

James M Collie Albuquerque, NM

## **Profile**

Jim is a Presbyterian minister, retired in 2010 after serving in various positions in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) since 1973. He has lived in Albuquerque, NM, since 1994. He was born and raised in Midland, TX.

## Education

Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA, Master of Divinity, 1973
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, Bachelor of Arts with honors (History and English), 1969

**Community Service.** - Jim served on the Board of Trustees for Menaul School, a private school in Albuquerque, grades 6 through 12, beginning in 1996. He served as chair of the Menaul Board for one year beginning in May, 2013. His Board service terminated in 2018. He continues to be active supporting the life of Menaul School and he takes great pride in its international reach.

New Mexico Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, appointed Jim to a vacancy on the Bernalillo County Commission for District 3 in 2020. While serving on the Commission, Jim proposed the creation of the Sheriff's Office Advisory and Review Board. The plan was adopted by the Commission and impaneled in the Fall of 2020.

Prior to his appointment to the Bernalillo County Commission, Jim served on the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Library Board, and the Bernalillo County Planning Commission.

# **Vocational Experience**

Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Santa Fe, 1994-2010

The Presbytery of Santa Fe is the administrative governing body for Presbyterian Church (USA) congregations with about 65 ministers in the northern half of New Mexico, extending from Farmington in the northwest to Raton in the northeast, and as far south as Socorro and Reserve/Glenwood. As the chief administrative officer of the body, Jim served as Personnel Officer for the presbytery, including highly confidential judicial issues involving discipline of pastors. His office was involved in dispute resolution and mediation of conflict in congregations. Jim has



completed both the University of NM Law School mediation course, as well as a nationally recognized mediation course from the Mennonite Church.

# Congregational Service, 1973-1994

Jim served as pastor and campus minister in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He was an associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler, Texas. And was the pastor of the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Bedford, Texas.

#### Denominational Service, 1973-2010

Jim served regional and national denominational organizations in many capacities: as a leader of national youth conferences, participant in ecumenical work, a voting commissioner at General Assemblies, as Moderator of Red River Presbytery (1975), member of committees, commissions and councils.

For almost 30 years Jim assisted the chief legislative officer of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in various capacities. The General Assembly is the highest level decision making body for the Church. Jim worked during Assembly meetings as lead staff for the legislative process and served as process trouble shooter.