

# PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE

## 2019 ANNUAL REPORTS TO PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE

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## ACTING MODERATOR REPORT, SETH FINCH

As you know, this has not been a typical year for me as your “acting” moderator—or as we joked at the June Meeting—moderatorish. I have assumed the role of acting moderator with a heavy heart for Jane and Charlie Stringfellow, as health concerns required Jane to cut short her tenure as moderator. Though they are both doing better, I urge you to continue prayers for Charlie and Jane. Jane set out a goal guided by the words of Isaiah 60, “Arise! Shine! For your light has come.” Throughout the year, we have been shining a light on some of the ministries that our various congregations have been carrying out, as well as highlighting the ways in which our networking committees have been connecting our churches in ministry together. The lasting legacy of this will be seen in the way that reports from the networking committees at presbytery meetings will continue to highlight the work of our local congregations.

Much of my work has revolved around making sure we had good people in positions to support the work of the presbytery. I have appointed leaders to a taskforce to support Camino de Vida, an administrative commission for Raton, and at the October meeting a taskforce to Review the Presbytery design. All of these teams have been hard at work ensuring that our churches have the support they need to do their mission across our presbytery.

I have been deeply honored to be a part of three pastoral installations, for Drew Henry, Deb Worley and Ginna Bairby. It is so exciting to be a part of recognizing the beginning of new chapters for our congregations, as well as to recognize the work of the Spirit in calling these people to this time and place.

Finally, I am deeply excited for the coming year. We will again be drawing upon the words of the prophet Isaiah to guide our journey together in 2020. Isaiah 11:1-9 is a scripture of great depth and breadth. It begins with a reminder of our roots “A shoot will come from the stump of Jesse...” and gives us a vision of the world turned upside down in the peaceable kingdom, “The wolf will live with the lamb...they won’t harm or destroy anywhere on my holy mountain.” These exciting words speak to us of the call that is renewed with each generation to serve the world as God’s people, and that when we do, things end up looking very differently.

So that is what we are going to do next year, do things very differently! An improv worship service, an anti-presbytery meeting and some practice in getting wolves and lambs to lie down together and talk. Or course, I don’t want to give too much away. Just know that 2020 promises to be a year where many things are turned upside down in hopes of practicing for the promised peace of God in our world.

I look forward to serving you next year as we remove ‘acting’ from my title and move from moderatorish to moderator.

Grace and Peace,

Rev. Seth Finch

## STATED CLERK REPORT, STEPHEN RHOADES

Welcome to gorgeous Ghost Ranch and to our 2019 annual meeting. It does not seem possible but my initial three year term has come to its conclusion. I was elected at a presbytery meeting at White Rock Presbyterian Church in July 2016 and started work officially in August. It has been a fast three years.

Looking back over these three years, I realized that we have been essentially working with our new leadership model for a little over 3 years. The Moderator will be appointing a Review of Presbytery Design Taskforce to see what we are doing well, what we can improve and how we can adjust our leadership model to be more optimum. You will have the opportunity to talk with this new Taskforce on Sunday morning to provide your ideas, suggestions and questions.

One of the challenges we faced this year was a change in Presbytery leadership as well as Presbytery staffing this past year. Our Moderator, Jane Stringfellow, took the proper course of action to resign as moderator and care for her husband. This required a shift in responsibilities, changes to the Standing Rules and acceleration of the Moderator-Elect, Rev. Seth Finch to the Acting Moderator position mid-year. Others also volunteered to fill in: RE Nelson Capitan agreed to take over as Vice Moderator and chairing the Coordinating Team and RE Elizabeth Morgan agreed to add her experience as Past Moderator to the Leadership Team. I thank them for their willingness to serve the Presbytery (again) and fill these critical leadership positions.

Furthermore, our long-standing Presbytery administrator and associate stated clerk, Sharon Yates left the presbytery staff to join the staff of the Synod of the Southwest. Our administrative assistant, Christen Moreland left in late summer to start her call to attend seminary. With the loss of these two supporting staff to my position as Stated Clerk, we started two job searches and they have now both been filled. Our new administrator and associate stated clerk is Tiffany Lo-Finch who started in September and our new administrative assistant is Marie Elena Miller who started in August. These two positions are critical to my ability to fulfill my responsibilities as Stated Clerk.

I continue to be extremely grateful for all of the different Clerks of Session of the various congregations of the presbytery that perform their roles and duties so diligently and enabling us in the Presbytery staff to provide the necessary information and data to the national church. Thank you, one and all.

It continues to be my honor to serve as Stated Clerk for the Presbytery of Santa Fe for another year – the 151<sup>st</sup> year of a presbytery in New Mexico and Arizona. I continue to thoroughly enjoy the many varied aspects of my job and the opportunity to work with many of you in common ministry within the presbytery.

As Stated Clerk, I have duties and responsibilities that are quite varied and diverse, especially for a part-time position. I have various responsibilities under G-3.0104 of the Book of Order. I also have unique duties and responsibilities under our leadership model, in addition to the duties listed in the Book of Order. Under our leadership model, I am an ex-officio staff representative to the Leadership Team, which meets usually 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.

This year, I was elected to the Board of Trustees of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and look forward to serving seminary education and the national church in that role. I also continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) 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

Presbytery of Santa Fe

October 14, 2019

## COORDINATING TEAM

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 (Ken Cuthbertson-acting), Finance and Property Committee (Kathy Rhoades), Communication Advisory Team (George Huggins), Worship Networking Committee (Stephen Daniels), Education Networking Committee (Lou Ann Johnson/Tanya Blankenship), Mission Networking Committee (Roger Scott Powers/Lorelei Kay), 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 Moderators (Elizabeth Morgan and Bryan Beck), Moderator (Seth Finch), Stated Clerk (Stephen Rhoades), Administrator (Tiffany Lo-Finch), and CT Chair (Nelson Capitan).

CT proposes to address the Presbytery of Santa Fe design as needed via a design task force, which will assess how our design is meeting our needs. This task force will provide an in-depth look and create solutions for moving forward in our presbytery with what we are currently using including our Bylaws and Standing Rules. We will form this design task force by our October presbytery meeting and have this task force work and report back to us in 2020.

We continue to address and discuss the presbytery's use of the Zia symbol in light of what we learned from the Doctrine of Discovery. This means we will meet with the Zia Pueblo as soon as we can and report back to the Presbytery.

### ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF PRESBYTERY

- 1) CT APPROVED the concept of a Peacemaking Travel Study Seminar to the Southwest and encourages MNC to move forward in their planning. "Native lands of the Southwest."
- 2) CT APPROVED serving communion at the June and October 2019 and February 2020 presbytery meetings.
- 3) CT directed the Moderator to appoint two Administrative Commissions in reference to First Presbyterian Church in Raton and Camino de Vida in consultation with the Stated Clerk under the authority of G-3.0109b.
- 4) ADDED the following to the Rules of Decorum: Any docket time allocated to a presbytery entity should not be used for fundraising purposes, capital or otherwise, unless approved by CT prior to that presbytery meeting.
- 5) APPROVED referring the amendment to the Standing Rules (Stated Clerk's Report) to the Presbytery and waiving the second reading of the amendment to the Standing Rules.  
Per Standing Rules (lines 769-771):  
Unless the Coordinating Team deems otherwise, all proposed amendments shall be presented to the Presbytery in writing as new business for a first reading, and shall then be voted upon at the subsequent meeting.

- 6) APPROVED a Presbyterian Mission Agency Restricted Grant Application from White Rock, and GRANTED authority to the Stated Clerk to sign it and send it on to the Synod.
- 7) APPROVED Pastor David Whiteley request to attend a conference as a part of the New Beginnings program. F&P approved \$1400 from the Mt.Taylor fund that is specifically designated for New Beginnings.

In peace.

Submitted by Nelson Capitan, CT Moderator of the Presbytery of Santa Fe

## COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

Gay Viet, CP – chair (stepped aside in June following her retirement and move to AZ)

Ken Cuthbertson, MWS – chair (temporary, since June)

Members: Marjorie Austin (RE), Malissa Haslam (RE), Ruth Montoya (RE), Sandy Bell (RE – partial year), Matthew Miller (MWS), Clara Storms (RE), Siobhan Croto (RE), Kris Jones (RE), Anna Medendorp (RE), Guillermo Yela (MWS)

Sharon Yates – staff, ex-officio

CPM has met on an “as-needed” basis several times during the year.

Currently we have two candidates and one inquirer under our care:

Daniel Williams (candidate) – Matthew Miller, liaison

Patrick Kiptum (candidate) – Malissa Haslam, liaison

Christin Moreland (inquirer) – Ken Cuthbertson, liaison

At its June meeting the Presbytery of Santa Fe voted unanimously to permit CPM to provide an alternate means of examination for candidate Patrick Kiptum in biblical exegesis. Patrick has provided the requested written materials, and his oral examination will be conducted on October 17, and reported to the presbytery. The examining task force consists of Ken Cuthbertson, Matthew Miller, Malissa Haslam, and Dr. Judith Todd (MWS).

There are currently no candidates for Commissioned Pastor (also called Commissioned Ruling Elder) in the preparation process. There have been discussions with the Jicarita Cluster about working together with CPM to co-sponsor training for CP candidates.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kenneth Cuthbertson*, MWS, - CPM Chair (temporary)

## COMMISSION ON MINISTRY

The Commission on Ministry (COM) of 2019 was comprised of Bryan Beck, Jim Brown, Rob Craig, Stephen Daniels, Robyn Kleinschmidt, Judith Mead, Beth Miller, Linda Wilson, Ann Graham-Johnson, Richard Safford, John Sitler, Kay Huggins, Susan Quass, Catherine Robinson, Beverly Wilkins and Frank Yates, with members Judy Belvin and David Elton serving as co-moderators. Robyn Kleinschmidt resigned mid-year, anticipating a geographic move, and Stephen Daniels resigned following the September meeting for health reasons. The work of COM was supported by Bill Humphreys, COM consultant, and Sharon Yates in the Presbytery office. COM is grateful for 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. 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 the 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 about 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 congregation between triennial visits.

The Small Church Initiative had provided an opportunity for various members of smaller, rural churches to meet together to discuss common dreams, goals and challenges, and met quarterly hosted by one of the churches. During 2019, this initiative seemed to have served its purposes and COM recognized its closing.

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 at the Presbytery office throughout the year except for the month of July 2019. 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 needing care, and lifting up joys and concerns of the clergy and ruling elders of the Presbytery.

Toward the end of 2018, COM adopted a revised Terms of Call form, hoping to better illustrate what does and doesn't go into the annual effective salary! Throughout the year, COM emphasized the minimum terms for vacation, as four weeks, and for continuing education, as two weeks, and the

minimum requirement that unused funds and time for continuing education may accrue for up to three years.

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

## COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION

TO: All Ministers, Elder Commissioners and Clerks of Session

From: The Members of the Committee on Representation and Participation (CORP):

TE Trey Hammond, TE Stephanie Kremmel, RE LouAnn Johnson, TE Ginna Bairby, TE Jeff Finch, RE Tim Strongin, TE Randy Campbell, RE Maribeth Culpepper, and RE Ruth Montoya, Committee Chair.

Personal Comments: Words of appreciation to a dedicated and hard-working committee who, from our first meeting in January of this year, began assessing the number of vacancies occurring at the end of the year and determining the scope of the work ahead. We are fortunate that our Presbytery Office is able to facilitate electronic meeting capability thereby enabling our out-of-town and those employed full-time committee members to participate via “Go-To-Meeting” whenever necessary.

Throughout the past months, we worked to identify and contact potential candidates to assure that the vacancies on all nine committees and commissions were filled on time to be elected at the Annual Meeting – ever keeping our Mission before us: To assure that the Presbytery is served by the best and widest representation possible, while encouraging participation in the ministry, mission and work of the Presbytery.”

The CORP is grateful to those of you who submitted names of individuals from your congregations and thanks to all of you who have stepped forward to say “YES” to the call to serve – be it for the first time or to continue on for an additional term or two.

Submitted by Ruth Montoya, Chair

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE

**Coordinating Team Members:** Nancy Thomas, First Albuquerque, Co-Moderator; Martha Lane, Covenant, Albuquerque, Co-Moderator and Membership; Jane Moses, First Albuquerque, Co-Moderator and Menaul School Representative; Lola Blackwell, Covenant, Albuquerque, Secretary and Past Moderator; June DeFore, Rio Rancho Presbyterian, Rio Rancho, Treasurer; Edith Waugh Feliciano, St. Andrew, Albuquerque, Church Women United Representative; Susan Smith, First Albuquerque, Synod Treasurer

**February 27, 2019: PWPCT Meeting:** The main business was planning the Spring Gathering. Reports were received from Menaul School (Jane) and Church Women United (Edith). June gave the treasurers report and a committee to be to review the financials was appointed. Martha reported on her work with our contact list, and members of the CT will contact their assigned churches to secure names for the lists. We discussed possibilities for additional leadership for our Coordinating Team.

**April 27, 2019 Spring Gathering:** The theme of the PW Presbytery of Santa Fe Gathering at First Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque, was “Our Identity in Christ Unites Us and Provides the Firmest of Foundations.” It was inspired by a quote in Presbyterian News from Jyung In Lee, our Churchwide Moderator. Rev. Takako Terino, Menaul School Chaplain, inspired the 32 women in attendance with insights into her own life experiences, affirming the ways we ARE united in Christ and tying the theme to her work at Menaul School. Laura Hille, International Admissions at Menaul School, shared her story of how she came to Menaul School and informed us about her role in the extensive international engagement of Menaul as a “World Smart” school with students from throughout the world. Melanie Davis, Advancement Director, gave us context for the school’s history and its changing role in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

An introduction to “Love Carved in stone,” the 2019 PW Bible Study on the 10 Commandments, was provided by Libby Whiteley, Director of Christian Education at First, Albuquerque. The Godly Play curriculum story of “The Ten Best Ways” was told by Libby and her Godly Play teachers in the 3 Godly Play rooms as a context in which to begin “wondering” about the study. Libby and Susan Smith also shared their experiences in introducing the Godly Play curriculum to Christian educators in Cuba in November 2018.

Recipients of the 2019 PW PCUSA Birthday Offering grants were recognized and \$451.00 was collected and blessed to benefit those allocations. The offering was celebrated with a birthday cake during lunch.

Least Coin was collected, the PW necrology was read, and attention was called to the “Together in Service” opportunities offered by PW PCUSA. Registration forms for the Synod of the Southwest PW Triennial Retreat on October 4-6, 2019, in Tucson, AZ were distributed. Participants were informed about the theme and relayed information about the presenters.

### **August 29, 2019 PWPCT Meeting, 1:00 p.m. at First Albuquerque**

The CT reviewed information about the Synod Triennial Retreat at Redemptorist Retreat Center in Tucson, Arizona, on **October 4-6, 2019** (see report below), where Susan Smith is slated to be elected and

installed as Moderator-elect for PW of the Synod of the Southwest. Susan Smith, Nancy Thomas, and Lola Blackwell will attend from the CT. Nancy will set up a display on the Global Exchange to Indonesia in September 2017 with Peggy Free from Arizona who also participated in the exchange.

The CT decided that we would NOT have a Presbytery PW Gathering in the fall. **Instead a Women's Retreat/Gathering is planned for February 1, 2020. The program for and location of this event are to be determined.** Susan Smith, Nancy Thomas and Lola Blackwell will be alert to possibilities to bring back input from the Synod Retreat to our Presbytery since we will have scant participation in Tucson. It was noted that several notices about the Synod event with registration form were sent out in the Presbytery newsletter, *Nuevo Noticias* and by Martha to our contact list. CT members also reminded their assigned churches.

The CT also addressed:

- Possible Presbytery-level Together in Service Projects (i.e., letter writing to incarcerated asylees, hosting Menaul foreign students at holidays, etc.)
- Recognition of the level of support and involvement by Presbyterian Women in a wide range of missions projects in their congregations throughout the Presbytery
- Suggestions for ways to support Martha as she continues to create a comprehensive Presbyterian Women contact list for ALL the congregations in the Presbytery
- Recruitment of PWCT leadership required to carry our PW work forward
- Distribution by Lola of 2007 By-laws for PW in the Presbytery of Santa Fe and her agreement to propose revisions at the next CT meeting
- Reports from treasurer, Menaul School, and Church Women United
- Desire to determine which congregations are scheduling the PW Horizon's Bible Study for this year: "Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments" by Eugenia Ann Gamble

**October 3-6, 2019, Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women of the Synod of the Southwest, Redemptorist Renewal Center, Tucson, AZ. Theme: Gifts of the Spirit: Love and Service Building Bridges of Understanding**

Participants were informed, inspired, and called to respond to this theme through powerfully insightful presentations by:

- Joy Durrant, Vice Moderator for Peace and Justice PW of PCUSA on "Presbyterian Women Living Justice and Peace in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century"
- Panel Discussion: "Creating Understanding through a PW Discussion: What Is the Holy Spirit Telling the Church?" with
  - Rev. Leslie Vogel, Regional Liaison for Guatemala & Mexico, PCUSA
  - Rev. Elizabeth Smith, Development & Communications Coordinator Casa Mariposa Detention Visitation Program
  - Donna Bradley, Native American Representative, PW Synod SWCT
- Conrad Rocha, Synod Stated Clerk/Executive Elder: "Doctrine of Discovery: Removing the 15<sup>th</sup> Century Lenses"
- Rev. Leslie Vogel "Bringing Presbyterian Women Together in Love and Service"

Susan Smith, First Albuquerque, was elected and installed as Moderator Elect of PW of the Synod of the Southwest.

Workshops: The plenary speakers listed above also offered opportunities to continue the conversations from their presentations. Carol Main shared about her USA Mission Experience in the Finger Lakes region of NY in July 2019, “Standing on the Shoulders of Empowered Women” Marsha Ashton provided a reflective opportunity, “My Heart Story,” and the Joyful Spirits offered hands on Orff music opportunity. Valley Presbyterian Church in Tucson provided the music. There were about 90 women in attendance. The gathering was greatly enhanced by a strong presence from Native American congregations.

The Triennium included a business meeting of the PW Synod Coordinating Team meeting on **October 3** to receive reports from: the moderator; the three presbyteries; the treasurer; the representative to the Churchwide organization (including giving from the various Synod presbyteries to the work of the national organization—see below for Santa Fe PW giving); chairs of the various Synod committees. The CT also made final preparations for the retreat.

**November 13, 2019, at 11:00 at First Albuquerque:** Next Presbytery PWCT Meeting

**February 1, 2020:** Presbyterian Women of Presbytery of Santa Fe: Retreat/Gathering with a time and place and program details to be determined. Save the Date sent to contact list and placed in Nuevo Noticias, the Presbytery newsletter.

#### **OTHER NOTES:**

The PW of the Presbytery is actively engaged in a search for women to join in the important work of PW at the presbytery level. Efforts are being made to secure a contact for each congregation in the Presbytery for our Presbyterian Women’s work and news.

The PW of the Presbytery has provided endorsements for two Birthday Offering and one Thank Offering grant applications this year.

Lola Blackwell (Covenant, Albuquerque), Susan Smith (First Albuquerque), and Sheila Malmo (Rio Rancho) have provided Presbyterian Disaster Preparedness training for more than half of the congregations in Santa Fe Presbytery as part of a three-year agreement with Presbyterian Women of the PCUSA following a training by PCUSA PDA trainers in October of 2016.

**REPORT ON GIVING TO PW PCUSA FROM PW OF PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE:** ALL GIVING: \$10,790; MISSION: \$ 4,040; THANK OFFERING: \$3,169; BIRTHDAY OFFERING: \$2,181; MEMORIALS: \$1,000; LEAST COIN \$99.77; TOGETHER IN SERVICE: \$300

Nancy Thomas, Co-Moderator, PW of Presbytery of Santa Fe

## CUBA WORK GROUP

Members of the Cuba Work Group for 2018-19 included: Tony Aja (Jicarita Cluster), Bryan Beck (Shepherd of the Valley 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 will take place October 22-30, 2019 and will include two persons from Shepherd of the Valley to San Nicolas de Bari; two persons to Sabanilla; four persons from FPC Santa Fe to Sagua la Grande and three persons to Caibarien and Placetas. The group will spend days at the beginning and end of our time in Cuba at Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada in Luyano, a neighborhood in Havana.

Additionally, three persons traveled to Cuba in November, 2018, to demonstrate Godly Play, a Montessori based Sunday School curriculum. Almost all of the churches in Matanzas presbytery were represented during the time together. We took materials to leave with the churches and will follow up with further materials and visits as requested.

Bryan and Jancie Beck and Susan Keil Smith represented the Presbytery of Santa Fe partnerships at the Cuba Partners Network meeting held in New Orleans in July, 2019. It has become increasingly evident that our visits are most important to show solidarity with the people.

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/Westminster, Santa Fe with Placetas; Second PC (ABQ) with Central PC in Matanzas.

The Cuba Special Offering goal for 2020 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 2019 total was approximately \$18,000, and will be delivered during this October trip.

The Goals of the Cuba Work Group for 2019-20 include: expansion/strengthening of partnerships. the Cuba Special Offering and a particular focus on advocacy. If you are interested in learning more about the advocacy efforts, please contact Susan Keil Smith at [susankeil1246@gmail.com](mailto:susankeil1246@gmail.com).

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

## LUTHERAN ADVOCACY MINISTRY-NM



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*Lutheran Advocacy Ministry-NM 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.*

October, 2019

***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 2019 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

## Summary of 2019 Legislation relating to our Advocacy Agenda

### **Affordable Housing & Homelessness:**

**SB212** (Sen. Nancy Rodriguez) requested \$10 million for the State Housing Trust Fund which provides funding for affordable housing projects in our state.

**✓\$2 million for the State Housing Trust Fund was appropriated.**

### **Family-Sustaining Income:**

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

**HJR1 passed the House Floor by a vote of 41-27 and was tabled in the Senate Rules Committee.**

**HB31** (Rep. Miguel Garcia) proposed to raise the state minimum wage incrementally: to \$10 on July 1, 2019; to \$11 on July 1, 2020; to \$12 on July 1, 2021 and then it would be indexed to the cost of living. HB31 passed the Senate Public Affairs Committee and was tabled in the Senate Corporations Committee. The Senate passed SB437 to increase the minimum wage by lesser amounts without indexing.

**✓A conference committee and the Governor worked out a compromise for SB437 that passed both the House & Senate and was signed into law by the Governor. The final version of SB437 increases the state minimum wage to \$9 on January 1, 2020; \$10.50 on January 1, 2021; \$11.50 on January 1, 2022; and to \$12 on January 1, 2023 with no indexing to inflation. There are also small increases to the tipped wage credit. Increasing the minimum wage to \$12 is a victory for low wage workers across our state.**

**SB85** (Sen. Liz Stefanics & Rep. Christine Trujillo) removes the exemptions for domestic workers that are now included in the state labor laws. This means that domestic service workers would have the same protections under law that other workers have.

**✓SB85 passed the Senate & House and was signed into law by the Governor.**

**HB150** (Rep. Georgene Louis) amends the Small Loan Act & the Bank Installment Loan Act and makes the provisions about fees and language more consistent; requires sufficient reporting to the Financial Institutions Division to enforce consumer protections; and clarifies borrower rights when a lender renews a loan.

**✓HB150 passed the House & Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.**

## Health Care:

LAM-NM advocates that the state Medicaid program be fully funded. \$61 million was the amount projected by the Human Services Department to fully fund Medicaid for the upcoming state fiscal year.

✓**HB2, as enacted into law, includes about \$52 million for Medicaid.**

**HB68** (Rep. Liz Thomson) requested an appropriation of \$25 million to be used to address the DD (Developmental Disabilities) Waiver waiting list. This program provides much-needed services for people with developmental disabilities.

✓**HB2, as enacted into law, includes \$7.5 million for the DD Waiver waiting list.**

**HB416** (Rep. Deborah Armstrong, Rep. Brian Egolf & Rep. Nathan Small) and **SB405** (Sen. Jerry Ortiz y Pino & Sen. Jacob Candelaria) sought to establish a state Medicaid Buy-In program to allow low-income to obtain health insurance coverage. **HB416** passed the House Health & Human Services Committee and was tabled in the House Appropriations & Finance Committee. **SB405** passed the Senate Public Affairs Committee and was not heard in the Senate Finance Committee.

✓**Planning and study funding for this vital program is included in the funding bills enacted into law.**

**HB308** (Reps. Doreen Gallegos & Gail Armstrong) creates the mid-level profession of dental therapist which will help to meet the dental health care needs of underserved New Mexicans.

✓**HB308 passed the House & Senate and was signed into law by Governor.**

## Hunger:

The State SNAP Supplement program serves over 14,000 seniors and people with disabilities with state funds that increases their minimum federal SNAP benefit to \$25 per month. About \$400,000 was needed to keep this crucial program benefit at its current level.

✓**\$402,000 for this program is included in HB2, as enacted into law.**

**SB585** (Sen. John Arthur Smith & Sen. Stuart Ingle) would have reimposed the food tax. LAM-NM opposed **SB585**. **SB585 was not heard in committee and its provisions are not included in HB6, the tax legislation that was enacted into law.**

## Tax Policy:

The failed tax policies of the last 15 years have shifted the burden to middle and low-income families. School funding was down dramatically, higher education was cut by 30%, \$400 million was cut from

health care, behavioral health services have been dismantled; and unmet needs have been ignored. Oil & gas provide major resources but make New Mexico depend on a boom-and-bust cycle. We need more stable sources of revenue that are sustainable & provide enough revenue to meet the needs of our state, particularly the most vulnerable. LAM-NM supported proposals to make the personal income tax more progressive; increase the Working Families Tax Credit and the Low Income Comprehensive Tax Rebate; raise the corporate tax rates; and other provisions.

**HB6** (Rep. Jim Trujillo) started as an omnibus tax package which included a doubling of the Working Families Tax Credit, more progressive tax personal income tax rates, a repeal of the capital gains tax deduction, an internet sales tax, and a new dependent deduction among the bill's provisions. The original HB6 also would have substantially increased general fund revenue with more stable and sustainable income and less dependence on volatile oil & gas revenue.

**✓HB6 passed the House and was heavily amended in the Senate. A conference committee came to an agreement during the final hours of the session. While not as comprehensive as the original HB6, the final version of HB6, which was enacted into law, includes an increase of the Working Families Tax Credit from 10% to 17% of the federal Earned Income Tax Credit, the creation of an additional Personal Income Tax bracket for high income taxpayers (contingent on the amount of increase in the general fund recurring revenues in SFY20), a reduction of the capital gains tax deduction from 50% to 40%, an internet sales tax, and a new dependent deduction.**

#### **Criminal Justice:**

**SB96** (Sen. Bill O'Neill) prohibits most employers from including a question about whether or not the applicant is a felon on an initial application. That information could be taken into account later in the hiring process but not used to initially eliminate an applicant.

**✓SB96 passed the Senate & House and was signed into law by the Governor.**

**HB364** (Rep. Antonio Maestas) restricts the use of solitary confinement in our prisons, jails, & detention centers by prohibiting using solitary confinement for pregnant women, children, and people with a severe mental illness.

**✓HB364 passed the House & Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.**

**HB56** (Reps. Gail Chasey & Christine Trujillo) provides that minors who are victims of human trafficking cannot be charged with the crime of prostitution.

**✓HB56 passed the House & Senate and was signed into law by the Governor.**

## YOUTH MINISTRY

“I had the opportunity to make new friends and strengthen the relationships I already had. The week showed me that it was fine to question my faith and when it happens it is ok, because I have awesome people all around me that I can talk to if I need to... Thank you to everyone that made this experience possible for all of us-I was honored to represent the presbytery of Santa Fe on this amazing trip, an experience that will be remembered forever.”

These words from a young person from our presbytery delegation speak clearly to the impact Triennium has on our young folks. Triennium is a sacred space that cultivates connection--connection to God, connection to one another, connection to the world around us. For our group of 39 youth, 1 college student, and 8 adults, it served as both inspiration and catalyst to further developing those connections within the churches of our presbytery. Since returning from Triennium, we've been holding monthly joint youth groups, with multiple churches bringing youth to a time of fellowship and fun together. We're embracing a model that no longer relies on individual churches to provide an entire youth program--why not work together, to share the load with one another?

Triennium, and our subsequent gatherings, haven't been all we've been up to this year! Our Fall retreat last November brought over 30 youth to Shepherd of the Valley in Albuquerque, and we look forward to another Fall Retreat with the Austin College ACTivators up in Farmington this November! We've done picnics in the park and service projects together, retreats and music.

As we look forward, I am excited for next summer, where we hope to engage our presbytery youth in the conversation the larger presbytery is having on the Doctrine of Discovery with a 3-4 day mission learning opportunity, in addition to attending Youth Week at Ghost Ranch as part of our 3-year youth event rotation. I look forward to continued engagement from churches working together on monthly gatherings. Additionally, I hope to continue to build this group--to draw youth from some of our smaller and more rural churches into this dynamic and ever-changing group of youth, to learn from one another in our diversity of life experience, and to draw closer to the Divine as we draw closer to one another.

I'm always happy to visit your church to discuss ministry with our young folks, to challenge churches to embrace intergenerational ministry instead of siloed youth groups, and to better connect any young folks you have with the larger ministries of this presbytery. I remain ever grateful for the ability to do this work with these young people, not just the future, but the present, here and now, of our churches.

Submitted by Luke M. Rembold, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, PoSF

## YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM, ABQ

As part of our ABQYAV program, I meet with each YAV individually at least once a month, usually over coffee or a meal, to cover the things we don't always get time to on our community days. How is community life? How is your work placement? How are your relationships with people back home? It is an important time for us to break bread, to process and talk about the movement of the Spirit in their year, and to think about how these things might be impacting what they might do next. It is mentorship, fellowship, pastoral care, and vocational discernment on any given day, or sometimes all rolled into one.

Two years ago, as I shared a meal with a YAV during the spring, when questions like "What do I do next?" are very present, she said: "I think maybe it isn't about what you're *doing* or where you're *going*; it's about who you're *becoming* and what you're *learning*." In the time since, I've held that insight close, both on my own spiritual journey, and as this program continues to develop and grow. It feels like an act of faith, to trust the movement of the Spirit, even as we work to provide structure and curriculum that will challenge and support the young people in our program.

With two full years in the life of this program completed, I now truly see this work not only as an opportunity for our young people to serve and discern, but also as a time rooted fully in *development and growth*. When I spend considerable time prepping for a community day on a certain topic, only to realize at the last minute that what the group needs is something completely different, I challenge myself with that idea: am I willing to trust the Spirit to lead us into *becoming and learning*, rather than *doing and going*? I believe this shift invites us into a place where we trust the Divine at work in our lives, not because of what we do or where we are, but because we are slowly waking up to our belovedness as children of God.

So while I continue to plan months in advance for our community days, retreats, and church visits, I'm learning that even when things go differently than I may have imagined, or hoped, God is still at work. When I'm frustrated because things beyond my control change our plans, God is still at work. When I'm stressed about whether we're seeing all the places we need to see, talking to all the people we need to talk to, experiencing all that New Mexico is...God is still at work. As a program, we're trying to live into that idea of *becoming and learning*.

I remain eager for further involvement from the presbytery in the workings of this program. Whether giving financially, providing ideas for community days, serving on the ABQYAV board, or offering spaces to speak and reflect, I am excited to see the ways in which we might *become and learn* something new as we continue to build relationships with churches and people throughout this beautiful state. Please reach out to me via email or phone to explore the ways we can collaborate on this journey together.

Submitted by Luke M. Rembold, Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator, PoSF

## MISSION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

At the beginning of the year 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 bore 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 Gallup community, the Synod of the Southwest, and Ghost Ranch.
- We invited Corrine Sanchez, Executive Director of Tewa Women United, to give a presentation on Intergenerational Trauma at the October Presbytery at Ghost Ranch.
- We have partnered with the Synod of the Southwest and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to organize a Travel Study Seminar on "Native Lands of the Southwest: The Doctrine of Discovery and its Legacy Today" for April 20-29, 2021.

In addition to the MNC's work on the Doctrine of Discovery, we have also done the following in 2019:

- 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 to the Presbytery: Burkhard Paetzold (March), Sarah Henken (May), Dori Kay Hjalmarson (October).
- 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.
- Provided \$250 to support ABQ YAV participation in the Ecumenical Pilgrimage for Unity.
- 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.
- Invited resource persons from the TransLatin@ Coalition to speak at the October Presbytery meeting about the need that Second Presbyterian Church is addressing by offering transitional housing.
- Planned a survey of Mission Chairs about how best the MNC can facilitate communication and cross-fertilization among them in the future.

**The Sessions of Second P.C. & St. Andrew P.C. have both repudiated the Doctrine of Discovery. Has yours? We'd like to know. We are happy to offer assistance upon request.**

Lorelei Kay ([revloleikay@gmail.com](mailto:revloleikay@gmail.com)) Roger Scott Powers ([pastor.standrewabq@aol.com](mailto:pastor.standrewabq@aol.com))

## EDUCATION NETWORKING COMMITTEE

The Education Networking Committee met six times since October of 2018: 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 Elders Ted Mattie, Judith Todd, and Harry Eberts. and Certified Christian Educator Libby Engdahl Whiteley. Serving in 2019 are: Teaching Elders Kay Johnson and Asher Dean; Ruling Elders Lou Ann Johnson, Olga Joyce, Jennifer Holmes, Vernett Safford, Tanya Blankinship, John Emerson, and Art Romero; and the Presbytery's Youth and Young Adult Ministry Coordinator Luke Rembold. Lou Ann Johnson and Ted Mattie served as Co-Chairs in 2018, and Lou Ann Johnson and Tanya Blankinship served as Co-Chairs in 2019.

An educational event was held in conjunction with the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Presbytery meeting in Taos. ENC co-hosted the event along with the Worship Networking Committee. Rev. Shannon Webster gave a presentation on Padre Martinez of Taos.

One special event is planned for November 16, 2019 at First Presbyterian, Albuquerque.

The following workshops will be offered:

- How to preserve church history- Menaul Historical Library
- Grief Issues – Rev. Ginna Bairby
- Mental Illness – Dr. Lane Leckman
- Doctrine of Discovery and Native American Issues – Dr. June Lorenzo

Grants awarded from the Mount Taylor Fund:

- \$5000 to Luke Rembold of the Presbytery Staff to help with Triennium expenses.
- \$250 to fund the YAV's Pilgrimage for Unity September 12-15, 2019

Scholarships awarded:

- \$540 to fund food and housing for the Godly Play participants and Presbytery representatives for the Godly Play educational event in Cardenas, Cuba.
- \$200 for Rev. Asher Dean to attend the Big Tent Event July 30-Aug. 3, 2019

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Ann Johnson and Tanya Blankinship, Co-Chairs

## COMMUNICATIONS ACTION TEAM

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

This report requires no action by Presbytery.

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

### **FINANCES AND EXPENDITURES**

The remaining amount in the grant from the Mission Networking Committee (MNC) for website support is \$1,046.82. On Monday, September 9, 2019, the MNC voted to "relieve the two-year restriction on the use of their funds that were granted to CAT to cover two years of website hosting and domain registration for local congregations."

CAT has \$500.00 remaining in our 2019 operations budget, as all internet accounts, services and domains were purchased in December 2018 for two years. CAT expects to expend \$150 (\$50/monthly) to support three months of a Breeze common database to offer to smaller and/or resource limited congregations in the PSF, and return \$350 of our 2019 budget to general funds. The CAT budget request has been reduced from \$500 in 2019 to \$250 for 2020, to provide for support of the common Breeze database.

### **EMAIL GROUPS**

CAT continues to support the email groups created to support communications to and within the Committees, Teams, Commissions, and Staff of PSF. 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** – The PSF part-time Communications Specialist, Claire Lewis, supports and maintains the PSF website, with technical assistance from Jake Atencio, and publishes regular digital newsletters via Constant Contact. You can contact Claire at [communications@santafepresbytery.org](mailto:communications@santafepresbytery.org)

### **PROPOSED END OF CAT**

At the July 2019 meeting of CT, CAT proposed the removal of CAT from the PSF Standing Rules. We believe we have completed most of our assigned work, as we proposed in our Communications Plan in December 2016. While some short-range IT work will emerge, we believe a formal Team is unnecessary. The members of CAT will continue to be available to support PSF staff when needed. CAT will continue as a Team thru at least February 2020, for the second reading of the proposed change to the Standing Rules. Should PSF vote to remove CAT from the Standing Rules, authority for expenditure of any remaining funds can be transferred to the Communications Specialist or to the Associate Stated Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

George T. Huggins, CAT Chair

## 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.

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee has met monthly to review each of the consultant staff as well as to 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), Chad Poole (Financial assistant) and Claire Lewis (communications consultant) 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. The committee worked diligently when we received the resignations of Christin Moreland and Sharon Yates. We discerned God's call to us and to the new staff as we "called" Marie Miller and Tiffany Lo-Finch as Administrative Assistant and Administrator.

The committee has scheduled its meetings for the 2019-20 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

## WORSHIP NETWORKING COMMITTEE

The Worship Networking Committee members for 2019 included: Ginna Bairby, Sarah Chivington-Buck, Stephen Daniels, Bill Franke, Katie Palmer, Ruth Silva-Hernandez, Shirley Sandoval, and Shannon Webster.

Highlights of our year included planning worship for presbytery meetings and offering two workshops.

At the October 2018 Stated meeting at Ghost Ranch, Stated Clerk J. Herbert Nelson preached and led us in worship on Saturday to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. On Sunday, Moderator Bryan Beck preached, and new Moderator Jane Stringfellow and Moderator Elect Seth Finch were installed. The necrology ceremony featured a reading of names and roses placed on the front table. Matalie Wham of New Life Presbyterian Church provided music.

Worship at the February 2019 Stated Meeting in Albuquerque was led entirely by youth from presbytery's delegation to Triennium. Youth and leaders from # churches led worship and were commissioned for their trip to Indiana. A HUGE thank you to Luke Rembold for his help and hard work organizing this service! Music was led by Karmen Van Dyke and Ruth Silva-Hernandez of Second Presbyterian, Albuquerque. A Worship Spotlight was offered by Katie Palmer and Karyl Lynn of First United Las Vegas Presbyterian Church on creative seasonal worship planning.

On Friday night before the June Presbytery meeting in Taos, the WNC partnered with the ENC to host a workshop. Shannon Webster presented his personal research on the life and ministry of Padre Antonio Martinez and his legacy and contributions to the development of Presbyteriaism in Northern New Mexico. About 15 people attended.

The WNC decided to get a little creative and "out there" for worship at the June 2019 presbytery meeting in Taos, offering a slightly out-of-the-box worship service around the theme of light. Instead of a traditional sermon, the Proclamation of the Word consisted of a series of Scripture and poetry readings by Ken Cuthbertson (Placitas) and Sarah Chivington-Buck (Shepherd of the Valley) alternating with Indian flute music by Marian Rainer (Taos First). A live painter (Laura Spruance, Taos First) painted in the background during the service, contributing to the visual element of worship. Other out-of-the-ordinary elements included an interactive Prayers of the People and taking turns serving one another during Communion. Dan Lizdas (Taos First) provided music. The Worship Spotlight for June was presented by Patti Davison (La Mesa) and Roger Scott Powers (St. Andrews) on "Pride and Protest" – seeing public actions like Pride Parades and the Poor People's Campaign as acts of public worship.

In July, the WNC hosted a day-long Worship Workshop Event at Second Presbyterian Church, Albuquerque. The three sessions offered focused on creative liturgy (led by Katie Palmer), liturgist training (led by Shannon Webster), and congregation singing (led by Ruth Silva-Hernandez and Karmen Van Dyke). Even with several timing conflicts, 22 people attended, and many who couldn't attend asked about the possibility of future workshops on similar topics.

Saturday Worship at the October 2019 Stated Meeting in Ghost Ranch was a hybrid of Taize Worship and a Service of Healing for the World. Worship was held at sunset, as the light was waning. Our prayers were symbolically enacted by representatives from the congregation lighting candles places on each

continent during a Litany of Healing for the World. Sunday Worship featured Acting Moderator Seth Finch preaching about “The World Turned Upside Down.” The service included the installation of Moderator Seth Finch and Moderator-Elect Ruth Montoya. The necrology was observed with two readers reading names of the saints of the presbytery who have passed this year, followed by the chiming of four prayer bowls placed around the room in the four directions. Matalie Wham graciously provided music for both services.

With the success of the workshops that we have done and the continued interest of people in more worship workshops, we are excitedly looking forward to and planning further workshops for 2020. Potential topics include Lenten/Advent seasonal planning and intergenerational worship ideas.

NECROLOGY REPORT  
**PRESBYTERY OF SANTA FE**  
**October 2019**

<u>Teaching Elders</u>	<u>Date Ordained</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Rev. Raymond Kersting	June 30, 1960	November 29, 2018
Rev. Robert Slusher	January 27, 1963	September 2, 2019
Rev. Myron White	September 2, 1958	January 19, 2019

<u>Ruling Elders</u>	<u>Date Ordained</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
<b>Albuquerque</b>		
<b>Covenant</b>		
Ann Goswick	January 30, 2000	July 17, 2019
Helen Rancher	January 16, 2013	January 28-2019

<b>First</b>		
Betty Bailey		November 30, 2018
George Marr		September 10, 2018
Gary Ness	December 7, 1980	February 15, 2019
Kenneth Payne	January 31, 1999	July 1, 2019
Gerhard Roshkosh	February 11, 1988	February 11, 2019
William Trimble	January 26, 2014	July 2, 2019
Harry Wallingford	1956	December 27, 2018

<b>Immanuel</b>		
Mary Campbell	January 6, 1980	May 23, 2019
Charlotte Cutter	January 13, 1991	July 16, 2019
Don Grab	January 12, 1986	January 6, 2019

<b>Rio Grande</b>		
Bill Edward	2008	September 24, 2019

<b>Sandia</b>		
Satyra Brown	January 1, 1998	April 25, 2019
Hank Coors	January 25, 2015	July 3, 2019
Ashley Cowder	January 16, 2000	August 11, 2018

<b>Second</b>		
Larry Lucero	January 6, 1991	June 10, 2019

<b>Shepherd of the Valley</b>		
Patricia Dennis	January 27, 2008	May 10, 2019
Patricia Snead	September 5, 1982	March 19, 2019

<b>St. Andrew</b>		
Wade Fredrickson		June 25, 2019
Steve Stogner	1991	May 22, 2019

<b>Belen, First</b>		
Kay (Jeraldine) Bonney	January 26, 1997	March 10, 2017
Shirley Lindsey	February 7, 1999	March 11, 2019
Jerry Teale	January 4, 2014	October 4, 2018
<b>Dixon, Embudo</b>		
Aaron Griego		July 10, 2019
Tomas Salazar		October 25, 2018
<b>Farmington, First</b>		
Gary Fisher	January 10, 1971	November 3, 2018
Roy Mason	December 21, 1997	November 13, 2018
Graham Watkins	January 23, 1977	February 17, 2019
Millie Weir-Speer	February 2, 1992	September 11, 2018
<b>Las Vegas, First United</b>		
Albert Rodriguez	1980	January 4, 2019
<b>Los Alamos, White Rock</b>		
Irene Davis-Dellinger	September 21, 1975	August 6, 2019
Bettie Loraine Kerr	December 4, 1977	May 18, 2019
Mary Alyce Medendorp	May 19, 1996	September 10, 2018
<b>Magdalena, Community</b>		
Betty Compton Blackburn		February 2019
Alfred B. Harris		August 30, 2019
<b>Placitas, Las Placitas</b>		
Marilyn Wilkerson		February 2019
<b>Santa Fe, Wesminster</b>		
Gretchen Bush	January 25, 1970	September 22, 2019

If you know of an elder or minister that was not included on this list, please let Stephen Rhoades, Stated Clerk, know.