



**Pre-Conference Journal Supplement**

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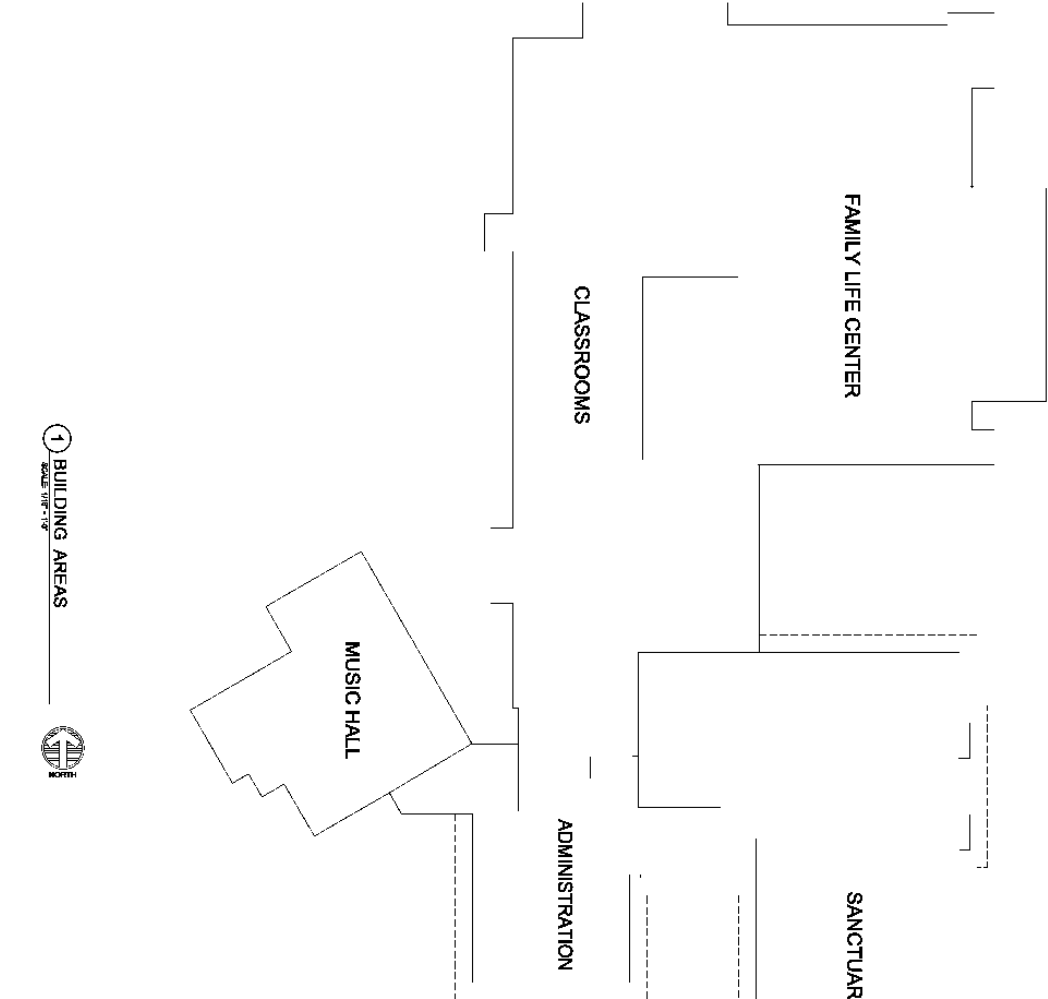
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# St. John's UMC Facility Map



1 BUILDING AREAS  
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## **NMAC 2024 Schedule and Agenda**

**June 19 – 21, 2025**

*Agenda items are subject to change. Sessions may include more items than are highlighted. All activities at St. John's UMC are in the Family Life Center (FLC) unless otherwise noted. Page numbers beginning with "S" are found in the Pre-Conference Journal Supplement. All other page numbers refer to the Pre-Conference Journal.*

### **Thursday, June 19**

- 11:00 am      Attendee Check-in – Narthex Hospitality Center
- 1:00 pm      Opening Worship (check in desk closed during worship and business)
- 2:30 pm      Break
- 3:00 pm      Opening Business  
                    Introductions  
                    Organizing Motions  
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                    Trustees, p.35, S24
- 4:00 pm      How to Tell Your Story Rev. David Valera
- 5:30 pm      Dinner provided by NMAC (*Registration required*)  
                    Ice Cream Social sponsored by NM United Women in Faith
- 6:30 pm      Ordination Rehearsal

### **Friday, June 20**

- 8:30 am      Clergy Session – Sanctuary  
                    Laity Session - FLC
- 10:00 am      Break
- 10:30 am      Business II  
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- 11:30 am      Celebration of Ministry Service
- Noon          Lunch on your own  
                    Retirement Luncheon (*Registration required*)
- 1:30 pm      Business III  
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5:30 BOM Dinner (*Invitation only*)  
Dinner on your own  
6:30 Ordination Photos  
7:00 Ordination – Sanctuary

**Saturday, June 21**

7:30 am Breakfast Meetings (*Invitation only*)  
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# Apology from General Conference to the Victims/Survivors of Sexual Misconduct in The United Methodist Church



## General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



### 1 **Introduction**

2 Sexual misconduct is a current and real problem within The United Methodist Church. Today, we acknowledge  
3 there are people here who have been mistreated, abused, and assaulted by clergy and lay leaders in the  
4 Church.

5  
6 We honor those who have shared their stories and those who have sat with their stories in silence. We  
7 commend the courage of all survivors of sexual misconduct to walk a path they did not choose.

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9 Too often those who suffer from sexual misconduct are silenced, ignored, or not believed by the Church.

10  
11 Sexual misconduct includes psychological, emotional, and spiritual abuse. This apology is a beginning point for  
12 confession and hope in prevention and response to sexual misconduct in The United Methodist Church.

### 13 14 **Apology**

15 The United Methodist Church apologizes for the times we allowed our desire to protect the Church to  
16 outweigh our desire to care for victims and survivors of sexual misconduct. We have allowed polity and  
17 protection of the institutional Church prevent us from holding persons accountable, thus perpetuating harm  
18 within our local churches and other ministry settings, and damaging the whole United Methodist connection.

19  
20 We apologize for the times we have not listened to you, doubted your stories, ignored your wounds, and have  
21 not tended to your pain. We believe this has contributed to allowing an unsafe culture to exist.

22  
23 An apology is worthless without a commitment to the challenging work which must follow. The United  
24 Methodist Church pledges to:

- 25
- 26 1. Apologize in every annual conference across the connection.
  - 27 2. Educate Church leaders regarding sacred trust in ministerial relationships and power imbalance  
28 within those relationships.
  - 29 3. Provide healing resources to all affected in accordance with ¶ 362. Complaint Procedures.
  - 30 4. Develop a trauma-informed response to complaints of sexual misconduct.

31  
32 This apology alone is insufficient for healing. The United Methodist Church accepts our responsibility and  
33 publicly states our commitment to carry out the steps named to do no more harm. May God's blessing and  
34 never-ending love guide our work and see it through.

## Nominations Report

1 The Nominations Team is faithful, intentional and prayerful in their work on behalf of the New Mexico  
2 Conference. Through many months of meetings and conversation, we considered the best leaders, clergy and  
3 lay people, to carry on the fruitful work of our conference and to lead us into a future that is dedicated to the  
4 mission of making disciples. We were thoughtful in our discernment, contacted individuals who have been  
5 considered for various roles on committees and boards, and thanked those who continue to serve in faithful  
6 and steadfast ways. We have also been cognizant of the inclusiveness of gender and race, and we continue to  
7 work to include youth and young people more and more in the leadership of the conference.

8 New members of the committees and boards listed below are identified in ***bold italics***. Clergy members are  
9 identified by the “C” notation, while lay members are identified with an “L”. Women are notated with “W”  
10 and men with “M” (for example, a female clergy person is identified as CW, a lay male is identified as LM).  
11 Retired clergy are identified by RET, young adult members of teams or committees are identified by YA. In  
12 some circumstances, members who remain to be determined are marked (TBD) and will be included in the  
13 final membership list published in the 2025 New Mexico Conference Journal.

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### 15 Annual Conference 2026 Planning Team

16	Kathy Jewell	LW	Conference Lay Leader
17	Maggie Johnson	LW	
18	Roselie Johnston	LW	Conference Staff
19	Joe MacDonald	CM	AC Worship Chair
20	Alli Newsom	LW	Conference Staff
21	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
22	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Albuquerque District Superintendent
23	<b><i>Sue Malone</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	<b><i>El Paso District Lay Leader</i></b>
24	<b><i>Kim Kinsey</i></b>	<b><i>CW</i></b>	
25	<b><i>Stephen White</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	
26	<b><i>Kendra White</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	

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### 28 Conference Ministry Team

29	<b><i>Sue Malone</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	<b><i>El Paso District Lay Leader</i></b>
30	Kathy Jewell	LW	Conference Lay Leader
31	Kim Kinsey	CW	Board of Ordained Ministry Chair
32	Josh Kouri	CM	Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry Chair
33	Jon Kuncel	CM	Conference Council on Youth Ministry Chair
34	Larry Luna	LM	Albuquerque District Lay Leader
35	<b><i>TBD</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Conference Council on Finance and Administration Chair</i></b>
36	<b><i>Brad Bennett</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Board of Pensions and Health Benefits Chair</i></b>
37	<b><i>Dustin Burrow</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Endowment Distribution Chair</i></b>
38	Steve Wilson	LM	Conference Board of Trustees Chair
39	DG Hollums	CM	New Church Development
40	<b><i>Terry Allen</i></b>	<b><i>LM</i></b>	<b><i>At-large</i></b>
41	Amy Wilson-Feltz	CW	At-large
42	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent
43	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
44	Douglas Mills	CM	Border Ministries & Church and Society Chair
45	Alli Newsom	LW	Director of Communications (ex-officio)
46	<b><i>Carlo Rapanut</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Bishop (ex-officio)</i></b>

1	<b><u>Nominations Committee</u></b>		
2	<b><i>Carlo Rapanut</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Bishop/Chair</i></b>
3	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Albuquerque District Superintendent
4	Larry Luna	LM	Albuquerque District Lay Leader
5	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
6	Kathy Jewell	LW	Conference Lay Leader
7	<b><i>Sue Malone</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	<b><i>El Paso District Lay Leader</i></b>
8	Dustin Burrow	CM	
9	Roselie Johnston	LW	Conference Secretary
10			
11	<b><u>Rules Committee</u></b>		
12	<b><i>Eddie Rivera</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	
13	Robert Holder	LM	Chair
14	Adrienne Coleman	CW	
15	<b><i>Mike Furnish</i></b>	<b><i>LM</i></b>	
16	<b><i>Mary Galbraith</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	
17			
18	<b><u>Board of Ordained Ministry</u></b>		
19	Kim Kinsey	CW	Chair
20	Lourdes Calderon	CW (RET)	
21	Aurora Gray	LW (YA)	
22	Young Hoon Kang	CM	
23	Jeannie Williams	CW (RET)	
24	Layloni Drake	CW (RET)	
25	Kathy Jewell	LW	
26	Dustin Burrow	CM	
27	Katia Paredes	CW (FD)	
28	<b><i>Robert Chavez</i></b>	<b><i>LM (CLM)</i></b>	
29	<b><i>Sean Smith</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Registrar</i></b>
30	Tina Cross	CW	Chair, Order of Elders
31	Cazandra Campos-MacDonald	CW	Chair, Order of Deacons
32	Tinker Boyd	CW	Chair, Fellowship of Local Pastors
33	Blaine Wimberly	CW	Chair, Albuquerque DCOM
34	Amy Wilson-Feltz	CW	Chair, EL Paso DCOM
35	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
36	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent
37			
38	<b><u>Administrative Review Committee (BOD para. 636)</u></b>		
39	Jim Hawk	CM (RET)	Chair
40	Koreen Guillermo	CW	
41	George Miller	LM	
42	Eileen Utton	CW	alternate
43	Gorton Smith	CM (RET)	alternate



1	<b><u>Committee on Investigation</u></b>		
2	Adrienne Coleman	CW	
3	Joshua Kouri	CM	
4	Miriam Maldonado	LW	
5	Eddie Rivera	CM	
6	Ed Shugert	LM	
7	Dave Thomas	LM	
8	Bill Butler	LM	Alternate
9	Linda Coble	LW	Alternate
10	Rodney Ennis	LM	Alternate
11	Nikki McDonald	LW	Alternate
12	Gary Seelau	CM (RET)	Alternate
13	<b>Laird Cross</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
14	<b>Katherine de la Rosa Salazar</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
15	<b>Joe MacDonald</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
16	<b>Tiffany Hollums</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
17	<b>TBD – 2 Lay Alternates</b>		
18			
19	<b><u>Joint Committee on Medical Leave</u></b>		
20	Brad Bennett	CW	Conference Board of Pensions and Health
21	<b>TBD</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>Conference Board of Pensions and Health</b>
22	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Cabinet Representative
23	<b>Sean Smith</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>BOM Registrar</b>
24	<b>Jeannie Williams</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>BOM Representative</b>
25			
26	<b><u>Conference Committee on Episcopacy</u></b>		
27	Susan Brumbaugh	LW	Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee Member (ex-officio with vote)
28			
29	Tina Cross	CW	
30	Heidi Herrera	LW	
31	Kathy Jewell	LW	Conference Lay Leader
32	Larry Luna	LM	
33	Pam Rowley	CW	Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee Member (ex-officio with vote)
34			
35	Sean Smith	CM	
36	<b>Eddie Rivera</b>	<b>CM</b>	
37	<b>Hal Grieg</b>	<b>LM</b>	
38			
39	<b><u>Council on Finance and Administration</u></b>		
40	Beth Caster	LW	
41	Laird Cross	CM	
42	Koreen Guillermo	CW	
43	David Robinson	LM	
44	Ruth Tribou	LW	
45	Josh Kouri	CM	
46	Kathleen Anderson	LW	
47	Jacqui Lax	CW	
48	<b>Anita Wright</b>	<b>LW</b>	
49	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
50	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent

1	Griselda Sandoval	LW	Treasurer (ex-officio)
2	<b>Carlo Rapanut</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>Bishop (ex-officio)</b>
3	<b>Investments Committee</b>		
4	<b>Carlo Rapanut</b>		<b>Bishop</b>
5	<b>TBD</b>		<b>CFA Chair</b>
6	<b>TBD</b>		<b>Cabinet Representative</b>
7	<b>Steve Wilson</b>		<b>Trustees Chair</b>
8	<b>Brad Bennett</b>		<b>BOPHB Chair</b>
9	<b>Griselda Sandoval</b>		<b>Treasurer</b>
10	<b>Mary White</b>		
11			
12	<b><u>Board of Pensions and Health Benefits</u></b>		
13	<b>Class of 2029</b>		
14	Christy Mills	LW	
15	Gorton Smith	CM (RET)	
16	<b>Class of 2032</b>		
17	Brad Bennett	CM (RET), Chair	
18	Sarah Allen	LW	
19	<b>David Wilcox</b>	<b>CM</b>	
20	Nancy Kirkpatrick	LW	
21	<b>Joe MacDonald</b>	<b>CM</b>	
22	Claudia Ryan	LW	
23	<b>Shaun Cummings</b>	<b>LM</b>	
24	<b>David Shoup</b>	<b>LM</b>	
25	<b>TBD</b>		
26	<b>Other Members</b>		
27	Anna Marshall	LW	Conference Benefits Officer
28	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Albuquerque District Superintendent
29			
30	<b><u>Board of Laity</u></b>		
31	<b>Carlo Rapanut</b>	<b>CM</b>	<b>Bishop (ex-officio)</b>
32	<b>Heidi Herrera</b>	<b>LW</b>	
33	Cazandra Campos-MacDonald	CW	
34	<b>Susan Ideus</b>	<b>LW</b>	<b>CLM Registrar/Clovis LS Coordinator</b>
35	<b>Janie Sinclair</b>	<b>LW</b>	<b>El Paso LS Coordinator</b>
36	<b>Barb Tegtmeier</b>	<b>LW</b>	<b>ABQ LS Coordinator</b>
37	Kathy Jewell	LW	Chair, Conf. LL/Director Lay Servant Ministries
38	Roselie Johnston	LW	Conference Staff (ex-officio)
39	<b>Sue Malone</b>	<b>LW</b>	<b>El Paso District Lay Leader</b>
40	Larry Luna	LM	Albuquerque District Lay Leader
41	Joe MacDonald	CM	
42	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
43	<b>Steve Henderson</b>	<b>LM</b>	<b>(ex-officio)</b>

1	<b><u>Board of Trustees</u></b>		
2	<b>Class of 2026</b>		
3	Steve Wilson	LM	Chair
4	Dan Sherrell	CM	
5	Heike Miller	CW	
6	<b>Class of 2028</b>		
7	Mike Puckett	LM	
8	Suzy Snow	LW	
9	<b><i>Jon Kuncel</i></b>	<b>CM</b>	
10	<b><i>Joe Marshall</i></b>	<b>CM</b>	
11	<b>Class of 2032</b>		
12	Karen Hobbs	LW	
13	Mike Furnish	LM	
14	Lisa Blaylock	CW	
15	<b>Ex-officio Members</b>		
16	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
17	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Albuquerque District Superintendent
18	Griselda Sandoval	LW	Treasurer
19	Kathy Jewell	LW	Safer Sanctuaries
20			
21	<b><u>Commission on Archives and History</u></b>		
22	Jesse Bermudez	CM	
23	Florence Higgins	LW	
24	Ed Vigil	CM	Albuquerque District Historian
25	David Ring III	CM	Historical Society
26	Bob Sawyer	CM	
27	Will Steinsiek	CM	Chair, Conference Historian
28	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Cabinet Representative
29	<b><i>Beth Caster</i></b>	<b>LW</b>	
30			
31	<b><u>Endowment Distribution Committee</u></b>		
32	Lisa Blaylock	CW	Trustees clergy representative
33	Dustin Burrow	CM	Chair
34	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
35	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent
36	Mary White	LW	CBGM lay representative
37	Kathy Jewell	LW	Trustees lay representative
38	Matt Carlson	LM	El Paso District lay representative
39	<b><i>Susan Ideus</i></b>	<b>LW</b>	<b><i>ABQ District Lay Representative</i></b>
40	<b><i>James Heredia</i></b>	<b>CM</b>	<b><i>ABQ District Clergy Representative</i></b>
41	<b><i>Young Kang</i></b>	<b>CM</b>	<b><i>El Paso District Clergy Representative</i></b>

1	<b><u>Commission on Equitable Compensation</u></b>		
2	Craig Cockrell	CM (RET)	
3	Layloni Drake	CW	Chair
4	<b><i>Eileen Utton</i></b>	<b><i>CW (RET)</i></b>	
5	Jana Roberts	LW	
6	Barbara Tegtmeier	CW	
7	Steve White	CM	
8	Allen Wright	LM	
9	Christine Mesa	LW	
10	Pam Rowley	CW	Cabinet Representative
11	Griselda Sandoval	LW	Treasurer, ex-officio
12	Anna Marshall	LW	Benefits Officer, ex-officio
13			
14	<b><u>New Church Development</u></b>		
15	Stuart Davenport	LM	
16	Hollie Harris	LW	
17	D.G. Hollums	CM	Chair
18	Salvador Perales	LM	
19	Griselda Sandoval	LW	Conference Treasurer (ex-officio)
20	Mary Ward	CW	
21	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Cabinet Representative
22	<b><i>Damon Stalvey</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	
23	<b><i>Kercida McClain</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	
24			
25	<b><u>Border Ministries and Conference Board of Church and Society</u></b>		
26	Ellice Whiteaker	LW	YA
27	Sarah Davenport	LW	
28	George Miller	CM	
29	Doug Mills	CM	Chair
30	Lourdes Calderon	CW	
31	Eddie Rivera	CM	
32	<b><i>Anne Grant</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	<b><i>UWF</i></b>
33	<b><i>Sarah Allen</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	
34	Pam Rowley	CW	Cabinet Representative
35			
36	<b><u>Conference Board of Global Ministries</u></b>		
37	<b><i>Mary White</i></b>	<b><i>LW</i></b>	<b><i>Chair, El Paso District Missions Secretary</i></b>
38	Blaine Wimberly	CW	Albuquerque District Missions Secretary
39	Dick Wimberly	LM	
40	Elaine Hays	LW	UWF Representative
41	Hank Humiston	LM	UMM Representative
42	Pam Rowley	CW	El Paso District Superintendent
43	James Heredia	LM	
44	<b><i>Terry Allen</i></b>	<b><i>LM</i></b>	
45	<b><i>Andy Stoker</i></b>	<b><i>CM</i></b>	<b><i>Conference Secretary Global Ministries</i></b>
46	<b><i>TBD</i></b>		<b><i>Conference Disaster Response Coordinator</i></b>

1 **Conference Board of Higher Education and Ministry**

2	Brian Townsend	LM	NMSU Wesley Director
3	<b>Andy Stoker</b>	<b>LW</b>	<b>UNM Wesley Director</b>
4	Elizabeth Kirkwood	LW	ENMU Wesley Director
5	<b>Jackson Mills</b>	<b>LM</b>	<b>El Paso Wesley Director</b>
6	<b>TBD</b>		<b>NMSU Wesley Board Rep.</b>
7	<b>TBD</b>		<b>UNM Wesley Board Rep.</b>
8	<b>TBD</b>		<b>ENMU Wesley Board Rep.</b>
9	<b>TBD</b>		<b>El Paso Wesley Board Rep.</b>
10	<b>Lisa Blaylock</b>	<b>CW</b>	
11	<b>Josh Kouri (Chair)</b>	<b>CM</b>	
12	<b>Jason Feltz</b>	<b>LM</b>	
13	<b>Lijah Medina</b>	<b>LW</b>	

14  
15 **Conference Council on Youth Ministries**

16 **Jon Kuncel (Chair)**

17 **Adult Members:**

18 El Paso District

19 **Kara Heimark**

20 **Ernesto Barriguete**

21 Albuquerque District:

22 **TBD**

23 **Youth Members:**

24 El Paso District

25 **Ian Armendariz**

26 Albuquerque District

27 **Shelby Mason**

28  
29 **Communications Council**

30	Matt Bridges	CM	
31	Alli Newsom	LW	Communications Director
32	Stuart Davenport	LM	
33	Cazandra Campos-MacDonald	CW	
34	Steve Putnicki	LM	

35  
36 **Four Corners Native American Ministries**

37	Norman Mark	CM	Mountain Sky Representative
38	Kathleen Potter	CW	Chair
39	Adrienne Coleman	CW	New Mexico Annual Conference CONAM Chair
40	Pyn Francisco-Hosteen	LW	
41	Theresa Kelly	LW	
42	Kennette Phillips	LW	
43	Griselda Sandoval	LW	Conference Treasurer (ex-officio)
44	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent (ex-officio)
45	<b>TBD</b>		<b>one additional DSW and Mtn Sky Representative</b>

1	<b><u>Committee on Native American Ministries</u></b>		
2	Nancy Biddah	LW	
3	Tinker Boyd	CW	
4	<b>Casey Church</b>	<b>LM</b>	
5	Adrienne Coleman	CW	Chair
6	Steven Jackson	LM	
7	Jodi Lawrence-Secret	LW	
8	Cheri Lyon	CW	
9	Shirley Montoya	CW	
10	Raquel Mull	CW	
11	Sean Smith	CM	
12	Ross Whiteaker	CM	ABQ District Superintendent
13			
14	<b><u>Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women</u></b>		
15	Amy Jordan	CW	
16	Kathy Duncan	LW	
17	Rachel Minaar	LW	
18	John Milholland	LM	
19	Steve Henderson	LM	
20	Bill Wood	LM	
21	<b>Cazandra Campos-MacDonald</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>Chair</b>
22	<b>Cathy Costales</b>	<b>LW</b>	
23	<b>Kathy Salazar</b>	<b>CW</b>	
24			
25	<b><u>Small Membership Church Committee</u></b>		
26	Daniel Armendariz	LM	
27	Marlene Kravitz	LW	
28	Cheri Lyon	CW	
29	David Wilcox	CM	<b>Chair</b>
30	<b>Josue Johnson</b>	<b>LM</b>	
31	Ross Whiteaker	CM	Cabinet Representative
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33	<b><u>Ethnic Local Church Task Force</u></b>		
34	Casey Church	LM	
35	Tina Cross	CW	
36	Miriam Maldonado	LW	
37	Art Villalva	LM	
38	Pam Rowley	CW	Cabinet Representative

## The Wesley Foundation at New Mexico State University

*Brian Townsend, Executive Director*

1 We are thankful for this opportunity to share with you a glimpse of what God is doing on the campus of New  
2 Mexico State because of your continued support of Wesley. We are grateful to witness the lives of students  
3 being changed as they embody this year's conference theme "Lean In, Live Out."  
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5 We have students leaning into God on Wednesday nights as we gather for worship with music, a message, and  
6 discussion. Up to a dozen students have joined us for mid-week worship during the Fall and Spring semesters.  
7 Worship topics, like in-depth studies of Proverbs and the Apostle's Creed, have helped our young adults lean  
8 into their spiritual formation. Worship has also provided a time for students to lean into their faith by praising  
9 God through song.

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11 Students have also shown a commitment to lean into each other for encouragement and support. We have  
12 students who come from very different backgrounds and theological ideologies who have found a safe space  
13 to wrestle with issues in their lives and be vulnerable with one another. This sense of acceptance and support  
14 has provided encouragement for one of our students to organize and lead a Bible study at Wesley.

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16 Each Friday, students lean into their sense of Christian community by gathering for an evening of food,  
17 fellowship, and fun. By opening its doors for events like karaoke, movie nights, and escape rooms, more  
18 students from across campus have been finding a home at Wesley. Over forty students attended a Valentine's  
19 Day dinner and dance at Wesley and over twenty students participated in a glow in the dark Easter egg hunt  
20 on campus. These evenings provide a great opportunity for students to live out their faith by loving others.

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22 Students are living out their commitment to the Great Commandment and Great Commission outside of the  
23 Wesley building. We have set up a table multiple times this year on campus and handed out waters, gift bags,  
24 fun stickers and had the opportunity to pray with numerous students. We are present to remind students they  
25 are loved. We have students using their gifts and talents in the local UMC churches by participating in the  
26 choir, serving as a worship accompanist, and helping with sound and tech. We also have students involved in  
27 ramp builds, food pantries, and after-school programs-that are ministries of our local UMC churches. This  
28 summer, students will live out their love for others as one student serves as a young adult volunteer at camp  
29 and two students join a mission trip to Nicaragua.

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31 We have three students who receive scholarships funded in part through The Archey Family Christian  
32 Leadership Permanent Endowment. This endowment provides funds to help students further their education  
33 and grow as leaders as they live out their faith by investing their time and talents at Wesley.

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35 We are grateful for the continued love and support that we receive from individuals in the local churches. We  
36 have a group of about twenty people who are committed to pray for us. We have individuals committed to  
37 monthly giving. We had about 200 individuals come to Wesley for our annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner  
38 which raised over \$2000.

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40 And we have a wonderful board that represents all four of our UMC churches in Las Cruces. The board is  
41 committed to helping see the lives of students transformed by having opportunities to "Lean In and Live Out."  
42 On behalf of the board, we are grateful for the continued commitment the Conference has shown to collegiate  
43 ministry.

# New Church Development

*D.G. Hollums, Chair*

1 **Leaning into listening and living out to love...**

2 One of the greatest gifts and skills of doing something different or new in this world when it comes to being  
3 the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in this world requires listening. We in the New Church Congregational  
4 Development encourage all our church and missional planters to spend time leaning into listening. If we can't  
5 hear the needs of the people around us, then we will all simply be assuming the needs of the community, or  
6 run the risk of ministering to others, instead of with others.

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8 Once we've done the heavy lifting to **lean in** to our listening (specifically listening to God found in the needs of  
9 others); then and only then, can we start the process of **living out** God's mission in our communities' lives.

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11 We are, as always blown away by how Gods is using our church and missional planters in their communities  
12 and their impact on the lives being ministered with. We've encouraged each of them to provide a small  
13 update on how God is at work through each of them and their ministries. I hope and pray you will join the  
14 New Church congregational Development team in pouring out extravagant love, prayer, and financial support  
15 for each of them as needed.

16

17 New Church Congregational Development has ended the season of support for X-ile Community Beer Church.  
18 We can never erase express our gratitude for Rev. Dr Todd Seelau in seeing this amazing ministry grow into  
19 reality from just a dream and a thought to touching so many lives, and continues to do so. X-ile is still proving  
20 love and support to so many, and we encourage each of you to consider how you and your churches can  
21 continue to support their ministries.

22

23 We continue to support our new community in Alamogordo (Oasis), Albuquerque and all over the world online  
24 (Good Medicine Way), learning new ways for using technology to create authentic community (Curiolife),  
25 transforming lives without United Methodist Churches present in Hobbs and Carlsbad, and I'm happy to  
26 announce we are actively starting the process to find a new church planter to lead a new faith community in  
27 our New Mexico Annual Conference, while also looking into several locations within our conference  
28 geography.

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30 Please read below the amazing ministry God has done in the past year through you in our New Mexico annual  
31 conference, and will continue to do through all of our support. We invite you to lean into listening, so you can  
32 turn your listening into living out loud the love of God into the lives of others.

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34 **United Methodist Carlsbad**

35 United Methodist Church Carlsbad has been a faithful flock of the UM remnants for 2 years! Every Sunday we  
36 are "standing in the gap" of need to feed hungry people in our community and neighborhood. Our church  
37 building is located directly across the street from our local community food kitchen. This kitchen does not  
38 serve meals on weekends therefore every Sunday we provide a sack lunch to our hungry neighbors and we  
39 offer Holy Communion as well. Several of these neighbors regularly come for a meal allowing us to build  
40 relationships with them. Through these relationships we have been honored to help one individual get into a  
41 sober living facility and helped another individual find housing. Every now and then they join us for our Sunday  
42 worship service. We've also baptized a few babies within the last year! We partnered with local affirming  
43 churches last summer and hosted a non-religious PRIDE event. We had a wonderful turnout considering we  
44 live in a small, conservative town. We plan to host another PRIDE event this summer. Our flock is also in the  
45 process of becoming a Reconciling Ministry church. We are unbelievable grateful for the generous support



1 that our beloved conference has bestowed upon us! We covet your prayers and give praise to our Creator for  
2 the gift of being a part of this conference.

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4 Hollie Granger ([hollie\\_granger@yahoo.com](mailto:hollie_granger@yahoo.com))  
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6 **CurioLife - A Digital Fresh Expression**

7 Dear Bishop, Cabinet and Members of the New Mexico Conference:

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9 Last year, I introduced to you a dream offering a way for people to do church the way we do life:  
10 on the go. The concept for CurioLife, an exploration of life and faith in a digital community, is  
11 rooted in curiosity.

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13 So far, with the blessing and support of New Church Development, I've taken the research  
14 regarding current attitudes about church from people who vow not to set foot in a traditional  
15 church space and begun to explore what it would look like to utilize subscriptions, podcasts,  
16 videos, music playlists, chatrooms, digital classrooms, social media platforms, video  
17 conferencing and more to enable people to connect with God and with each other, to do and be  
18 the church, whenever and wherever.

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20 In the past year, much of this work has been done in conversation with Rev. Matt Rawle of  
21 Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, Louisiana, who was approved by NCD to serve  
22 as my clergy coach because of his experience in engaging people with the gospel of Jesus in  
23 digital spaces. Some of these ideas include designing gamification of weekly challenges  
24 regarding spiritual practices and outreach services and developing a daily strategy to invite  
25 engagement with different areas of the site. These engagement strategies would also serve as  
26 part of the marketing plan for CurioLife.

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28 I'm the first to admit that my work with CurioLife is heavier on the curiosity piece rather than the  
29 life piece at this point, due in large part to the fact that I'm exploring this innovative experiment  
30 in addition to my full time appointment as the pastor of Morning Star United Methodist Church in  
31 Las Cruces. I'd honestly begun feeling rather daunted by what could be perceived as a lack of  
32 progress until I shared my hope for CurioLife with a young adult in my congregation who has  
33 recently joined the staff as the Director of Digital Engagement and Communication. His name is  
34 Brishen Moore.

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36 I'm now happy to report that CurioLife will be given new life as Brishen and I work together to  
37 clarify the mission and vision of CurioLife, explore gamification of the tech, develop a strategy  
38 for daily engagement and expand the team for content development and marketing.

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40 As always, these next steps likely will shift and change as the process unfolds and as the Holy  
41 Spirit leads, and that's exciting. I'm grateful to NCD and the members of the New Mexico  
42 Conference for the ongoing support, and I look forward to taking part in what God has in store  
43 for this exploration of curiosity. Prayers are appreciated.

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45 Grace and Peace,  
46 Rev. Amy Wilson Feltz, Pastor ( [amy@mstarlc.church](mailto:amy@mstarlc.church) )

1 **Good Medicine Way**

2 Over the past five years, a small, dedicated group of folks has been spending many volunteer hours to create  
3 an outreach ministry to the local Native American community in Albuquerque, New Mexico, called Good  
4 Medicine Way. Having relocated three times, we finally found a good home with a covenant partnership with  
5 the Mesa View United Methodist Church congregation at 4701 Montana Road NW in Albuquerque. Most  
6 recently, Good Medicine Way has received the group ruling non-profit status with the United Methodist  
7 Church. The group leader, Dr. Casey Church, is nearing the completion of the requirement to become a Local  
8 Licensed Minister with the New Mexico Annual Conference. Good Medicine Way's services are unique; they  
9 designed their service after starting work during the pandemic, forcing them to become very creative. With  
10 the technical skills of member Brian Grover, Good Medicine Way has put together a service incorporating a  
11 very intimate in-person gathering along with a well-attended Zoom forma attender, as well Face Book Live,  
12 and YouTube Live program. With the challenges the greater United Methodist Church is facing, Good Medicine  
13 Way is seeking new avenues to reach out to folks locally and internationally. In the service, they created an  
14 order of worship that included much of the traditional Methodist order of worship functions but with a unique  
15 sensitivity to the local Native American community. Most interesting is the group's participation in the  
16 Question and Response after the speaker's message. In-person and Zoom attendees enjoy the learning they  
17 receive from having their questions answered by the speaker following their talk. Here are a couple of  
18 testimonials from our virtual and in-person attendees.  
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20 - Helen W. Teacher in Southbend, IN, shares, "Good Medicine Way brings the Gospel to life in ways that  
21 Western churches cannot because the values are already aligned with the gospel instead of contradicting it.  
22

23 - Dr. Dennis E. professor at Bethel University Indiana, shared that "GMW provides a warm, authentic  
24 fellowship and stimulating dialogue within a healthy First Nations community. I thoroughly enjoy this  
25 interaction with brothers and sisters in Christ".  
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27 - Ken G. GMW member shares, "My faith has been enriched as I've observed and absorbing spiritual  
28 insights shared with GMW Participants, many of whom are experiencing life outside of dominant White  
29 culture. As representative of that culture, I am often troubled and grieve of the harm that has been inflicted  
30 on Native peoples. This experience has opened me to indigenous world views that make it possible to  
31 continue my own journey with Jesus in ways I didn't anticipate".  
32

33 - Twila Kirkpatrick, GMW member shares, "Good Medicine Way has been a great blessing for me,  
34 starting me on a new journey to know my native roots, both physically and spiritually. I feel closer to the  
35 ancestors I have never known, and I am becoming a better person because of it".  
36

37 I would love to come to any churches that would like to learn more of the ministry we are doing and share the  
38 amazing ministry that is occurring within Good Medicine Way and how your churches can support this rare  
39 important ministry building our intertribal community. Please reach out to me to schedule a time for us to  
40 speak at your church.  
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42 Rev. Dr. Casey Church, Church Planter and Pastor ( [|church111@comcast.net](mailto:|church111@comcast.net) )  
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1 **X-ile**

2 **Overview:**

3 This report highlights some qualitative data demonstrating the impact of X-ile over the past year.  
4 As always, I am happy to discuss with any of you the stories below or other impacts being made  
5 by the X-ile community, and am grateful for the support the New Mexico Annual Conference has  
6 provided.

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8 **Stories from the Streets of Albuquerque (i.e. Qualitative Data)**

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10 New X-ile Church Founded in Jail, Studies scripture and regularly blesses other inmates.

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12 *"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked*  
13 *after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."* —Matthew 25:36

14

15 While 2024 was a monumental year for X-ile in many ways, one of the most impactful things that happened  
16 this year caught me completely off-guard. One night, I was contacted by an individual from a jail. I had met  
17 this individual before and knew a little bit about them, including that this individual was active in one of the X-  
18 ile churches. I also knew enough about this individual to admit that I wasn't surprised that this particular  
19 person was the individual calling me from jail. They asked me if I could come and visit, which I have done more  
20 than my fair share of over the years but knew it is always an important thing to do, so I went. When I arrived,  
21 my expectation was that I was walking into a pastoral care situation, but what I found, instead, was a loving  
22 individual not seeking immediate care, but who had a proposition for me. I started the interaction still thinking  
23 it was a pastoral care situation and doing the things that one would expect in that situation, for example, deep  
24 listening questions, etc. As I engaged in this process, I was interrupted with a curt reply by the individual in jail.  
25 This person was taking full responsibility for their actions and wanted to figure out a way to work towards the  
26 best life possible in the case that they would soon be spending a long period of time behind bars. The  
27 individual went on to tell me that as they sat in their cell and thought about the outside world and all of the  
28 things they might miss, the one thing that kept coming back into their mind was the church. They asked me if  
29 they could try to start an X-ile church in the jail. I was completely dumbfounded by this request for a second  
30 and unable to speak. And then, the individual started to pitch me on their idea—and it was a pitch, trying to  
31 convince me that the idea could work and trying to convince me that I should approve of the idea and let  
32 them do it. It was interesting that they felt like they needed my approval and support but I listened with joy as  
33 the individual went through their entire pitch and I took it all in. Sitting there, listening to this individual ask for  
34 help to start an X-ile church in jail filled me with excitement and, to be completely honest, was one of the  
35 most satisfying and humbling feelings I have ever had in my two decades of Ordained ministry.

36

37 The individual has worked hard and God has worked through them and an X-ile community that has been  
38 meeting weekly now for over six months without issue. The jail X-ile church now consists of nine regular  
39 attendees who come together when they have "community time" in the prison and they spend their time  
40 reading the Bible, sharing about their weeks, and discussing how they can be servants to those around them  
41 and produce positive change in the lives of those around them. They have tried to find ways they can be  
42 generous—even as they have limited means and options. For example, they have started saving their desserts  
43 or other "luxury" items when they are able to purchase them, and then give them to the others in their unit  
44 when they squire enough for everyone.

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46 While I have seen many amazing things happen through the X-ile churches, it was humbling to me to realize  
47 now that I never imagined anything would happen like what is happening in prison. But now I see how God's  
48 work can surprise us all, and I will now be on the lookout for more ways that I can be intentional about  
49 growing more communities in places that I never thought impossible before.

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1 **X-ile Church Continues to Change Culture on the Streets of Albuquerque.**

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3 *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you,*  
4 *so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you*  
5 *are my disciples, if you love one another.” —John 13:34-35*  
6

7 In addition to positively impacting the incarcerated community, X-ile continues its powerful transformation of  
8 the bars and streets of Albuquerque as well. Over the past six months, five different establishment owners or  
9 managers have made a point to reach out to me—as the pastor overseeing the X-ile bar churches—in order to  
10 tell me some story or another about how grateful they have been for X-ile to be meeting in their venues.  
11 While each story is unique, they often highlight how X-ile’s presence once or twice per week is changing the  
12 entire culture of the bar they are in. For instance, they have noted the many ways that regulars are engaging  
13 in care for the people around them in the bar. This type of care has resulted in a culture where people look  
14 out for one another on a nightly basis; people make sure that individuals get home safely when they have had  
15 too much to drink; people watch each other’s drinks and possessions when they leave to go to the bathroom  
16 or are otherwise not paying attention; people are actively seeking to de-escalate conflicts that may break out  
17 in the bar; and on top of all of that, the owners and managers have noticed generosity even extending to  
18 making purchases for one another and ensuring that the staff is being tipped well for the work they are doing.  
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20 These kindnesses and the shift in overall culture at these five establishments was not the intended goal when  
21 X-ile began meeting, but it is wonderful, unexpected fruits of those efforts. It is no coincidence that the five  
22 establishments who reached out to me are among the five that X-ile has been meeting in the longest, and the  
23 five communities that have really begun to understand what God’s love and generosity means and how to live  
24 out those values in an intentional manner. Hearing about what is being done on the streets and in the bars of  
25 our communities is exciting—it is evidence that our efforts are bearing good fruit and that we are making a  
26 meaningful impact on the world and, more specifically, in our own city of Albuquerque in some of the most  
27 vulnerable places with some of the most vulnerable people we will ever find. I am honored and humbled to be  
28 a part of this continuing transformation and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for X-ile next!  
29

30 **Conclusion:**

31 I want to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude to the New Mexico Annual Conference for all of the support  
32 you have provided X-ile over the past seven years. Your support has allowed X-ile to have the means, space,  
33 and time to figure out how to learn—often through trial and error—how to create churches for the  
34 unchurched that are truly missional, relational, and incarnational. In 2025, we set our sights on continued  
35 expansion through improved organization in order to sustain the growth we have already experienced and to  
36 continue finding new communities—like those in prisons and jails—where the power of God’s word and the  
37 impact of living out the truths of the Gospel can take hold and transform.  
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39 Thank you for your continued part in this ongoing process. If you’d like to support us in a more personal way,  
40 we can use your support now more than ever. Please reach out to me directly on how you might be able to  
41 further our mission and God’s work, or consider making a monthly or one-time donation at  
42 [www.xile.com/donate](http://www.xile.com/donate).  
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44 With gratitude and grace,  
45 Rev. Dr. Todd Seelau, Founder and Pastor of X-ile ( [rev.todd@gmail.com](mailto:rev.todd@gmail.com) )  
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46 This concludes the 2025 Conference report from the New Church Development Team. May you be compelled  
47 to actively seek out and to listen to the lives of others, and then have the courage to live out what God is  
48 telling you to say and do within your communities. Go be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in your  
49 communities.

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## McCurdy Ministries

*Tiffany Hollums, Executive Director*

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4 There are moments in which the movement of the Spirit in our lives is undeniable, and we are living in such  
5 times at McCurdy Ministries. These days the Spirit of God is palpable at McCurdy Ministries. Many come to  
6 McCurdy Ministries campus to serve from all over the county and they will agree, along with alumni of the  
7 mission school, that it feels like sacred space here at McCurdy. Today, our campus is bustling with activity of  
8 families, children, community non-profits, volunteers, and ministry. McCurdy Ministries is a real-life example  
9 of how brightly the light of Christ can shine and surprise us when we lean into sharing what we have with the  
10 community around us and live into the challenge of Micah 6:8 to do justice, to love kindness and to walk  
11 humbly with your God.

12  
13 McCurdy Ministries has a rich history and heritage of being a light in the Española Valley for over 123 years.  
14 The 'valley' is truly a place of beauty, but also a place in which the community has struggled for decades in  
15 many different ways. It was this beautiful valley that drew a young United Evangelical Brethren Deaconess  
16 named Mellie Perkins to establish a school in Velarde in 1912. McCurdy Ministries (formerly the McCurdy  
17 Schools of Northern New Mexico) was a home away from home for students for over 100 years as a residential  
18 mission school. Teachers and volunteers came from all over the county to serve at McCurdy. There is such a  
19 rich and sacred history of this National Historic Mission Institution of the United Methodist Church in New  
20 Mexico, and incredibly big shoes of calling to fill.

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22 McCurdy Ministries has taken radical steps in faith over the past few years to passionately, creatively, and  
23 extravagantly live out our calling to 'be a light in the valley'. It is difficult to adequately articulate all of the  
24 miracles that we have witnessed here at McCurdy Ministries when we listened deeply to the community. We  
25 opened our doors literally to other nonprofits such as the United Way of Northern NM and Las Cumbres  
26 Grandparents raising grandkids group. The Rio Arriba Health council began having their monthly meetings in  
27 our Cole Community Room. As we listened, we learned that there were grandparents who needed clothing  
28 for their grandkids that they were struggling to raise. We began an incredible partnership with Locker #505  
29 student clothing bank in Albuquerque and adventured together to open up a McCurdy Locker #505 location in  
30 early 2024. We wondered if we might struggle to get donations, but we have found that keeping up with the  
31 pouring in of donations from the Española valley community, area United Methodist Churches, volunteer  
32 teams, United Women in Faith groups, and our supporters across the nation is a daily challenge. We  
33 transformed the old teacherage lodging building dedicated to the founder of McCurdy, Mellie Perkins, into the  
34 Locker #505 McCurdy location.

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36 We were then asked to take the next radical step of faith in applying for a grant for a pilot program through  
37 the prevention services of CYFD (Children, Youth and Families state agency) to become a Family Resource  
38 Center (FRC). This pilot was designed to create FRCs in four New Mexico counties with high rates of drug  
39 overdose/use, child abuse/neglect, poverty, and lack of access to prenatal care. It was a step which was one  
40 that required stepping out of our comfort zone, dreaming with our current aging facilities, and leaning into the  
41 relationships that we were seeing grow with and through our community. Through miraculous work of our  
42 maintenance staff, volunteer teams, and staff, the former High School Cole building is now the new Family  
43 Resource Center hub. We hired FRC staff who welcome families, hear their stories, help them to connect with  
44 support and resources, and share the light of Christ in practical ways. As we met with these families, we soon  
45 realized that the Locker #505 clothing closet was needed for the entire family and in March 2025, the Light  
46 House at McCurdy Ministries was created with blessings from our incredible friends at Locker #505. Now,  
47 families can come to the McCurdy FRC, meet with a family navigator, choose clothing, shoes, toiletries, and

1 other basic needs in the Light House. We also opened a Food for Kids pantry through the Food Depot in the  
2 new FRC in May 2025 to serve children and families with much needed food. We also welcomed other non-  
3 profit partners into the many 'casitas' that we had on campus used to house former teachers and staff. We  
4 now have a 'casita village' with such partners as United Way of Northern New Mexico, CASA First, Las Cumbres  
5 Grandparents Raising Grandkids, Northern Youth Project, and state agencies such as ECECD (Early Childhood).  
6 We are finding that we are having a problem that we never could have imagined having with our vast campus:  
7 running out of space! Needless to say, the parking lots on McCurdy Ministries campus are bubbling with  
8 activity.

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10 In listening to the community, we also sensed God was calling McCurdy to continue in its rich heritage of  
11 education through an exciting new program called LEER (leh-EHR, to read), a children's literacy program for  
12 the community. Data from the Espanola Public Schools for the 2023-24 year showed that 80 percent of  
13 students in grades K-6 were below proficiency in reading at the beginning of the school year. We celebrated  
14 the ribbon cutting of the new 'Enchanted Forest of Reading' in May 2025 and Camp Stars will be a wonderful  
15 experience for students during the summer as they will each have a reading buddy. We also have launched  
16 fun new ministries such as 'Scrappy', a sewing ministry, to creatively reuse any clothing that we receive for the  
17 Light House that needs a 'new life'. We are creating comfort weighted animals and blankets that can be given  
18 to children through CASA mentoring, the FRC, or our other incredible ministries on campus.

19  
20 Other important ministries at McCurdy Ministry are also shining brighter than ever. The incredible Pre-K at  
21 McCurdy has been awarded for the 2nd year in a row the distinction as a five-star Pre-K. Our preschoolers  
22 have grown through learning, singing, folk dancing, and a trip to the zoo. The After School program helps  
23 children to learn about their faith each and every day as they create costumes, write plays, share prayers, and  
24 read the Bible together. Project Cariño offers free mental health services and a Big Buddy/Little buddy  
25 mentoring program for children and youth at the McCurdy Charter School. We have had family members of  
26 the youth who are receiving therapy who are now receiving therapy through Project Cariño because of the  
27 incredible effect that they saw in their child. We have celebrated with the Big Buddies and Little Buddies with  
28 a Halloween, Christmas, and End of the Year party. We even have a new staff member who was a recipient of  
29 therapy through Project Cariño many years ago. It is so humbling to see the ministry of McCurdy come full  
30 circle in so many ways. We have had so many different events on campus from the Fall Festival and Easter Egg  
31 Celebration to the FRC Open House in which we had multiple generations of people who love McCurdy and  
32 are so thrilled for the new life that see blooming here.

33  
34 We have created a beautiful new logo which reflects our calling to be a light in the valley with a bright, colorful  
35 sun shining over the mountains and the valley. Each of the ministries on our campus are represented with a  
36 special color to show what a beautiful mosaic this ministry is becoming in the valley. We also have updated  
37 our website, [mccurdy.org](http://mccurdy.org), to share this new time in McCurdy's life. This year, McCurdy Ministries was  
38 honored with the distinction as a National Historic United Methodist institution! As a national historic mission  
39 institute, we are so honored to live in the rich history pioneered by the deaconess, Mellie Perkins, as she  
40 bravely came to the Espanola valley to begin a school. Please come and join us at a celebration of McCurdy's  
41 historic status on Saturday, October 11, 2025!

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43 None of this incredible ministry would be possible without our unbelievable staff, committed United  
44 Methodist churches, United Women in Faith, grants from the New Mexico Annual Conference Endowment  
45 and United Women in Faith, volunteers from around the country, and our faithful supporters. What began  
46 with a dream and a brave calling in a young United Evangelical Brethren Deaconess in 1912 in Velarde, New  
47 Mexico, is continuing to reenvision what is possible when community gathers in sacred space. Our prayers  
48 and dreams are that the McCurdy light continues to shine in and through us as people leave with a deep  
49 knowing that they are loved by God and by the people at McCurdy. Now, 123 years later, we are shining  
50 brighter than ever as we live in and out our calling to be a light in the valley.

**Resolution for Discontinuance  
Faithful Completion  
Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church in El Paso, Texas**

*Submitted by Rev. Dr. Pamela Rowley, El Paso District Superintendent*

1 **Whereas**, Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church of El Paso, Texas was organized as a congregation in 1923 as  
2 Ysleta Methodist Episcopal Church, South, holding its first service on January 23, 1923, in Ysleta, Texas. The  
3 church was enlarged in 1940 and in 1951 moved to 115 Davis Street, adding a fellowship hall and Christian  
4 education building. The groundbreaking for a new sanctuary occurred in 1956 and the church resided at the  
5 Davis Street location until 1984. On September 14, 1983, a decision was made to move to another eastside  
6 location at 11860 Rojas becoming Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church where it has remained to this date. In  
7 1988 the Bishop’s Award for Excellence in Evangelism was granted to the church. Unfortunately, on October  
8 31, 1989, burglars set fire to the church causing \$400,000 in damage and a church reconstruction began with  
9 the first worship service held in the rebuilt church occurring on May 21, 1990. Vista Ysleta United Methodist  
10 Church has continued a long and faithful history of service to the Lord and its mission field on the east side of  
11 El Paso for which we are grateful.

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13 **Whereas**, the church conference of Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church of El Paso, Texas voted on May 18,  
14 2025, to discontinue the church; and

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16 **Whereas**, the members and friends of Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church celebrated their life and ministry  
17 together on June 8, 2025, during a worship service disbanding the congregation and will go on to serve the  
18 Lord in other parts of God’s Kingdom here on earth; and

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20 **Whereas**, the consent to discontinue and observe faithful completion has been granted by Bishop Carlo A.  
21 Rapanut, the Albuquerque and El Paso District Superintendents, and the El Paso District Board of Church  
22 Location and Building and all proper *Disciplinary* requirements have been complied with; and

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24 **Whereas**, the local church property will no longer use, keep, or maintain its membership as a place of divine  
25 worship after June 8, 2025;

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27 **Therefore, Be It Resolved:** That upon the recommendation of the El Paso District Superintendent, the New  
28 Mexico Annual Conference declares Vista Ysleta United Methodist Church closed on June 8, 2025, pursuant to  
29 ¶12549.1.b of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2020/2024* (BOD) and that, on June 8,  
30 2025, the New Mexico Annual Conference Board of Trustees assumes control of the real and personal,  
31 tangible and intangible property, and any and all other assets, both present and future of Vista Ysleta United  
32 Methodist Church of El Paso, Texas (¶12549.2.b, BOD).

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34 **Finally, Be It Further Resolved:** That the New Mexico Annual Conference Board of Trustees is granted the  
35 authority to retain, sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of the property in the best interest of the New Mexico  
36 Annual Conference as stipulated in ¶12549.2.c). of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church*  
37 *2020/2024*.

## **Resolution to Amend Existing Conference Policy on Local Church Property and Liability Insurance**

*Submitted by Conference Board of Trustees*

- 1 **Rationale:** Although uninsured churches put the local church Trustees, the local church and the Annual  
2 Conference at significant financial risk, it is not the intent of the Conference to force a church to close their  
3 doors, on the single fact that they cannot pay their property insurance premiums. Annual Conference Trustees  
4 can advise and consult with any church seeking to opt-out of the property coverage due to their churches  
5 limited financial resources. Churches not approved to opt-out must remain fully insured in the conference's  
6 insurance program.  
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- 8 **Whereas,** the New Mexico Conference established a policy that all member churches will participate in a  
9 mandatory Group Liability, Property and Workers Compensation insurance policy beginning July 1, 2002;  
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- 11 **Whereas,** the Conference Trustees have found that some Local Churches have struggled and may continue to  
12 struggle to pay their property insurance;  
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- 14 **Whereas,** the Conference Trustees have established a form and an annual approval process (involving their  
15 District Superintendent and a Trustee committee) for local churches to opt out of the Conference mandated  
16 participation in the Conference property insurance and yet remain participants in the Conference Liability and  
17 Workers Compensation insurance  
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- 19 **Therefore: it is resolved** that the 2002 Conference Resolution is hereby amended to allow local churches to  
20 drop only their Conference mandated property insurance provided that they receive approval through the  
21 process established by the Conference Trustees.  
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- 23 **Furthermore,** this opt-out provision may be revoked should the Conference Trustees find alternative  
24 insurance options.



## Resolution for the Location of the 2027 New Mexico Annual Conference

*Submitted by The New Mexico Conference Ministry Team*

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rules of the New Mexico Annual Conference declare that the location of the Annual Conference  
2 Session is to be decided by the Annual Conference no less than two years in advance, and  
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- 4 **WHEREAS**, 2027 will be a year of embracing our continued reimagining as a conference thus requiring a venue  
5 that would maximize attendance and minimize arrangements, and  
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, 2027 will be a year we continue to be financially astute, thus having a venue that will allow the  
8 conference to have some financial savings is a preferable choice, and  
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, the selected venue reflects our shared connection throughout the geographical area of the  
11 conference,  
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- 13 **THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the New Mexico Annual Conference sets the location of the 2027 Annual  
14 Conference session to be the city of El Paso, Texas.