

## **ALBUQUERQUE MONTHLY MEETING CAMPUS RENOVATION AND EXPANSION: CASE STATEMENT OCTOBER 2025**

**THE VISION** ... The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) comes out of our teaching of that of God in everyone, the foundation of practices of equality, simplicity, education, inclusiveness, humanitarian efforts, opposition to war and a dedication to bringing Light into darkness. In support of this tradition, Albuquerque Friends Meeting will renovate its existing site, improve our current meetinghouse and construct a new auxiliary building for use by our children/youth, our members and the community.

**THE NEED** ... Participation in the Albuquerque Friends Meeting is growing. We need to bring the Children's Program out of the basement and provide space and Light for their growth. We need a resident caretaker to offer welcome and hospitality to visitors or organizations who wish to use the facility. We need a new auxiliary building that is fully accessible for all with mobility issues.

The Meeting endeavors to serve as a regional center strengthening meetings and isolated Friends in other New Mexico communities and adjoining states. We lack space in our current building to adequately support all the local and regional community organizations we wish to.

There is a need for a peaceful place for meditation and contemplation for people from varied backgrounds. Young adults who struggle with peace and justice issues need adequate space. We want our meetinghouse to make a strong statement about the world's current environmental crisis. We seek to increase a sense of community with the meeting's culturally diverse neighbors. We need to care for our 115 year old building and update some of its infrastructure to last another 100 years.

And most importantly, we need to provide an accessible, bright, well-designed area for our children and youth and their families. We need a multi-generational space that is inviting and functional for families who desire to raise their children imbued with the Quaker values that our troubled world needs in this moment, a space that can be used for religious education and for social functions.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES...**

- A vibrant center for worship, peaceful gatherings, hospitality, light, education and community, serving both our local and regional neighbors, with expanded meeting space.
- A center dedicated to increased global consciousness of the environmental crisis with ethically sourced materials that is climate ready, a building that is a living example.
- A place to partner with other Quaker and community organizations to support activism and encourage our members to service in areas such as immigration, social justice, land and water use and solidarity with indigenous people of the Southwest.
- A resident Friend apartment for an onsite caretaker and host.
- A beautiful garden to provide sanctuary and rest.
- Fully accessible classrooms which would allow programs and services for infants, children and teens.
- A welcoming social hall with adjacent kitchen for potlucks and fellowship.

We believe that improvements to our current building, renovation of our Campus and the construction of a new auxiliary building adjacent to our meetinghouse will meet these goals.

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