

The New Mexico Conference of Churches Board of Directors, including Judicatory Heads,
gathered for a Retreat Day: January 20, 2016



Front Row: George Huggins, Treasurer
Carolyn Good, Church Women United Representative
The Reverend Jean Campbell, Deputy for the Episcopal Diocese of Rio Grande
The Reverend Sharon Littrell, Deputy for the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ
Conrad Rocha, Executive of the Synod of the Southwest of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
The Reverend Bert Scott, Liaison for the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry.

Back Row: The Reverend Seth Finch, Deputy for the Syond of the Southwest of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Monsignor J Bennett Voorhies, Deputy for the Archdiocese of the Rio Grande, Roman Catholic
Ruth Hoffman, President of the NMCC Board and Deputy for the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA
Stephen Rhoades, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Santa of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Bishop Earl Bledsoe, New Mexico Conference of the United Methodist Church
The Reverend Bob Aubrey, Vice President of the NMCC Board and Deputy for Mission West, Disciples
of Christ
Bishop Jim Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Board has established three priorities for the coming year:

1. To be intentional in the transition to a new part time director (to be in place by April 1, 2017) including: thoughtful and personal ways of welcoming the new director, recognition of the limitations implied by a part time position and the subsequent necessity for Board members to accept new responsibilities, streamlining of administrative systems, and designated activities to enable the new director to know the judicatories and opportunities for ecumenical work across the state.
2. To actively seek and to take advantage of every opportunity to stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters during a season in which they may experience hostility and intolerance.
3. To promote the unity of our churches wherever and whenever possible, especially through 1) speaking with a common voice on issues in state and nation, 2) encouraging ecumenical cooperation among our congregations and 3) modeling the desired unity through a fall service of prayer led by various judicatory heads.

The New Mexico Conference of Churches Board is grateful for the prayerful support of our member churches and seeks continued prayers for the new chapter about to begin.