

New Mexico Conference of Churches

**APPLICATION FOR ASSOCIATE RELATIONSHIP**

Congregation/Organization Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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**Please describe your mission and its theological basis:**

The movement that resulted in the Religious Society of Friends developed after the height of the Puritan revolution in the mid-1600s. During the great religious ferment of this period, when old church forms were being questioned and many people were reading the Bible for the first time, Quakers sought through direct inward experience to find again the life and power of early Christianity.

The mission of the Religious Society of Friends is the pursuit of truth, peace, and our strongly felt testimonies such as harmony, community, simplicity, and equality. We have no written creed.

**How is your mission congruent with the mission of the NMCC?**

The public ministry mission of the NMCC—its outreach in diverse areas to people and communities in need—is congruent with the strongly felt testimonies of members of the Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. The five priority issues of NMCC for the 2007 NM State Legislative Session (repeal of the death penalty, immigration reform, increase in the state minimum wage, predatory lending regulation, and the environment) are topics consistent with our strongly felt testimonies.

**What are your expectations of association with the NMCC?**

We hope that association with NMCC will allow Albuquerque Monthly Meeting to participate with other like-minded organizations in pursuing truth, peace, and many of our strongly felt testimonies. We look forward to being associated with other religious organizations in New Mexico in the pursuit of common goals.

**What other issues, if any, should we consider in the application process?**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

