

**New Mexico Episcopal Area
of The United Methodist Church**



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DATE: April 6, 2026
TO: Lay and Clergy Members of the New Mexico Annual Conference (NMAC)
FROM: Bishop Carlo A. Rapanut, residential bishop of the New Mexico Annual Conference
RE: Call to the New Mexico Annual Conference Regular Session 2026

Dear United Methodists in the New Mexico Annual Conference,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our one true vine!

I hereby call the 151st regular session of the New Mexico Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church to meet on June 11-13, 2026, at Western Hills United Methodist Church in El Paso, TX. We will be hosted by our siblings in the El Paso District and we look forward to learning more about them and their ministries.

This is a milestone year for us as we mark 150 years of Methodist mission and ministry in New Mexico and west Texas. We will gather to celebrate the ministry highlights of the past 15 decades, mark our present place in this ongoing story and together discern how God is inviting us to write the next chapter.


As we look to the future, I invite us to consider these next three years as a season of growth where we will re-explore our rootedness in Christ and the invitation to grow for the sake of the world. Grounded in John 15, *A Season of Growth: Rooted in Christ, Growing for the World* will serve as our guiding vision for the rest of the quadrennium.

Our theme for this year is *Pruning for Clarity* which is the first in the three-year series on the guiding vision. It is an opportune time as we celebrate 150 years to ask the pruning question: “What must we release so that our future can be more fruitful than our past?” Together, we will learn from the past without being bound by it, release what no longer serves the mission, clear away distractions so that identity can breathe and create space for new, stronger growth. I invite you to reflect on this as we prepare for our time together.

Your attendance is always important for the sake of strengthening our bonds in the body of Christ and because we will be making important decisions in the life of our annual conference. Your voice and vote are valued, and I hope that you will take this responsibility seriously and make plans to attend.

Information is now available at on the [Annual Conference Home Page](#). Please pay attention to the due dates for registration and other submissions, and I ask you to please abide by these deadlines. Doing so will greatly help the continuing planning of the conference. It will avoid causing undue stress on our staff and volunteers. I trust you will do your part as beloved members of our covenant community.

I look forward to being with all of you in El Paso in June. May the Holy Spirit work in our minds and our hearts, even now, as we prepare for this important work of holy conferencing.


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