

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

People of the Land Program



Program Advisory Committee



Farmer Fidel Gonzalez and Quaker Sara Keeney - Photo by Anni Hanna

General information

AFSC values the voices of constituents in program planning and direction. While our Program Advisory Committee (PAC) does not have governance or budget authority, it does play a crucial role in working with staff to shape the current and future direction of our work.

The PAC plays an important insider-outsider role for program planning and implementation while serving as a sounding board to staff and accountability mechanism to the community.

The composition of our PAC reflects AFSC's commitment to equity and inclusion and our Affirmative Action plan and policy. AFSC and its volunteers strive to communicate and interact with mutual respect, with AFSC and community values in mind. The PAC meets monthly in the evening, in-person when possible, and we serve great food!

Key PAC functions include:

- Increase the program's capacity by involving people who can actively support and be involved with the program as volunteers;
- Provide support and advocate for the program;
- Facilitate community connections and accountability;
- Maintain links to Quaker Meetings in New Mexico;
- Ensure program continuity and historical memory;
- Serve as funnel for community members' recruitment to AFSC governance bodies; and
- Provide opportunities for community members to network with strategic partners and enhance their leadership skills.



Quaker Aaron Moore (left) and PAC member David Henkel — Photo by Anni Hanna

Mission and vision

AFSC envisions self-determined communities in New Mexico that have the capacity to feed and care for our children, elders, and neighbors (human, animal, and plant).

The New Mexico Program supports the empowerment of the people of New Mexico by:

- Accompanying historic and land-based communities in their work to protect access to land and water;
- Growing food and medicine;
- Increasing access to healthy food by underserved populations (including a focus on schools and Early Childhood Education centers);
- Stimulating local economies; and
- Developing grassroots leadership.

We do this by providing training, technical support and infrastructure development, as well as policy advocacy and popular education community organizing. All of our work is done in partnership with individuals, communities, and organizations committed to a more just, equitable future for all.

About AFSC

Guided by the Quaker belief in the divine light of each person, the American Friends Service Committee works with communities and partners worldwide to challenge unjust systems and promote lasting peace. Our vision is a just, peaceful, and sustainable world free of violence, inequality, and oppression. AFSC has been active in New Mexico since 1976 and has successfully developed and delivered farmer-to-farmer training to land-based people, predominantly of Native American and Indo-Hispano origin.

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To apply to serve on the PAC, please email newmexico@afsc.org or call 505-842-7343.