

**A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY – NEW MEXICO
AND THE PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE**

The Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – New Mexico (herein LAM-NM) advocates for justice in public policy with a particular emphasis on alleviating poverty and hunger, by speaking with and for those with little or no political power and supporting ELCA members, congregations and ecumenical partners in the ministry of advocacy.

The Presbytery of Santa Fe of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (herein PSF) is a community of congregations engaged by the Triune God in worship, education, and mission, both as congregations and as relational networks. Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in its fullness includes advocacy for the underserved. LAM-NM and PSF enter into this Memorandum of Understanding to define the relationship between the PSF and LAM-NM.

Lutheran Advocacy Ministry - New Mexico

1. LAM-NM's "Statement of Working Relationships" [Article V, Section 2(E)] provides for advisory members to be appointed to the LAM-NM Policy Committee.
2. LAM-NM will provide travel and housing to the advisory member from PSF the same as any other Policy Committee member.
3. LAM-NM agrees to provide to the PSF an annual report in October of each year. This annual report shall provide the organization's activities and financial status for that calendar year.

The Presbytery of Santa Fe

1. PSF will encourage its churches and members to join in the mission of supporting LAM-NM.
2. PSF through its Mission Networking Committee will study the annual Advocacy Agenda of LAM-NM and disseminate it to its congregations, so that the congregations may be informed and may support the legislation in New Mexico that would further these goals.
3. The Committee on Representation and Participation shall nominate, and PSF shall elect, a person for appointment as an advisory member to the LAM-NM Policy Committee to represent PSF. That person shall serve for one year with eligibility to continue in that capacity for up to three years.
4. The representative of PSF will have access to the PSF office and staff, and may attend the Mission Networking Committee meetings in order to disseminate information to PSF congregations.
5. PSF will send to LAM-NM each year a reminder that the annual report is due.

 Date 9-24-17
Lutheran Advocacy Ministry – New Mexico

Date _____
Presbytery of Santa Fe