerational trauma at the October Presbytery at Ghost Ranch.
- We are partnering with the Synod of the Southwest and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to organize a Travel Study Seminar of “Native Lands of the Southwest: The Doctrine of Discovery and its Legacy Today” for Spring 2021.

NOTE: The Sessions of Second P.C. & St. Andrew P.C. have both repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery. Has yours? Please let us know. And tell us if you would like our assistance.

In addition to the MNC’s work on the Doctrine of Discovery, we have also done the following since the beginning of the year:

- Awarded \$1,000 to NM Interfaith Power & Light in support of its continuing collaboration with congregations in the Presbytery.
- Promoted visits of PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Burkhard Paetzold (March) and Sarah Henken (May) to the Presbytery.
- Facilitated a meeting of Presbytery leadership with Samuel Son, Manager of Diversity & Reconciliation in the Exec. Director’s Office of Presbyterian Mission Agency, on Apr. 29.
- Awarded \$750 to Second Presbyterian Church in support of its project providing transitional housing for transgender asylum seekers being released from the Cibola Detention Center.

COMING – THIS FALL!

Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson is a Presbyterian Mission Co-Worker serving with the Presbyterian Church of Honduras. She will be in Santa Fe Presbytery Oct. 6-13: at Second Presbyterian Church on Oct. 6, Las Placitas Presbyterian Church on Oct. 13, and Menaul School sometime that week. She would like to visit other churches and faith groups the rest of that week. Dori can lead Bible studies or classes on mission and partnership. She can talk about immigration and current events in Central America. She is happy to talk to children and youth as well as adults. If your congregation would like to schedule a time for Dori to speak at your church (to your Bible Study, PW Group, Men's Group, Youth Group, Mission Committee, Session), you can contact her directly at dori.hjalmarson@pcusa.org.