

New Mexico Annual Conference



**October 16-17, 2020
Virtual Conference**

PreConference Journal Supplement

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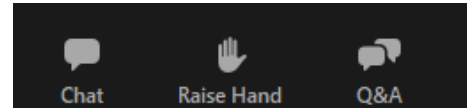


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Zoom Webinar Conference Tips

The Q&A Feature

Zoom Webinar is equipped with a Q&A feature that will allow conference attendees to post questions in writing they want answered. In addition, you can participate in the conference business using the Q&A feature. Click on the icon to open the Q&A window. Then you can ask a question or seek to be recognized for the following reasons:



Motion: [Insert your motion]
Second: [the motion]
Amendment: [Insert change]

Call the Question
Point of Order: [Insert point]
Moment of Personal Privilege: [reason]

The Raise Hand Feature

To be recognized to speak on an item before the body, we will use Zoom's Raise Hand Feature, which



allows attendees to indicate that they wish to speak or to vote in a show of hands. Raise and lower your hand by clicking the Raise Hand icon. It is gray when lowered, it will turn blue when raised. Leadership can see your hand when it is raised (blue). If the bishop recognizes you to speak, you will receive a prompt to unmute your mic. **Unmute your mic by clicking "unmute myself,"** and then speak.

NMAC2020 Draft Agenda

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| Friday, October 16, 3:30 pm | Executive Session |
| Friday, October 16, 7:00 pm | Laity Session |
| Saturday, October 17, 8:00 am | NMAC2020 Opening Worship |
| Saturday, October 17, 9:00 am Call to Order Opening Business Living Archive Award Laity Address Resolution for 2022 AC Location | NMAC2020 Business Session I |
| <i>BREAK (10 minutes)</i> | |
| Saturday, October 17, 10:00 am Nominations Report CF&A Report, Budget, and Spending Plan Pensions and Health Resolution for Commitment to Immigration Ministries | NMAC2020 Business Session II |
| <i>BREAK (10 minutes)</i> | |
| Saturday, October 17, 11:00am Resolution for Creation Care Resolution for GC/JC Delegation Consent Calendar/Omnibus Closing Resolution Fixing of Appointments Closing Video | NMAC2020 Business Session III |
| <i>ADJOURN</i> | |
| Saturday, October 17, 2:00 pm | Ordination and Commissioning |

NEW MEXICO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020 CHANCELLOR' S REPORT

Charles L. Moore, Esq.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This will be my fourth and last report as Chancellor for the New Mexico Annual Conference.

Tom Stanton, the prior Chancellor, provided a number of words of wisdom upon his departure. One thing he noted was that the matters that come to the Chancellor can be very quiet for a time and very active for a time and overall, fairly unpredictable.

This last year has generally been on the quiet side of the scale. There had been a lot of anticipation and planning for the 2020 General Conference, but that was rescheduled to 2021 due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Of course, as I mentioned last year, "quiet" is generally a good thing in dealing with legal matters! However, I have coordinated on several legal matters with Provost Randall Partin, but they for the most part don't rise to the level of inclusion in this report. As Chancellor, I have continued to coordinate with the Provost on matters such as the UMC Trust Clause and to monitor the legal developments in other Conferences around the country.

One matter that does rise to the level of this Report is a wrongful death lawsuit that was filed during 2019. The lawsuit was filed against Landsun Homes, Inc. for the alleged wrongful death of one of the Landsun residents. The lawsuit also named

the Annual Conference as a defendant. There had been an earlier similar wrongful death lawsuit in 2014 that had named the Annual Conference as a defendant. In the prior case, the Annual Conference was dropped from the case after showing that there was no legal relationship by the Annual Conference with Landsun or control over Landsun. In the 2019 lawsuit, the Annual Conference worked with its insurance carrier and the legal counsel provided by the insurance carrier to have the Annual Conference dropped from the lawsuit on the same basis as it was in 2014. Quite notable for me since 2016 has been the opportunity to learn from, and interact with, the Chancellors from the various Conferences around the country. There is an active national association of Chancellors. The association conducts a legal forum each year, and also shares experiences and responds to questions by email throughout the year. This has been a learning experience for me, and also represents a resource to help with legal issues that may arise in our Conference.

The COVID-19 emergency has had many impacts on all of us. One impact was to cause the rescheduling of the 2020 General Conference into 2021 and to affect the term of the quadrennium. This affected the termination of my term as Chancellor and the election of a new Chancellor at the end of the quadrennium. I have asked Bishop Bledsoe to allow me to step down as Chancellor effective May 31, 2020, closer to my original term. Bishop Bledsoe agreed, with the effect being that he will be appointing a successor Chancellor to fill the vacancy until a new election by the Annual Conference can take place following the General Conference now scheduled for 2021.

Best wishes to you all going forward!

Nominating Committee Supplement Report

Rev. Randall W. Partin, Provost

These nominations are presented as a supplement/additions to the Nominations Report published in the 2020 NMAC PreConference Journal (starting on page 11).

*A NOTE ABOUT NOTATION: Each member of a team, committee, or board is identified as lay (L) or clergy (C) and by gender (men are "M" and women are "W"). We've also tried to identify young adults as (YA) and retired clergy as (RET). Continuing members of a team or committee are listed in normal typeface, while new members are identifying in **bold italics**.*

Annual Conference Secretary: *Roselie Johnston* *LW*

Chancellor: *Cari Neill* *LW*

Associate Chancellor: *Taffy Bagley* *LW*

Board of Ordained Ministry:

Class of 2032

Scott Sharp *CM* *Extension Ministries Representative*

Tammy Valdez *LW*

Aurora Genné *LW* *YA*

Conference United Methodist Men:

President/Chair: *Jan Gimar*

Vice-Chair: *Mike Wilson*

Secretary: *Ed Vigil*

Treasurer: *Ken McVey*

Prayer Coordinator: *David Price*

Rules Committee

Bill Case *CM*

2021 Proposed Budget and Spending Plan

| 2021 Proposed Budget and Spending Plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|------------|--|--|--|--|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| INCOME | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Tithed income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 2019 reported operational income | | 26,971,889 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8% of reported operational income | | 2,157,751 | | | | | | | | | |
| | expected portion of income tithed 85% | | | | | | | 1,834,088 | | | | |
| | Other income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Conference Endowment 3% distribution | | | | | | | 125,680 | | | | |
| | Stabilization funds | | | | | | | 430,034 | | | | |
| | Total expected income | | | | | | | 2,389,802 | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Estimated 2021 budget expenses | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2,389,802 | | | | |
| 2021 proposed spending plan | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Other income: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Conference Endowment 3% distribution | | | | | | | 125,680 | | | | |
| | Stabilization funds | | | | | | | 181,569 | | | | |
| | Total expected income | | | | | | | 2,141,338 | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Estimated 2021 expenses (see spending plan below) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | 2,141,338 | | | | |

| Proposed 2021 Budget | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | | 2018 carry-over | 2019 budget | 2019 spending plan | 2019 SM Total Income | 2019 expenses | % of budget spent | % of spending plan spent | 2020 Budget | 2020 spending plan | 2021 proposed budget | **2021 spending plan |
| Ministerial Support | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | District Superintendents | | 430,000 | 430,000 | 321,807 | 411,770 | 95.8% | 95.8% | 435,000 | 435,000 | 435,500 | 435,500 |
| | Episcopal Fund | | 115,315 | 115,315 | 86,248 | 115,315 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 108,770 | 108,770 | 114,101 | 133,072 |
| | Equitable Compensation | 61,261 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 74,839 | 29,276 | 29.3% | 29.3% | 100,000 | 100,000 | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| World Service | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | 389,392 | 272,574 | 228,316 | 272,574 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 367,292 | 257,104 | 385,293 | 231,984 |
| Conference Ministries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Conference Administration: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Area Administration | 110 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,497 | 2,100 | 105.0% | 105.0% | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | Episcopal Residence | 53,578 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Conference Office | | 425,000 | 425,000 | 318,065 | 446,901 | 105.2% | 105.2% | 445,000 | 445,000 | 455,000 | 455,000 |
| | Board of Ordained Min | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 14,968 | 9,887 | 49.4% | 49.4% | 17,500 | 17,500 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Communication | | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,245 | 6,344 | 211.5% | 211.5% | 2,500 | 2,500 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | Board of Laity | | 4,000 | 4,000 | 2,994 | 1,792 | 44.8% | 44.8% | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | Council on Fin/Admin | | 9,000 | 9,000 | 6,735 | 9,107 | 101.2% | 101.2% | 9,000 | 9,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Delegate Expense Fund | 13,585 | 7,000 | 7,000 | 5,239 | 4,619 | 66.0% | 66.0% | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| | New cab moving/train | 7,518 | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,497 | 0 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | Annual Conference | (4,291) | 13,500 | 13,500 | 10,103 | 61,731 | 457.3%* | 457.3%* | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 | 13,500 |
| | Trustees | | 25,000 | 25,000 | 18,710 | 18,170 | 72.7% | 72.7% | 26,000 | 26,000 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| | Conf Comm Mtgs | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 748 | 2,181 | 218.1% | 218.1% | 3,000 | 3,000 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| | New Church Development | 17,724 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 119,742 | 138,712 | 86.7% | 86.7% | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 160,000 |
| | Higher Ed & Campus Min | 2,875 | 127,000 | 127,000 | 95,045 | 102,572 | 80.8% | 80.8% | 127,000 | 127,000 | 127,000 | 127,000 |
| | Conference Programming | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | Engaging Ministries | | 18,000 | 18,000 | 13,471 | 11,554 | 64.2% | 64.2% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| | Envisioning Team | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 748 | 230 | 23.0% | 23.0% | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | Equipping Ministries | 25,000 | 15,000 | 15,000 | 11,226 | 16,365 | 109.1% | 109.1% | 10,000 | 10,000 | 7,500 | 7,500 |
| | District Programming | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Conf Ministry Team | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 748 | 0 | 0.0% | | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| | Unallocated Program | | 2,000 | 2,000 | 1,497 | 655 | 32.8% | 0.9% | 4,000 | 4,000 | 1,500 | 1,500 |
| | Four Corners NAM | 500 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 56,129 | 56,629 | 75.5% | 80.9% | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 |
| | Sacramento Meth Assembly | | 70,000 | 70,000 | 52,961 | 53,417 | 76.3% | 76.3% | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| | District Work | | 200,000 | 200,000 | 149,677 | 130,495 | 65.2% | 65.2% | 200,000 | 200,000 | 150,000 | 150,000 |
| Regional Ministries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Lydia Patterson Institute | | 16,286 | 11,400 | 9,499 | 11,400 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 16,286 | 11,400 | 16,286 | 11,400 |
| | Jurisdictional Reserves | | 1,488 | 1,042 | 821 | 1,042 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 1,488 | 1,042 | 1,488 | 1,042 |
| | Jurisdictional Admin | | 8,547 | 5,983 | 4,960 | 5,983 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 8,547 | 5,983 | 8,547 | 5,983 |
| General Church Ministries | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Ministerial Education Fund | | 98,639 | 69,047 | 57,797 | 69,048 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 93,041 | 65,129 | 97,600 | 54,493 |
| | MEF - Conference | 38,251 | 32,880 | 23,016 | 19,231 | 8,750 | 26.6% | 38.0% | 31,014 | 21,710 | 32,534 | 18,164 |
| | Black College Fund | | 52,462 | 36,723 | 30,715 | 36,723 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 49,484 | 34,639 | 51,909 | 33,578 |
| | Africa University Fund | | 11,741 | 8,219 | 6,834 | 8,219 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 11,074 | 7,752 | 11,617 | 7,549 |
| | General Administration | | 46,237 | 32,366 | 27,065 | 32,366 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 43,613 | 30,529 | 45,750 | 28,568 |
| | Interdenominational Coop | | 10,286 | 7,200 | 5,980 | 7,200 | 70.0% | 100.0% | 9,702 | 6,791 | 10,177 | 1,005 |
| TOTAL | | | 2,493,773 | 2,293,386 | 1,758,157 | 2,083,127 | 83.5% | 90.8% | 2,461,810 | 2,272,348 | 2,389,802 | 2,141,338 |
| *Fund used to cover expenses over 100% of budget/spending plan covered by Annual Conference registration fees | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **The 2021 spending plan proposes expenditures of 100% of funds for line items covering expenses related to AC Leadership, | | | | | | | | | | | | |

1 Resolutions Relating to Rental/Housing Allowances for Active, Retired or
2 Disabled Clergypersons of the New Mexico Conference New Mexico Board of
3 Pension and Health Benefits
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5 The New Mexico Conference (the “Conference”) adopts the following resolutions relating to
6 rental/housing allowances for active, retired, or disabled clergypersons of the Conference:
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8 **WHEREAS**, the religious denomination known as The United Methodist Church (the “Church”), of
9 which this Conference is a part, has in the past functioned and continues to function through
10 ministers of the gospel (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 107) who were or are
11 duly ordained, commissioned, or licensed ministers of the Church (“Clergypersons”);
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13 **WHEREAS**, the practice of the Church and of this Conference was and is to provide active
14 Clergypersons with a parsonage or a rental/housing allowance as part of their gross compensation;
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16 **WHEREAS**, pensions or other amounts paid to active, retired, and disabled Clergypersons are
17 considered to be deferred compensation and are paid to active, retired, and disabled Clergypersons
18 in consideration of previous active service; and
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20 **WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Service has recognized the Conference (or its predecessors) as the
21 appropriate organization to designate a rental/housing allowance for Clergypersons who are or were
22 members of this Conference and are eligible to receive such deferred compensation;
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24 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That an amount equal to 100% of the pension or disability payments
25 received from plans authorized under The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church (the
26 “Discipline”), which includes all such payments from Wespith Benefits and Investments (formerly
27 the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits), during the year **2021** by each active, retired, or
28 disabled Clergyperson who is or was a member of the Conference, or its predecessors, be and
29 hereby is designated as a rental/housing allowance for each such Clergyperson; and
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31 **THAT** the pension or disability payments to which this rental/housing allowance applies will be any
32 pension or disability payments from plans, annuities, or funds authorized under the Discipline,
33 including such payments from Wespith Benefits and Investments and from a commercial annuity
34 company that provides an annuity arising from benefits accrued under a GBOPHB plan, annuity, or
35 fund authorized under the Discipline, that result from any service a Clergyperson rendered to this
36 Conference or that an active, a retired, or a disabled Clergyperson of this Conference rendered to
37 any local church, annual conference of the Church, general agency of the Church, other institution of
38 the Church, former denomination that is now a part of the Church, or any other employer that
39 employed the Clergyperson to perform services related to the ministry of the Church, or its
40 predecessors, and that elected to make contributions to, or accrue a benefit under, such a plan,
41 annuity, or fund for such active, retired, or disabled Clergyperson’s pension or disability as part of his
42 or her gross compensation.
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44 **Note:** The rental/housing allowance that may be excluded from a Clergyperson’s gross income in any
45 year for federal income tax purposes is limited under Internal Revenue Code section 107(2) and
46 regulations there under to the least of: (1) the amount of the rental/housing allowance designated
47 by the Clergyperson’s employer or other appropriate body of the Church (such as this Conference in
48 the foregoing resolutions) for such year; (2) the amount actually expended by the Clergyperson to
49 rent or provide a home in such year; or (3) the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings
50 and appurtenances (such as a garage), plus the cost of utilities in such year.
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1 **Resolution for the Location of the 2022 New Mexico Annual Conference**

2 *Submitted by: Randall W. Partin, Provost and Chair of AC Planning Team*

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Rules of the New Mexico Annual Conference declare that the location of the Annual
5 Conference Session is to be decided by the Annual Conference no less than two years in advance,
6 and

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8 **WHEREAS**, the *Discipline* of The United Methodist Church requires that the bishop determines the
9 dates of the Annual Conference Session, and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Bishop Bledsoe is currently scheduled to retire in 2021, with another bishop assigned to
12 provide episcopal leadership following his retirement, and

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14 **WHEREAS**, that incoming bishop may have preferences or input on Annual Conference dates (as well
15 as location) that we do not have information about at this point in time, and

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17 **WHEREAS**, during these unprecedented times, the notion of planning with any degree of confidence
18 that the best laid plans will, indeed, come to fruition, and

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20 **WHEREAS**, the Conference Ministry Team is empowered to act on behalf of the Annual Conference
21 when the Annual Conference is not in session,

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23 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Mexico Annual Conference *refers* to the Annual Conference
24 Planning Team the responsibility to make a recommendation for the location of the 2022 Annual
25 Conference Session, and

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27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the New Mexico Annual Conference empowers the Conference
28 Ministry Team to receive and act upon that recommendation on behalf of the Annual Conference, in
29 order to provide greater flexibility to the location decision for the Annual Conference Session of
30 2022 in these uncertain times.

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