



Mission Covenant Partnership Between the Presbytery of Santa Fe and Menaul School



The Presbytery of Santa Fe (the “Presbytery”), and Menaul School, Albuquerque, New Mexico (“Menaul”) historically related in mission through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (“PCUSA”), in recognition of the enabling role of education in the proclamation and understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and in furthering the hopes for peace, justice and freedom of God’s people, affirm a covenant partnership.

Whereas, in pledging our own commitment, the Presbytery of Santa Fe encourages our congregations to:

1. Pray regularly for the faculty and students and for the ministry and mission of Menaul;
2. Participate in available mission opportunities with Menaul School;
3. Celebrate Menaul School in worship annually on an appropriate Sunday and offer financial support to further the mission of Menaul;
4. Exchange resources for Christian Education, Stewardship, Youth Work, Worship, Mission and Leadership Development;
5. Be an advocate for Menaul in relations with other governing bodies and in ecumenical and other affiliations; and
6. Participate, through appropriate representation, on the Menaul Board of Trustees.
7. Support the relationship between Menaul School and the chaplain through the Presbytery’s Commission on Ministry which fulfill the obligations of the presbytery stated in the *Book of Order of the PCUSA: G3.0307*.
8. Support the relationship between Menaul School and the Presbytery through the Committee on Representation and Participation by nominating the names of at least one Presbytery representative for each class to the Board of Trustees of Menaul School.

Whereas, the mission of Menaul School is to prepare students to succeed in mind, body and spirit; and

Whereas, in pledging our commitment to continue in partnership with the Presbytery of Santa Fe, Menaul School will:

1. Make every effort to fulfill its mission by upholding the central importance of diversity by providing an educational experience which furthers understanding of our global community;
2. Encourage our community to honor each other as diverse, unique and worthy individuals, inspired by God’s grace, love and compassion;

3. Promote critical thinking and foster lifelong learning through the development of intellectual curiosity, free and open inquiry and teamwork for living in an ever-changing world;
4. Cultivate a sense of call to responsible citizenship based on community service, environmental stewardship, non-violence and peacemaking to transform the world;
5. Nurture moral development in a community grounded in the Christian tradition, encouraging exploration and understanding of other traditions with respect;
6. Invite partnerships with congregations of the Presbytery of Santa Fe to build programs to achieve common aims;
7. Ensure that Menaul School has a chaplain to provide spiritual guidance to students and staff and an educational experience in the Reformed Christian tradition.
 - a. The individual shall be a PCUSA Minister of Word and Sacrament or possess equivalent reformed credentials that meet the denominational formula of agreements with sister denominations.
 - b. The individual shall serve in a called position in accordance with the *Book of Order of the PCUSA*: G-2.0502. In the performance of that ministry, the minister of the Word and Sacrament shall be accountable to the presbytery and shall have membership in the presbytery by action of the presbytery and no pastoral relationship thus established may be changed, or dissolved without the approval of the presbytery, as provided by the presbytery's own rules (G-2.0901). However, recognizing Menaul School's right to manage its own employees, Menaul will consult with the presbytery, through its appropriate commission/committee, prior to making any changes to the chaplain's employment status, including termination or furlough, and/or elimination of the position.
8. Make Menaul School campus available at a reasonable cost for retreats, Presbytery meetings, and church gatherings;
9. In consultation with the Presbytery of Santa Fe, elect one person to each class of the Menaul School Board of Trustees. Election of each representative will be communicated to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa Fe; and
10. Report the programs and activities of the school to the Presbytery of Santa Fe annually, such as in reports at Presbytery meetings or by written summary.

We invite Menaul and the Presbytery to affirm this covenant partnership at their respective meetings of governing bodies.

Menaul School Chair, Board of Trustees

Presbytery of Santa Fe, Stated Clerk

Date

Date

To be reviewed every five years or as appropriate more often. *(last revised February 2021)*