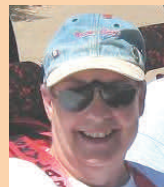


Our Lady of Las Palomas is a multi-faith multi-cultural community of contemplation, prayer and action committed to the life of simplicity, presence, and service in right relationship with God. We are a beyond borders interfaith community with people of the United States and Mexico participating in a cooperative community of justice and sustainability.

Board of Directors



Robert Hulshouser, President, is a partner in Urban Environmental Research, LLC, a regional consulting firm. He is the nephew of Edith & Dick Haines, major benefactors of OLLP. He has served in executive security positions within the utility industry, and as President of three Rotary clubs. Robert is a retired Lieutenant Colonel (USAR) He lives in Las Vegas, NV.



Mary McClain, Vice President, was a community activist, city alderman and county supervisor. She managed a Keep America Beautiful affiliate and served as a city and county recycling director. In addition she owned and operated a successful retail/wholesale business for a number of years. She lives in Columbus, NM



Louis Luna is a licensed social worker and translates documents for the Deming School District. He interprets during IEP's, trainings, workshops, etc. He does Spanish transcriptions and simultaneous interpretation for UTEP. He is a Community Action Agency Board Member and Co-Chair of the Con Alma Health Foundation. He lives in Deming, NM.



Tom Hester has degrees in history, sociology and American civilization. He is retired from the USDOJ. He teaches a weekly ESL class for Literacy Link Leamos and does volunteer research for the Silver City Museum, and volunteers for the release after-school program. He lives in Silver City, NM.



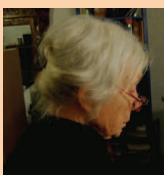
The Rt. Rev. Win Mott is currently Bishop of the Diocese of the West and Vicar-General for the Diocese of the Southwest in the Anglican Church of North America. He writes the "Desert Sage" column for the Deming "Headlight." He lives in Columbus, NM.



The Rev. Deacon Kris Lethin, Treasurer, & The Rev. Judith Lethin are ordained clergy from the Episcopal diocese of Alaska. They co-founded Our Lady of Las Palomas in 2000 with other Alaskans. Kris is a retired businessman and an avid pilot. Judith is a priest and board certified chaplain, and a writer. They live in Seldovia, Alaska



The Rev. Deacon Tom Bates Serves at The Good Shepard Episcopal Church in Silver City, NM. He is the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Coordinator for the Episcopal Diocese of the Rio Grande, a board member of an orphanage in Palomas and a board member of Alas de Amor, an outreach Christian ministry in Palomas. A retired Army Colonel and a former city manager, he lives in Silver City, New Mexico.



Barbara Becker Agte is a retired college English teacher, special education social worker and costume constructionist and designer, community activist and involved in many plays and theatre activities. Her publications include KENT LETTERS: STUDENT RESPONSES TO MAY 1970 MASSACRE as well short stories and articles published in DESERT EXPOSURE and other local publications. She has lived in Columbus, NM since 1989.

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A Faith-Budget which we hope to raise through

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Border Cooperative Marketing & Development Plan

Cooperative Enterprise Development Coordinators: Grant writing and Management, Recruiting, Training and Mentoring 10 new Volunteers and 20 new Artisans	\$20,000
Skills Training of New Artisans: Weaving, Sewing, etc.	\$16,000
Marketing Training and Sales Development for Artisans	\$12,000
Internet Marketing: Website, Store front, etc.	\$13,000
Compassion House and Weaving and Fiber Arts Studio: Utilities, Electricity, Water, Telephone, Install Handicap Toilet for Studio, etc.	\$11,000
Chapel Utilities: Electricity, Water	\$ 4,000
Facilities Insurance & Liability Insurance	\$ 6,000
Palomas Hunger Project: Weekly Food Baskets for 15 Families	\$12,000
<u>Total Projected Financial Needs</u>	<u>\$94,000</u>

Our Lady of Las Palomas is now ready to take the next step in our commitment to the people of New Mexico and Mexico. We have developed a faith-budget which you see above and have engaged two Cooperative Enterprise Development Coordinators to write grants, develop training and a marketing plan for the Border Cooperative, and recruit more artisans and volunteers. They will assume their positions in May. In the past we have relied on the generosity of The New Mexico Women's Foundation, the Office of Border Health, the Wellness Coalition, the Southwest Deanery of the Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church, Church of the Southwest, St. Luke's, and other churches and individuals to support our programs. Your continued donations and support are important if we are to make this work for the good of all our families. Please follow us on our website and Facebook. We'll let you know how we're doing. We cannot do this good work alone! Thank you and God Bless.

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The Chapel of St. Francis and St. Antony in the Desert is located at Grant & Broadway St. in Columbus, NM. Episcopal Communion services are held at 10 AM every Tuesday. All are welcome.

The Unity Labyrinth is a prayer path dedicated to peace between the citizens of Mexico and the United States.



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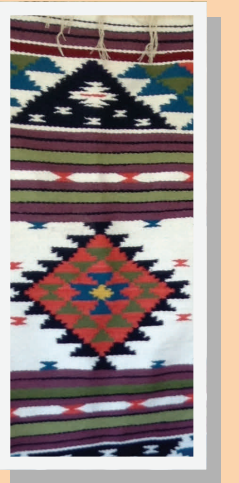
A generous grant from the **New Mexico Women’s Foundation** provided sheetrock, electrical, lighting and fan for the Border Cooperative’s Weaving and Fiber Arts Studio in Columbus. Fabric and yarn have been donated by many generous individuals from New Mexico, Texas and beyond.



A wall hanging sewing project of La Cooperativa de la Frontera in Palomas.



A beautiful sample of a 100% wool tapestry made by one of the women from the Border Cooperative in Columbus. Looms and training were provided from the Wellness Coalition Community Compassion Grant.



- La Cooperativa de la Frontera y Columbus y Palomas, also known as The Border Cooperative, has helped over two hundred of women and men earn money through the sale of their art work to help support their families over the past seven years.
- The Hunger Project in Palomas has provided food baskets, Christmas baskets and community meals to hundreds of women, men and children since it’s inception.
- Donations of used clothing, blankets, and coats have been given to families. Some clothing has been recycled into art projects (baskets, rag rugs, quilts and wall hangings).
- Grief counseling, business development counseling, financial management counseling have been provided.
- Compassion House has hosted university student, retreats, and workshops on spirituality and border issues.
- The Micro Loan Program provided funding to build the workshop space in Palomas. This has been 100% repaid.



Bruce & Kris Lethin digging the electrical ditch for the Weaving and Fiber Arts Studio.