



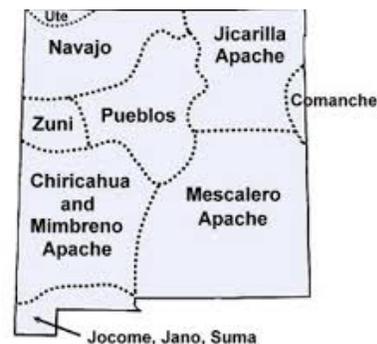
## 2018 Lent Bible Study

# Seeking God's Justice for All

### Exposing the Doctrine of Discovery\*

An Ecumenical Bible Study for the Churches of NM  
Based on the Revised Common Lectionary

*First Nations. c. 1820*



## *Listening, Presence, Witness, Respectful Collaboration, & Conciliation*

*\*FREE and open to the Public\**

### A Study for Priests, Pastors & Parishioners

Over the past decade, many churches have addressed the Doctrine of Discovery\* in national educational programs and public apologies. This study will seek to incarnate healing in relationships between immigrant peoples, descendants of slaves, and First Nations peoples in New Mexico by deepening our understanding of scripture, history & the present brokenness in our human family.

**Tools** Sessions will be grounded in the Episcopal Church's Lenten study: *Seeking God's Justice for All*. An interactive process will welcome resources from partner churches and personal sharing around the current impacts on New Mexico's peoples.

**Dates** February 26, March 5, Mar. 12, Mar. 19 & Mar. 26  
Five Monday Nights ~ 6:30-8:00 P.M.

**Location** St. Paul Lutheran Church-Fellowship Hall  
1100 Indian School Road NE, ABQ

### Partial list of Partners

- Albuquerque Mennonite Church
- First Congregational Church, UCC
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church, PCUSA
- Laguna United Presbyterian Church, PCUSA
- Monte Vista Christian Church, DOC
- St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, PCUSA
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, ELCA

*With the New Mexico Conference of Churches, the Ecumenical Institute for Ministry, NM-Interfaith Power & Light*

Lent has been traditionally a time for repentance and a call to all who follow Jesus to a deepening of spiritual life. Both the wrongs that we do, as well as the wounds "that we absorb from one-another" are very much at the heart of the reconciling journey through Lent.

In a spirit and practice of mutual respect, no one response to the Doctrine of Discovery will be prescribed. Rather, our interactions and efforts around these complicated matters will be marked by the spiritually informed practices of: *Listening, Presence, Witness, Respectful Collaboration and Conciliation*

This study seeks to provide tools for congregations and individuals to spiritually, theologically, and ethically work together with other communities using practices of respectful collaboration.

-Excerpts from:  
*Seeking God's Justice for All*

**\*WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY?** It is a rule established by the Christian Church in the West giving Western European Christian governments moral and legal rights to invade and seize Indigenous lands and to dominate Indigenous Peoples and nations. The Doctrine was first articulated in 1452 by Pope Nicholas V and in 1496 by King Henry VII of England. The Doctrine was incorporated into U.S. law in the 19th century and is a foundation of the policy of Manifest Destiny. This historic church-authored framework for domination, racism, and xenophobia laid the groundwork for the genocide of indigenous peoples around the world; the colonization of Africa, Asia, Australia, the Pacific Islands, and the Americas; and the transatlantic trafficking in persons used as slave labor. Its values continue to impact lived experiences and relations between peoples today.

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