

Presbytery of Santa Fe, Mission Networking Committee Report, June 2017

### **International Missioners**

Elmarie and Scott Parker, missioners in Lebanon, will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, Friday evening, August 18 at 7 p.m. A dessert reception will accompany their talk.

MNC is pleased to announce that Nora Carmi, International Peacemaker from Palestine, will visit the Presbytery of Santa Fe, September 26-October 3 (these dates are subject to some flexibility pending PC(USA) itineration. If your church is interested in hosting Nora, please contact Martia Glass at [martia.glass@yahoo.com](mailto:martia.glass@yahoo.com) or Susan Smith at [susankeil1246@gmail.com](mailto:susankeil1246@gmail.com)

Tentative plans to host Al and Ellen Smith, missionaries who serve the Roma people in Russia, are pending but promising. More information to follow.

### **Cuba Work Group**

The Reverend Ofelia Ortega from Cuba, will be in the presbytery from June 26-July 2. She will be preaching at Westminster in Santa Fe on July 2, and then will speak at La Vida Llena at 7 p.m.

Cuba partners trip is planned for November 8-16. Trip applications are due by August 1. Cost of the trip is approximately \$2200 (pending airfares). Churches with partners in Cuba are encouraged to participate.

Cuba Special Offering goal is \$15,000. Funds collected will support the synod of Cuba, the seminary in Matanzas and partner churches, as designated by partners.

Susan Smith will attend the Cuba Partners Network meeting in Houston in September, representing the presbytery partnership. Three others will attend representing other partners in the presbytery.

### **Anti-racism training follow-up**

Mission Networking Committee looks forward to further dialogue at future PSF meetings and continuing heightened awareness of our individual responses to this awareness.

### **Networking**

The committee continues to encourage networking between and among churches. Please let us know of joint mission efforts as well as mission opportunities to work together. Some examples of those connections this summer include the Jicarita Cluster, Rio Rancho VBS with Mora/Chacon, First, Second and Camino de Vida in Albuquerque mission trip to Guatemala.

### **MNC support**

The committee has voted to support the International Peacemaker, Cuba Partners Network and meeting registration as well as additional missionary visits.