

# Presbytery of Santa Fe

## Annual Reports to the Presbytery of Santa Fe 2017

Report #AR3

### REPORT OF THE MODERATOR/BRYAN BECK

Serving as your presbytery moderator this year has been a remarkable experience.

It's said that the activities of Congress are a bit like sausage-making: the product may be delicious, but one doesn't want to see the process. For me, the product and the process of presbytery are delightful. A very gratifying part of serving as moderator is the chance to see the energy, intelligence, imagination and love of the folks who work across our confederation to express God's spirit and purpose in this place. Case in point: In drafting the Coordinating Team's (CT) report, I reviewed the minutes of the CT retreat held in early March. The conversations and explorations were rich and thoughtful. People from across our presbytery devoted a Friday evening and Saturday to evaluating what we corporately as the body of Christ are about in Northern New Mexico. Throughout the year I've seen that same energy and creativity and passion as the CT meets periodically to overview the work of the Presbytery.

I see the same commitment and discernment in other bodies I encounter. The Commission on Ministry invests in congregations and pastors of the Presbytery. It addresses a wide range of congregational and pastoral issues. Conspicuous among the culmination of efforts are the installations of pastors. The moderator is blessed to be able to represent the Presbytery in these services. When I ask pastors the constitutional questions set forth by our Book of Order, I relish looking into the eyes of the pastor, while simultaneously asking myself these same commitment questions. The Stewardship Team is another place where I see people from across the presbytery working to interpret stewardship to our entire membership. Again, I find the messages and questions we develop in our team ones that stretch and challenge me.

The Presbytery's theme for 2018 meetings has been Uneven Privilege. Anytime we attempt to till soil and expose parts of ourselves that we don't want to uncover, it's challenging. As a body we've seen that on display in some of our presbytery meetings this year. However, we've also had the benefit of hearing the compelling stories of some of our own. At the Peñasco gathering, the stories that were shared drove home the reality that each of us is uniquely privileged. The tilling will continue at Ghost Ranch, where we will turn our attention to the experiences of Native Americans. Regardless of the potential disenfranchisement – race/ethnicity, gender issues, economic status, age, disability, or others – I hope this year has helped you and me gain a new appreciation for our giftedness, and then take the continuing steps of finding ways we individually can make a difference in lives of people less fortunate.

A joy for me this year has been broader interacting with the people and congregations of the presbytery. Marjorie Davison, a Commissioned Parish Associate at Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church once said at a Session meeting how much she loved being a part of the Presbytery, and how some of her best friends were those she'd met through her presbytery involvement. Ditto, Marjorie.

Finally, I get lost sometimes, confusing the means with the end. The Presbytery, our congregations, and even meetings, are simply means. The end is to be devoted disciples of our Savior. Isaiah's words come to mind: "Here I am, Lord, send me." May it be so.

STATED CLERK, STEPHEN RHOADES

First of all, let me welcome you to our 2018 annual meeting and celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the original Presbytery of Santa Fe organized in 1868. It is our pleasure to welcome the moderator, commissioners and staff of the Synod of the Southwest to Ghost Ranch for their annual meeting as well as the Stated Clerk for the General Assembly, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II who is attending our meeting and festivities this year.

I must express my appreciation for the work of the Presbytery's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee led by Susan Keil Smith and my wife, Kathy, members of the Menaul Historical Society including Gloria Mirabal, and others from the presbytery including Ken Cuthbertson, Kay Huggins, Janice Beck, Carolyn Rhodes and Sharon Yates. They have been diligently planning and working on this project for over a year and their efforts are appreciated.

It continues to be my honor to serve as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Santa Fe for another year. I have enjoyed the many varied aspects of my job and the opportunity to work with many of you in common ministry within the presbytery.

The duties and responsibilities of the Stated Clerk are quite varied and diverse, especially for a part-time position. The stated clerk of a presbytery is required by the Book of Order to record the transactions of the presbytery, maintain its rolls of membership and attendance and any required registers, preserve the presbytery's records and furnish extracts from them when requested by another Presbyterian council (G-3.0104).

I am extremely grateful for my partnership with our Presbytery administrator and associate stated clerk, Sharon Yates in performing many of these roles. I am also grateful to all of the Clerks of Session of the various congregations of the presbytery that perform their roles so diligently and enabling all of us to provide the information necessary to the national church.

I have additional duties beyond the ones listed in the Book of Order. Under our new leadership model, I am an ex-officio staff representative to the Leadership Team, which meets monthly, and the Coordinating Team, which meets 5 to 6 times a year. I also provide, when requested, staff support to COM, CPM, F & P and other constituent bodies of the presbytery. Finally, I attend meetings of the Synod of the Southwest and NM Conference of Churches.

In addition to attending these meetings, I conduct Clerk of Session trainings and Session minute reviews as well as teach at other Presbytery training seminars.

This year, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PLIP) in which I serve the national church.

I look forward to working with each member congregation of this Presbytery and with each one of you, both clergy and lay.

Please continue to pray for me as we continue on this journey together with Jesus Christ as our guide and with our destination assured, with God's help.

Grace and peace,  
Stephen Rhoades  
Stated Clerk

## Coordinating Team Report

The Presbytery charges the Coordinating Team (CT) to (1) facilitate networking among the Presbytery's members and congregations, including the various committees and commissions, (2) make time-sensitive decisions that are required before the next presbytery meeting, and (3) to plan and effect the presbytery meetings.

Members of the CT include the chairs/co-chairs of the Commission on Ministry (Judy Belvin/David Elton), Commission on Preparation for Ministry (Gay Veit), Finance and Property Committee (Debbie Steffen), Worship Networking Committee (Karyl Lyne/Kathy Westmoreland), Education Networking Committee (Lou Ann Johnson/Ted Mattie), Mission Networking Committee (Rob Woodruff), Committee on Representation and Participation (Ruth Montoya), Personnel Committee (Susan Smith), Presbyterian Women (Nancy Thomas), Treasurer (Bill Belvin), and the members of the Leadership Team: former Moderator (Nelson Capitan), Moderator (Bryan Beck), Moderator-elect (Jane Stringfellow), Stated Clerk (Stephen Rhoades), Administrator (Sharon Yates), and CT Chair (Maribeth Culpepper).

- CT held an overnight retreat in early March at Las Placitas church. We visited about the historical precedent of having the immediate past moderator serve as the chair of CT, but per our Standing Rules, chairs for committees and commissions are proposed to the presbytery by the Committee on Representation and Participation (CORP). Ultimately, Maribeth Culpepper was nominated by CORP and approved by the Presbytery.

Further, we examined our vision and values statement, and explored how well we are living out the “new” design. There is tension as to whether CT is simply a support entity, or a council. We affirmed that CT is a hybrid of those two arenas.

We acknowledged that networking committees ideally need to have bidirectional communication with congregations, and likewise with the other networking committees.

Finally, we reviewed our goals for 2017, and set some for 2018, including improving the introductory experience of new members to committees and new committee chairs.
- The February presbytery meeting commenced the presbytery's current year's theme of uneven privilege. That conference gave us a poignant opportunity to look at our own privilege, and think about others who find themselves less fortunate. Our challenge is to find ways we can make a positive impact with our individual privilege.
- Representatives of leadership met with stakeholders who had proposed alternatives to the CT “Who Speaks for the Presbytery?” document. Those discussions were very fruitful, and a balanced consensus was devised, and presented for a 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the July presbytery meeting.
- The summer meeting of Presbytery was held at Penasco, and guests enjoyed the Northern New Mexico hospitality of the Penasco congregation. For the program, 4 people from the presbytery shared their individual stories of uneven privilege: Stella Webster, Andrew Black, Guillermo Yela, and Maribeth Culpepper. Attendees were moved by the struggles others have faced and witnessed, reminding us again of our gifted privilege, and our responsibility to be gracious to those from backgrounds different from our own.

## Report of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Members of the Commission

Ken Cuthbertson (MWS) (2019), Linda Kirby (RE) (2018), Lola Blackwell (RE) (2018), Malissa Haslam (RE) (2020), Marj Austin (RE) (2019), Matthew Miller (MWS) (2020), Ruth Montoya (RE) (2019), Wayne Mell (MWS) (2018), Kris Jones (RE) (2018), Sandy Bell (RE) (2020), Gay Veit (CP, Moderator) (2019).

Current Commissioned Pastor (Commissioned Ruling Elder) Ready To Be Commissioned

Siobhan Croto, Las Vegas First United Presbyterian Church

Current Minister of the Word and Sacrament (MWS) Inquirers and Candidates

Patrick Kiptum, Candidate, Santa Fe Westminster  
Daniel Williams, Inquirer, Albuquerque Immanuel

Major Actions of CPM on Behalf of Presbytery in 2018

- Assisted Siobhan Croto, meeting with her and her advocates, and assisted her through the Commissioned Pastor preparation program. CPM provided Siobhan with some additional support in homiletics and growth under care of a Spiritual Director and a Preaching Guide.
- Elected CP Gay M. Veit and MWS Kay Huggins as presbytery's readers for ordination exams for 2018.
- Performed an Annual Consultation with MWS Candidate Patrick Kiptum. Patrick is nearing the completion of all formal requirements to be certified "ready for examination for ordination." Patrick is taking Ordination Exams this fall.
- Revised the Commissioned Ruling Elder Manual (CP), which guides CPM in its work with CP/CRE candidates. Thanks to Wayne Mell for volunteering to oversee the new revision.

Submitted by Moderator Gay Veit

## COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry (COM) of 2018 was comprised of Bryan Beck, Jim Brown, Rob Craig, Stephen Daniels, Robyn Kleinschmidt, Lorna Kuyk, Bill Lumm, Judith Mead, Beth Miller, Linda Wilson, Ann Graham-Johnson, Richard Safford, John Sitler, Kay Huggins, Susan Quass and Frank Yates, with members Judy Belvin and David Elton serving as co-moderators. Bill Lumm resigned after the June '18 meeting for health reasons. The work of COM was supported by Bill Humphreys, COM consultant, and Sharon Yates in the Presbytery office. COM acknowledges their guidance, efforts and assistance in the work of the Commission.

COM sought to fulfill its diverse duties and tasks to support, nurture and supervise the Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors of this presbytery, whether they serve as parish pastors or in validated ministries, are honorably retired or members-at-large; to assist, educate and guide the congregations of this Presbytery, especially in times of pastoral transitions; and to oversee, encourage, mediate and sometimes intervene in the relationship between parish pastors and the congregations they seek to serve. All four of these responsibilities are great, humbling and challenging as COM hopes to provide a balance of care and guidance to the churches and clergy of this Presbytery.

As a commission of a missional presbytery, we continued the practice of triennial visits with teams of COM members meeting in person with church sessions and their pastoral leadership in conversations of the work, vision, successes and questions facing each church. The commission has assigned a liaison to each church in the presbytery to keep in touch with the life of the church between triennial visits.

The Small Church Initiative provides an opportunity for various members of smaller, rural churches to meet together to discuss common dreams, goals and challenges, and meets quarterly hosted by one of the churches.

As a commission, COM took seriously its obligation to examine new Ministers of Word and Sacrament applying for membership within the Presbytery, releasing Ministers of Word and Sacrament to other presbyteries, supporting our Commissioned Pastors in their diverse roles and duties, and reviewing annual reports of the work of our Members-at-Large.

COM met monthly, usually at the Presbytery offices throughout the year except for the month of July 2018. The agenda for each meeting included reports from COM members with different areas of responsibility, increased discussion time for churches needing care, reports from COM liaisons supporting PNCs and Sessions of churches in leadership transition, prayers for churches, pastors and situations, and lifting up joys and concerns of the clergy and ruling elders of the Presbytery.

Through the end of 2017 and into 2018, COM worked on and adopted a revised Manual of Operation, hoping to clarify and update our expectations, policies and requirements for the significant variety of tasks we seek to perform with helpful clarity and general consistency throughout the presbytery. As of this writing COM is working similarly on the Terms of Call form, hoping to better illustrate what does and doesn't go into the annual effective salary!

One of the high points of our monthly meetings is reviewing the anniversaries of the formation of each church and the ordination of each Minister of Word and Sacrament for that month and signing post cards addressed to each one in honor of their ordination.

COM performed the necessary administrative tasks of reviewing and approving Mission Studies, MIFs, and terms of call and appointing moderators to church sessions when needed.

As Co-Moderators, we thank the hard working, dedicated members of COM for volunteering their energy, intelligence, imagination and love through their labor in service to the work of this presbytery. It was a joy to observe the sacrificial service of the members of COM and to witness the inspired work of

the various churches throughout the Presbytery as they continue to contribute to the mission of Jesus Christ and the proclaiming of God's spirited presence in this world.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Belvin, Co-Moderator

David Elton, Co-Moderator

Bill Humphreys, COM Consultant

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## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### **PRESBYTERY PW COORDINATING TEAM**

Co-Moderators, **Martha Lane**, Covenant; **Jane Moses**, Albuquerque First; **Nancy Thomas**, Albuquerque First ; Past Moderator and Secretary: **Lola Blackwell**, Covenant;

Treasurer: **June DeFore**, Rio Rancho, **Jean Ball**, Santa Fe First (January-June); Menaul School Representative: **Jane Moses**, Albuquerque First ; Church Women United Representative: **Edith Waugh-Feliciano**, St. Andrew

**Spring Gathering: April 21, 2018, 9:00-12:30, First Albuquerque.** "Welcome to This Place: 2018 Birthday Offering of PW PC(USA)" was the theme. Worship was led by Rev. Stephanie Kremmel, Albuquerque First. Susan Smith, Moderator of Albuquerque First, facilitated the celebration of Birthday Offering Recipients, which included Cottage Village, Cottage Grove, Oregon; Village of Grace, Tegucigalpa, Honduras; and The Dwelling Place, Minneapolis, MN. Susan also shared about the Santa Fe Presbytery Partnership visit to Cuba in April 2018.

Jean Ball's treasurer's report for 2017 showed disbursements of \$7016.75 for mission support; \$4537.73 for Birthday Offering; and \$6872.45 for Thank Offering. Scholarships of \$300 for each of the seven representatives to the PW PC(USA) Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, August 2-5 were allocated, and they were recognized with synod scarves. Other items:

- Least Coin collection as part of a world-wide fund to address hunger issues
- New and gently used children's books collected to be donated to Camino de Vida as part of the PW PC(USA) emphasis on children's literacy. Necrology read.

**Fall Gathering, September 22, 2018, 9:00-12:30, Menaul School Collie Refectory:** The theme was "Welcome the Stranger: Building an Inclusive, Caring Community. Worship was led by Ella Porregas, Albuquerque Second; Lorraine Romero, Albuquerque Second; Karen Halderson, Albuquerque First, and Nancy Thomas, Albuquerque First, who shared meaningful experiences during the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville in August.

Rev. Guillermo Yela and Ciria Yela inspired the attendees as they shared about their ministry and mission with the Camino de Vida congregation. The offering benefited their work. The gathering also included:

- Invitation by Karen Urlach, moderator of St. Andrew PW to attend a presentation by Bernie and Farsiana Adeney-Risakotta, PC(USA) mission co-workers in Indonesia at 10:00 on October 16 at St. Andrew
- Announcement of Thank Offering grants by PW PC(USA) which include:
  - \$46,323 allocated for work by Bernie and Farsi through Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to train Muslim and Christian villagers who have been displaced from their homes
  - \$10,000 to Hearing Bank, Albuquerque Speech and Hearing Center to provide hearing aids to those who cannot afford them
- Recognition of Jean Ball's dedicated, competent, and extended service as PW treasurer for the presbytery with a lifetime membership
- Installation of June Defoe as Santa Fe Presbytery PW treasurer
- Menaul school student, Lucy, shared her story and her beautiful voice
- Tour of the Menaul School Historical Library

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CHURCHWIDE PC(USA):** More than 1,600 women participated in the 2018 Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, KY, August 2-5. Seven women attended from Santa Fe Presbytery representing Albuquerque Second, Rio Rancho, Albuquerque First, and Farmington First. Jyung In Lee was elected the first Korean Moderator. Beverly Roselieb of Grand Canyon is Synod of the Southwest representative to the PW PC(USA) Board.

Voting representative to the business meeting from Santa Fe Presbytery was co-moderator, Nancy Thomas. Business items included: voting on a resolution to become more active in fighting sexual and gender-based violence; approving the 2018-19 budget; and providing for 6 young women on the board. Carol Winkler, past-moderator, will represent PW on the Corporation of the new PC(USA) organizational structure. PW PC(USA) has gained official status with the Economic and Social Council at the UN, which elevates PW's status at the annual Commission on the Status of Women.

The Gathering celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PW PC(USA). Daily history presentations chronicled the more than 200 year history of our Presbyterian Women's organization throughout the various configurations of the church's organization. Across the past 30 years PW giving has included:

- \$30,000,000 in Thank Offering grants to 2,000 projects
- \$30,000,000 in Birthday Offering major grants to 100 projects
- \$75,000,000 to support programs and ministries of PW and support for the PC(USA)

The theme: "Arise Shine for Your Light Has Come" provided the context for a diverse spectrum of speakers and leaders (cultural, ethnic, age) for the plenary sessions and break-out sessions. The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study for 2018-19 is "God's Promise: I Am with You" by Amy Poling

Sutherland. She and the leaders for the Bible studies for 2019-20 and 2020-21 led sessions aimed to train presenters of those materials in local circles.

A “Stepping Out for Justice and Peace March” put a spotlight on healing divisions within communities, specifically the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Divide in Louisville. The mayor of Louisville and Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the General Assembly PC(USA), participated alongside the marchers.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE SYNOD OF THE SOUTHWEST:** The Synod PWCT will meet in Tucson October 26-27 and will plan for the Synod Triennium scheduled for October 4-6, 2019, in Tucson, AZ. Bonnie Thompson from Tucson is the current Synod PWCT moderator. Susan Smith from Santa Fe Presbytery is Synod PWCT treasurer. During the Synod of the Southwest lunch at the Churchwide Gathering, Conrad Rocha, Stated Clerk/Executive Elder of the synod, spoke to the participants and received honorary membership in PW.

#### **PW INDONESIA GLOBAL EXCHANGE**

Santa Fe Presbytery PW Global Exchange visitor, Pingkan Kiting, was in New Mexico July 24-27, 2018, hosted by Nancy Thomas, Synod of the Southwest PW Global Exchange participant in September 2017. A reception in Pingkan’s honor was held at Albuquerque First on July 25. She visited Menaul School, CLN Kids and Santa Fe prior to connecting with her Arizona host, Peggy Free, at the Grand Canyon. Pingkan and her Indonesian colleagues who attended the Churchwide Gathering in Louisville, offered tangible evidence of the bridges built through this important PW opportunity. Peggy Free and Nancy Thomas presented on a Global Exchange panel during the Gathering. Nancy has made 4 presentations on the Indonesia Global Exchange in the Santa Fe Presbytery and one to the Spring Gathering of the Grand Canyon Presbytery on April 28, 2018.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE/PW COLLABORATION:** Susan Smith, Lola Blackwell, and Sheila Malmo continue to offer training to local congregations.

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#### **CUBA WORK GROUP**

Members of the Cuba Work Group for 2017-18 included: Tony Aja (Jicarita Cluster), Bryan Beck (Shepherd of the Valley PC), Doug Denham (Rio Rancho PC), Bill and Sharon Eklund (First Presbyterian, Santa Fe), Dean Lewis, Howard Paul, Herman Santillanes (Cuba PC), Susan Keil Smith (moderator) and Virginia Watkins (Las Placitas PC). Trip participants are always invited to participate in the Cuba Work Group, as interest and schedules allow.

The PSF partner trip took place in April, 2018, and included two persons from Shepherd of the Valley to San Nicolas de Bari; two persons (one representing Las Placitas and one other), to Sabanilla; one person from FPC Santa Fe and two others to Sagua la Grande and four persons to Caibarien and

Placetas. The group spent days at the beginning and end of our time in Cuba at FPC Havana in particular support for the ministries of the church and the new pastor, Liudmila Hernandez Retureta.

The trip originally scheduled for the fall of 2017, Rio Rancho PC to visit its partner, Caibarien, was postponed due to the devastation of hurricane Irma and rescheduled for May, 2018. Four persons traveled to Presbiterio de Central and found themselves caught in yet another storm, which delayed their return to the USA. However, it was a successful visit and furthered the partnership between the two churches.

Bryan Beck and Susan Keil Smith will represent the Presbytery of Santa Fe partnerships at the Cuba Partners Network meeting in Lake Yale, Florida, October 24-27, 2018.

In 2018 the presbytery welcomed one Cuban visitor, the Rev. Maricela Gonzalez in the spring. It's always a delight to be able to host Cubans in New Mexico, and reciprocate the hospitality they show us when we visit them in Cuba.

The Presbytery of Santa Fe continues to affirm and support its partnership with the Synod of Cuba. Churches and groups in the Presbytery of Santa Fe with partner churches in Cuba include: Shepherd of the Valley (ABQ) with San Nicolas de Bari; First Presbyterian (Santa Fe) with Sagua la Grande; First Presbyterian (Cuba) & Las Placitas (Placitas) with Sabanilla; Rio Rancho Presbyterian with Caibarien; Jicarita Cluster with Placetas; Second PC (ABQ) with Central PC in Matanzas.

The Cuba Special Offering goal for this year will again be \$15,000. All churches are encouraged to consider an offering to support the Presbyterian church in Cuba. Partner churches may designate 50% of their individual offering for their partner church.

The Goals of the Cuba Work Group for 2018-19 include: expansion/strengthening of partnerships; invitations for Cubans to visit the Presbytery of Santa Fe, and the Cuba Special Offering.

With peace and blessings on behalf of the Cuba Work Group, Susan Keil Smith, moderator

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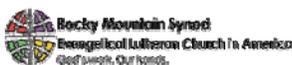
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***Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-New Mexico is called to advocate for justice in public policy, with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger and supporting ELCA members, congregations, and ecumenical partners in the ministry of advocacy.***

***Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM represents the Rocky Mountain Synod-ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in our advocacy ministry.***

Our work continues to include:

- Maintaining an active advocacy presence before the New Mexico state legislature both during the legislative session and in the time between sessions when issues are considered by interim legislative committees **(See 2018 Legislative Priority Summary below)**
- Interacting with and advocating before executive branch of government and particular departments and agencies that have jurisdiction over a variety of human needs programs
- Joining in coalition with other organizations to advocate on issues of mutual interest
- Working with the New Mexico Conference of Churches and the New Mexico Catholic Conference on issues of mutual interest
- Planning and hosting a fall advocacy conference spotlighting a number of issues on the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM Advocacy Agenda and our Bishop's Legislative Luncheon & Issues Briefing during legislative sessions
- Encouraging ELCA and ecumenical partner congregations and in New Mexico and their members to become involved in advocacy activities
- Working in ecumenical partnership with the Presbytery of Santa Fe
- Communicating about the ministry of Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM through newsletters, our website, speaking opportunities, as well as through our Advocacy Network

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## ***Summary of 2018 Legislation relating to our Advocacy Agenda***

***Affordable Housing & Homelessness:***

**SB73** (Sen. Howie Morales) requested \$2.5 million for behavioral health supportive housing. ***\$100,000 for this program was not vetoed.***

**SB112** (Sen. Nancy Rodriguez) requested \$5 million for the State Housing Trust Fund. ***\$280,000 for the Trust Fund was VETOED.***

***Family-Sustaining Income:***

**HJR1** (Rep. Antonio Maestas & Rep. Javier Martinez) proposed a constitutional amendment which ask voters to authorize that an additional 1% of the income from the Land Grant Permanent Fund be used for quality early childhood education programs.

***HJR1 passed the House and the Senate Education Committee and was not allowed a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee***

***\$25 million in additional funding for child care assistance is included in signed version of the state budget.***

***Health Care:***

**LAM-NM** advocates that the state Medicaid program be fully funded. ***\$18 million, the amount projected by the Human Services Department to fully fund Medicaid, is included in the signed version of the state budget.***

**HM9** (Rep. Debbie Armstrong) & **SM3** (Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino) ask for a study of the implementation of a Medicaid buy-in program so that uninsured New Mexicans can pay premiums to be covered by Medicaid. ***HM9 passed the House. SM3 passed the Senate.***

**HB107** (Rep. Miguel Garcia), **SB190** (Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino) and **SB223** (Sen. Bill Soules) requested \$25 million for the DD Waiver which provides medical services to people with developmental disabilities. ***There is \$5.4 million in additional funding in the signed version of the state budget.***

***Hunger:***

**State SNAP Supplement program** serves over 16,000 seniors and people with disabilities with state funds that increase their minimum federal benefit to \$25 per month. ***About \$400,000 was needed to fund this crucial program and that amount is included in the signed state budget.***

**HM55** (Rep. Debbie Armstrong) and **SM60** (Sen. Gay Kernan) ask the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Health & Human Services Committee to study ways to create and expand policies in school food programs that could allow unused or uneaten food to go to the benefit of hungry children. ***HM55 passed the House and SM60 passed the Senate.***

**HM90** (Rep. Sarah Maestas Barnes and Rep. Joanne Ferrary) requests the Legislative Council to create a "Hunger Council" made up of legislators, representatives from state agencies and local governments, and representatives from organizations that are working to end hunger and poverty to meet during the 2018 interim and draft a statewide plan for ending hunger.

***HM90 passed the House.***

***\$375,000 in new funding for the NM Food Bank Association's statewide food distribution program was included in the signed version of the state budget.***

***Tax Policy:***

**It is important that New Mexico have tax policy that is fair and provides stable, sustainable & adequate revenue to meet the needs of our state, particularly the most vulnerable.**

***Criminal Justice:***

**HB155** (Rep. Monica Youngblood) would have reinstated the death penalty in New Mexico.

**LAM-NM opposed HB155 which was tabled in the House Consumer & Public Affairs Committee.**

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**PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE YOUTH MINISTRY REPORT**

Youth ministry is changing. In an age of activities, we find our youth programmed and busy, unable to add additional commitments to their already full plates. In our churches, we are in various stages of adjustment, striving to create meaningful youth programs that meet the needs of the youth we have present without creating additional stress or burden. The era of youth ministry as “activity organizing,” is shifting, if not altogether over. The call now, from my perspective at least, is for relationship--both for our youth with one another, and intergenerationally within the diverse age ranges in our congregations.

In this shifting landscape, our youth leaders and churches are eager to collaborate, and we have had a great experiences over the past year building community amongst our youth and in the presbytery as a whole. Last fall, we hosted a presbytery youth retreat at First Presbyterian Church, Santa Fe, welcoming 23 youth from 5 different churches for our annual retreat led by the Austin College ACTivators.

This June, we took 33 youth from 7 different churches, along with 8 brave adults, to Camp Loma Verde for a weeklong Mission Learning Opportunity. Not just a “mission trip,” we worked in the local community on service projects, but also took the time to meet with local environmental and native groups to learn more about the history and cultural context of the area. With churches from Farmington, Santa Fe, Las Placitas, and Albuquerque all represented, we had a great group from across the state spending quality time together, building relationships with one another and with God.

Looking forward, we are currently in the registration process for next summer’s Presbyterian Youth Triennium, where we will have the opportunity to take a big group from our presbytery! Triennium will offer yet another opportunity for the youth of our presbytery to continue to build community, not just with each other, but also with youth from across the country and world. Applications are due by November 26 so that we can finalize our group before the end of the year.

This November, we’ll once again welcome the Austin College ACTivators for our fall retreat, this time hosted by Shepherd of the Valley Presbyterian Church in Albuquerque. We look forward to another great weekend of faith and fellowship with one another!

As always, I want to make sure our presbytery youth programs are not just for youth already connected to churches, but especially for those whose churches might lack official youth programming or a youth group! Particularly for our smaller rural churches, if you have one or two youth on the periphery of your congregation, please let me know, and I’d love to include them and invite them to our Presbytery gatherings.

I remain grateful for the opportunity to do this hope-filled work, empowering our young people as leaders in their communities and churches. Please, pray for your youth workers and youth as they navigate a new world in the landscape of youth ministry.

Submitted by Luke Rembold, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator for the Presbytery of Santa Fe

## PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE YAV REPORT

Ecclesiastes tells us, “For every thing there is a season.” As we now enter year 2 of the YAV program in Albuquerque, we have the opportunity to pause and reflect on the seasons we have already seen in the life of the ABQYAV site.

A year ago we were in a season of the unknown, a month into this new and exciting experiment, our first group of YAVS having just arrived in ABQ, the culmination of a multi-year process to bring the Young Adult Volunteer program to Albuquerque. Year one was a season of showing up, of trial and error, of good intentions and failures, of the constant surprises as the Spirit showed up in ways we never imagined. Finishing year one was a season of gratitude, in awe of the support we received from churches, work placements, and members of this presbytery. And at the end of July, we entered a season of transition, as we said goodbye to the year one YAVs and prepared to start anew.

It is an exciting feeling, standing on solid ground in year two, no longer in a season of uncharted territory, but instead in a position to reflect on a year of growth ready to adjust, change, and adapt as necessary. Our new group of four YAVs bring us new gifts, ready to share their life and energy with this community in new ways we have yet to even imagine.

In a new season with a new group of YAVs, we recognize the changes that have occurred. This year we are excited to add Second Presbyterian Church of ABQ as a work placement, joining Heading Home, Hope Works, and Menaul School as one of the places our YAVs will be working over the next year. YAVs continue to meet individually with spiritual directors once a month, as well as gather on Mondays for “community day” and engage with issues around culture, poverty, and social justice in New Mexico. As always, I am happy to come and share with congregations about the work and ministry of the Albuquerque Young Adult Volunteer program. If you know a young adult or teenager that would be interested, send my information their way! And if your congregation is interested in becoming a partner congregation of the ABQYAV program, we are still looking for congregations to partner with us at \$500 per year to remain financially viable for years to come.

Please continue to pray for our YAVs, their leadership, and the communities they serve in this land of enchantment we call home.

Submitted by Luke Rembold, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, Presbytery of Santa Fe

## MISSION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

The Mission Networking Committee (MNC) has been busy facilitating events, helping fund and facilitate missionary visits, and approving grant requests.

Highlights include:

- Helped with funding and facilitation of mission coworker visitors Michael & Rachel Weller and Bernie & Farijana Adeney-Risacotta.
- Helped supplement costs for individuals to attend Pastoral Leadership Conference and Cuba Partners meeting.
- New committee member Roger Scott Powers served as link to Lutheran Advocacy Ministry for whom we allocated some financial support.
- Helped renew covenant relationship between Menaul School and the Presbytery of Santa Fe

—Helped facilitate Emily Brewer, executive director of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, to speak in several venues. She promoted our denomination’s solidarity work, “From Standing Rock to Columbia.”

—Allocated dental funds for next year’s joint mission trip to Guatemala between Camino de Vida, First & Second, ABQ.

—If you have a mission initiative that you think the MNC may fund, please contact a member of the committee for more info, or find the grant request form on the Presbytery’s website.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Woodruff

Report #AR40

### EDUCATION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

The Education Networking Committee met six times since October of 2017: November 9, January 11, March 8, May 10, July 12, and September 13.

Committee members who completed their terms of service at the end of December were Teaching Elder Laura Niles Finch and Ruling Elders Winona Poole, Marcia Ann Thornton, and Rosalie Lopez. Serving in 2018 are: Teaching Elders Judith Todd, Harry Eberts, and Ted Mattie; Ruling Elders Lou Ann Johnson, Olga Joyce, Jennifer Holmes, Vernett Safford, Tanya Blankinship, John Emerson, and Art Romero; Certified Christian Educator Libby Engdahl Whiteley; and the Presbytery’s Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Luke Rembold. Judith Todd served as Moderator in 2017 while Lou Ann Johnson and Ted Mattie shared the position in 2018.

2018 started on a somber note with the untimely death of new Committee member, Teaching Elder Rick Carus. Rick’s memorial service paid tribute to his vast experience and skills in education.

Educational events held in conjunction with Presbytery meetings included

October – Luke Rembold and our Young Adult Volunteers modeled story-telling for us and led us in small group sharing; and

February – An event held the evening before the Presbytery meeting included workshops by Jim Collie, Loyda Aja, and Kay Huggins on some of the overtures heading to General Assembly, Judith Todd on Anti-Racism resources, and David Staniunas of the Presbyterian Historical Society on “Records and Archives in the Digital Age”.

Two special events were held

1. Church Officer Training on April 14<sup>th</sup> in Peñasco was a great success. Workshops were  
Safe Church Training (Susan Keil Smith and John Sitler)  
Financial Review Training (Robert Busch)  
Session Members Training (Stephen Rhoades)  
Deacons Training (Ann and Larry Graham-Johnson)  
Exploring the Book of Confessions (Jim Brown)
2. The “When Disaster Strikes: Church Safety and Security Planning Workshop” was held at First-ABQ on September 29. In attendance were 38 participants from 18 churches. While we were listed

as co-sponsors along with the Personnel Committee and the Presbytery, we primarily provided support while the workshop was planned well by Judith Todd, Susan Keil Smith, and Sharon Yates. Highlights:

Paul Loftus of Church Mutual Insurance brought the insurance perspective  
Michele Goff (Aztec), Bobb Barnes (Santa Fe), Vernet Safford (Angel Fire) and

Paul Loftus spoke of their experiences with disasters before responding to  
questions in a panel discussion

Judith Todd gave tips on putting together a church safety manual

Workshops by Paul Loftus on “Church Building Safety” and Tim Strongin of Sandia  
PC on “In-House Safety”

Grants from the Mount Taylor Fund were made to

Rio Rancho PC for \$750 to hold Vacation Bible School with El Rito PC in Chacon and Mora  
PC

Luke Rembold of the Presbytery Staff for \$500 to support a June 3-8 Youth Mission Learning  
Opportunity at Camp Loma Verde for 31 youth and 7 adults from 6 churches

A scholarship for \$500 was awarded to Karmen Van Dyke to attend the Association of Presbyterian  
Church Educators event in Galveston, Texas, from February 6-9, 2019.

#### Upcoming

We will be providing support for the 2019 Youth Triennium to be held at Purdue University. Luke expects  
a large contingent to attend from the Presbytery of Santa Fe.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Ann Johnson and Ted Mattie, Co-Moderators

Report #AR50

COMMUNICATIONS ACTION TEAM (CAT)

[cat@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:cat@santafepresbytery.org)

*Members of CAT:* Jake Atencio, George Huggins, Roy Morgan

#### **FINANCES AND EXPENDITURES**

The remaining amount in the grant from the Mission Networking Committee (MNC) for website support  
is \$1,080.72. CAT has \$500.00 remaining in our 2018 operations budget, as all internet accounts, services and  
domains were purchased in 2017 for two years. The CAT budget request for 2019 remains at \$500 to cover the  
scheduled two-year accounts, services, and domain registrations.

#### **EMAIL GROUPS**

CAT continues to support the email groups created to support communications to and within the  
Committees, Teams, Commissions, and Staff of PSF. Some email discussion groups are used vigorously; some  
not at all. Anyone can send an email to any group. Only the members of the group will receive the email. E.g.  
an email sent to [mnc@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:mnc@santafepresbytery.org) will be delivered to the separate email addresses of MNC members.

All Committees, Teams, Commissions and Staff are reminded that any changes in your membership requiring a change in your email group should be sent to [cat@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:cat@santafepresbytery.org) for prompt changes to the membership of your email group.

### **WEBSITES**

***PSF WEBSITE*** - PSF hired a part-time staff, Claire Lewis, on August 27, 2018, to support and maintain the PSF website and to help with other social media of the PSF. Claire's initial focus is to update PSF officers and staff, and to meet with committees, commissions, and teams to determine their needs. You can contact Claire at [communications@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:communications@santafepresbytery.org)

***CONGREGATIONAL WEBSITES*** – CAT has suspended individual congregations' website development and is planning to create one page on the PSF website to contain basic information on the remaining congregations which we believe has no website. If your church has no website and wants one, there is grant money from MNC to cover two years of website hosting and domain registration for any of the small churches in the PSF. Please contact the CAT at [cat@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:cat@santafepresbytery.org)

### **Sony Alpha ILCE-6000L/B a6000 Digital Camera**

Management of this camera, purchased in late 2017, has been transferred to the communications assistant, Claire Lewis. If you have need of it, please contact Claire at [communications@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:communications@santafepresbytery.org)

Smile! You could be on camera, right now!

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

George T. Huggins, CAT Chair

Report #AR60

### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & PROPERTY**

According to the Standing Rules, in order to let Finance & Property report on the full financial year, their annual report will be brought to the February Presbytery meeting.

Report #AR70

### **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

The Personnel Committee has met monthly to consider job descriptions and review each of the consultant staff as well as recommend new hires. Reviews with Bill Humphreys (COM Consultant), Stephen Rhoades (Stated Clerk), Takako Terino (Chaplain), Luke Rembold (PSF Youth Coordinator), Christin Moreland (Administrative Assistant) and Chad Poole (Financial assistant) were held one at each of our monthly meetings this past year. Judith Todd and Susan Keil Smith met with Sharon Yates (Administrator) regularly to support and assess where further support would be necessary. Claire Lewis was hired to begin in August, 2018, to work with CAT and further develop the website and support committee contributions to it.

The committee has scheduled its monthly meets for the 2018-19 year with annual reviews to take place at those times.

Committee members include: Randy Campbell, Nelson Capitan, Jan Micali, Toby Montoya, Judith Todd and Susan Keil Smith (chair).

On behalf of the committee, I express gratitude to all those who are working so diligently to further the mission of Christ in the world as we accept specific responsibilities to contribute our time and talents. Special thanks to the members of the committee who have worked together to support the persons named above who are in those "called" roles.

Report submitted by Susan Keil Smith

Report #AR80

### WORSHIP NETWORKING COMMITTEE

The Worship Networking Committee members included: Stephen Daniels, Lisa Easterling, Bill Franke, Lynn Gatewood, Karyl Lyne, Jeff Pearson, Shirley Sandoval, Ruth Silva-Hernandez, Kathy Westmoreland

Highlights of our year:

Most of our energies were spent in planning worship services for the Presbytery meetings at Ghost Ranch in October, 2017; at Coventry Presbyterian in Albuquerque in February, 2018; and at Penasco's Immanuel Presbyterian Church in July, 2018. We are also encouraging worship leaders in our presbytery to post pictures of sanctuary transformations/decorations designed to add visual energy to seasonal worship themes on the Presbytery website. This sharing of images can encourage creativity and enrich the worship of all our churches.

At the Ghost Ranch meeting we used fresh flowers in the necrology service naming deceased members of the Presbytery as members from the home congregations of the deceased placed a flower in vases on the Communion Table. People really liked this practice. Also, the music for this meeting was provided by David Poole in the paperless music tradition; that is he led/taught the music with his voice and guitar and we sang joyously, unburdened by having to read words or music or juggle written music.

For the Presbytery meeting worship at Coventry in February, we were treated to the beginning of the Belhar Confession portion of a banner service created by members of Coventry who have created banners for all of the confessions, which hang on the walls of their sanctuary. This was very poignant because the Belhar Confession has been adopted as the 10th confession of the Presbyterian Church USA. This confession, which originated in South Africa, is at the heart of the discussion of privilege and disenfranchisement, the theme of this year's Presbytery meetings. Rev. Anna Taylor Swearingen delivered a sermon on privilege or the lack thereof.

For the Presbytery meeting worship in Penasco, we welcomed The Rev. Martha Sadongei (Kiowa/Tohono O'odham), a graduate of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary from Arizona, who preached on God's creation of humankind with all of the ethnicities, and God saw that they were good, as should we.

Below please find the results of the worship survey conducted and compiled by WNC in 2017:

#### Worship Survey

It was difficult to try to extract some data from this Survey since not all the questions were answered by the participants and not all the participants had or knew the answers to the questions asked.

Based on the number of emails and number of answers to particular questions (with a lot of answers), we assume about 43 churches answered at least some questions on the Survey.

**Based on the answers on this Survey we can classify most churches in 3 distinct groups:**

1. Churches with Pastor, have a lay liturgist or reader in addition to the pastor, Worship Committee, Music Director or some professional music staff (pianist/organist), choir, bell choir, instrumentalists, etc.

*Worship planning:* In most of these churches, planning is done by Worship Committee with Pastor at least 1 month in advanced. Special attention to Seasons (Advent, Lent) some planned a year in advanced. Follow Lectionary. Music may be planned by Music Director, months in advanced.

*Training of lay leaders* (liturgists, others leading)-May be offered regularly and systematically.

*Concerning the visual environment in our sanctuary-* are fluid, changing colors and symbols with the season.

(About 8 fall in this category)

2. Churches that have some Pastoral resource, may have a lay liturgist or reader or may spread the lay leadership broadly among the congregation. May have choir but not all read music and may or may not have pianist or organist. May have individual instrumentalists. Youth and/or children may participate as leaders.

*Worship planning:* Pastor meets with music director or liturgist to plan worship including music (usually a month or a week in advanced). May follow Lectionary and special attention to Seasons of the Church year, (Advent and Lent months in advanced) Pastor and Music Staff fine tune week before, might use Presbyterian Planning Calendar.

*Training of lay leaders* (liturgists, others leading)- Offered occasionally, as need dictates

*Concerning the visual environment in our sanctuary-* use banners, colors and symbols but do not change them much.

(about 8 fall in this category)

3. Small churches that lack full time pastoral resource, non to little musical resources nor leaders. Don't have any musicians in congregation.

*Worship planning:* Pastoral resource or Presbyter might prepare service.

*Training of lay leaders* (liturgists, others leading)- never, don't have any

*Concerning the visual environment in our sanctuary-*have little or nothing in the way of visual enhancements.

*No children or youth participation.* (about 3)

## **The Experience of Worship**

*Communion:* Some churches celebrate communion (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month); others 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. (1) Once a month Wednesday Communion.

Main language of your worship-

English (40)

Bilingual Services (English and Spanish) (3)

Use of other languages during Worship:

Spanish (30)

Korean (3)

German (2)

Chinese (1)

Hebrew (1)

Native American (1)

Navajo (1)

Use of other languages:

On Pentecost (3)

Lord's prayer & Apostle's Creed every Sunday (3)

Scripture reading (3)

During Communion (2)

Parts of the liturgy read in other language (2)

Prayers and Litanies (4)

Hymns (10)

Spanish one Sunday a month (1)

Sermon (1)

When joint services (1 Navajo, 1 Native American, 1 Korean)

When we have Spanish speakers visiting (1)

On rare occasions use other languages (2)

**In addition to how different each church celebrates the Lord's Day on Sundays, it is interesting to see what else they do:**

Examples provided in the Survey:

Prayer service;

Morning prayer groups;

Advent and Lent special services

Homecoming service;

Earth Sabbath and other care observances

Choral Cantatas

Guest musicians (solo, ensembles)

Jazz Service

Mission

Ecumenical Services in the community

Corporate prayer service

Volunteer appreciation Sunday

Worship led by youth and women

Humor Sunday

TGIF Worship

**The Music of Worship**

Most churches answered that they use hymns in a language other than English.

Limited use of "global" song, either in original language, or in translation.

Only two churches answered that they use Praise songs.

Although each church has different musical resources, based on the answers provided we can classify most in the following groups:

1. Churches that need pianist or organist; don't have a leading voice for hymns or songs; no chorus; Say need change (6)
2. Churches that have some musical resources but are interested in recorded accompaniment (to help pianist with complex accompaniments) and or cyber resources for vocal tracks for non-music readers in chorus; better sound equipment. (6)
3. Churches that have some musical resources and are not interested in recorded accompaniment and or cyber resources for vocal tracks or other technological equipment. (4)
4. Churches that are blessed with professional musicians and don't think they need anything else. (5)

There is no consensus in terms of use of technology:

Some churches see a need to use technology to enhance their Worship experience. (6)

Some want to download additional resources such as Praise songs and instrumental tracks. (3)

Some feel live music is preferred and don't want technology. (2)

Some don't want the use of Praise songs during worship. (2)

Some use of overhead projection of music or lyrics (2)

Everything is in the bulletin (no separate music resources) (2)

Already use technology with recorded tracks (3)

Musical resources used:

Glory to God (Red Presbyterian) (14)

Glory to God (purple) (3)

Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue) (11)

Presbyterian Hymnal (latest versions) (6)

El Himnario (4)

Sing the Faith (3)

Use recorded vocal tracks and downloaded accompaniments.(3)

Recorded hymns from the hymnal (2)

Others: 1955 Hymn book; *Web sources-smallchurch.com and CCLI*; Christian Praise Hymnal-1991 Baptist Hymnal); sheet music of praise songs.

### **Other Expressions in Worship**

Other forms of expression used:

Dramas (1)

Puppet performances (1)

Other use of technology in worship services:

Overhead projection of readings and all parts of service (lyrics, etc.) (2)

Recordings of Sermons and put on church webpage. (1)

Videos and online resources (2)

We all have different ways of planning, committee structures, liturgical and musical resources, and challenges. Some churches have great leadership, others can't engage the congregation. Larger churches tend to be more active in terms of visual environment in the sanctuary than the smaller congregations. Only a few churches mentioned incorporating children and youth in worship services.

**Common problems:**

How to engage youth

Some people in the congregation want traditional hymns, others want more praise songs.

Small churches lack resources (liturgical and musical resources)

Some feel the use of technology enhances the worship experience, others feel it distracts from the message.

It is hard to recommend types of workshops to offer since the differences and experiences are so unique to each church, but having said that:

I feel that if we group the churches in those 3 distinct groups (larger with resources and established liturgist; churches with some resources but still lacking in music and liturgical resources; and the small churches with lack of resources and leadership, we will find similar grounds to begin work.

**For example:**

Larger churches might want workshops to train readers and the worship committees as to better planning strategies and new ideas for worship; new technological resources for the chorus, funding sources for commissions of musical works, additional Spanish musical and liturgical resources, copyright issues and licensing, etc.

Churches with some resources might all be interested in finding out about musical resources in New Mexico; additional online resources, training of youth to lead worship, new ideas to enhance worship, where to get better sound system, etc.

Blessings to all,

Kathy Westmoreland

Karyl Lyne

Co-Chairs, WNC