

Albuquerque Monthly Meeting- Sustainable Building Mission Statement- April, 2026

Background: for many years Albuquerque Monthly Meeting (AMM) has needed an accessible space for our children and youth programs. Currently they are housed in a basement not accessible by most of our members. In August 2025 AMM approved a minute to build a 2000 sf auxiliary building on land adjacent to our meetinghouse. This space will also house a social hall and rooms that can be used by the community.

As part of our deep commitment to addressing climate change, AMM also passed the following Minute:

“Albuquerque Monthly Meeting will strive to proceed with an ethically and environmentally informed, climate ready, Quaker testimony aligned construction process for an auxiliary building adjacent to our existing Meeting House and to our existing built structures”

The Design Committee has developed a “Sustainable Construction Mission Statement”:

If the AMM new building is to be a “demonstration” project...

Who...are we demonstrating to?

- Which audience are we trying to address?

What... are we demonstrating?

- What goal are we trying to achieve or what values are we illustrating?

Why... is this goal/value important?

- Why should others become enthusiastic about our Project or become supporters?

- **Who:** Albuquerque Monthly Meeting will create a demonstration project for Quaker Meetings, organizations and other faith communities in America as well as commercial contractors, architects and other interested parties.
- **What:** We will develop a model to evaluate construction materials and processes for alignment with Quaker testimonies, equitable sustainability, low embodied and operating carbon while building a simple and elegant commercial building. AMM will produce educational materials for wide dissemination to assist organizations in lowering their carbon footprint in construction, remodeling and maintenance of commercial built structures, highlighting the research and activities we followed in constructing our new building.
- **Why:** Our goal is to demonstrate that the construction process can reduce the seeds of violence and war, inhumane labor practices and human rights violations, slow climate change, and to encourage and highlight fair trade practices. We can “bend the arc” in the supply chain for commercial construction materials to reduce CO2 emissions and reduce suffering. By highlighting the **Just Green Path** within industries and developing training materials, we will forge a path for others to follow, that collectively, has a chance of making a tangible and real difference in climate change and reduce the human harm present in the construction industry global supply chain, manufacturing and disposal.

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