

A Tapestry of Cultures, Peoples, and Dreams

As our church works its way through learning how to combat racism, we need to take a look at what others in our own multicultural Synod are doing to create a land that treats everyone with dignity and justice. This week Conrad Rocha, the Executive Elder and Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Southwest, will share that information with us.

Mr. Rocha has served the Presbyterian Church in a variety of ways—Vice President for Institutional Advancement and CFO at Menaul School, member of the board of directors at the Board of Pensions, and past moderator of Santa Fe Presbytery, to name a few. In addition, he is a Vietnam Veteran and an attorney.

Class Assignments

As time permits, you may want to learn more about our Synod and its activities by reading the following:

- **Synod of the Southwest: About Us.** Note the two articles on the page: “Stated Clerk Issues Call to Action on Behalf of Indigenous People” and “A Letter from Our Native American Ministries Committee Moderator: In Support of Our Native American Communities During COVID-19.” <https://www.synodsw.org/>
- **Presbyterian Border Region Outreach Conference.** Note the articles and resources connected with this November 2020 event. <https://presbyterianborder.org/events?fbclid=IwAR34vZNmp0CAV-AIGf6zYcPdLTley1kdxN3pHOxu16RH9mp93vokt-eh2ys>
- **Native American gathering leads to COVID-19 relief effort.** Synod of the Southwest is meeting the needs of Native communities during the pandemic. By Gail Strange, Presbyterian News Service, December 11, 2020. <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/native-american-gathering-leads-to-covid-19-relief-effort/>
- **General Assembly poised to take up Native American concerns.** by Eric Ledermann, *Presbyterian Outlook*, June 24, 2020. <https://pres-outlook.org/2020/06/general-assembly-poised-to-take-up-native-american-concerns/>