



New Mexico Acequia Association

Since 2007, the New Mexico Acequia Association (NMAA) has received ten grants from the USCCB’s Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), totaling \$455,000, including its most recent grant of \$50,000 for [FY 2020-2021](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Archdiocese of Santa Fe	New Mexico Acequia Association	Agriculture	50,000.00

In 2010, the Reform CCHD Now coalition produced a report on the New Mexico Acequia Association. What was found was that it was a member of the pro-abortion “The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign,” a supporter of the pro-abortion Tewa Women United organization, and NMAA helped draft the [“Women’s Declaration”](#) in 2007.

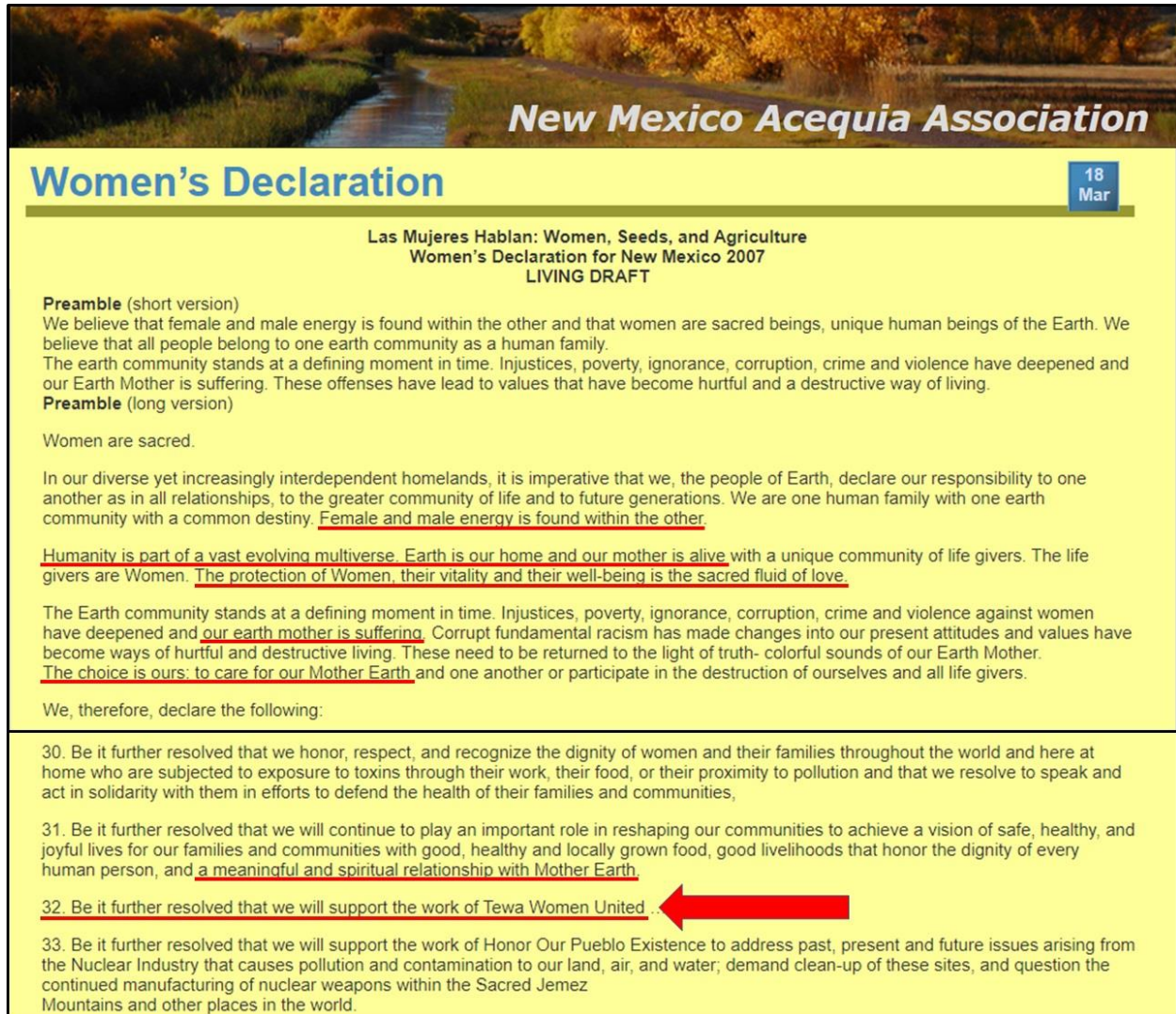
The Women’s Declaration is filled with odd spiritual references to “Mother Earth” and other forms of pagan mysticism. For instance, the preamble states:

“The earth community stands at a defining moment in time. Injustices, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence have deepened and our Earth Mother is suffering.”

In addition to that the beginning of the declaration makes decidedly non-Catholic theological statements, such as:

"Humanity is part of a vast evolving multiverse. Earth is our home and our mother is alive with a unique community of life givers. The life givers are Women. The protection of Women, their vitality and their well-being is the sacred fluid of love."

The 32nd resolution of the declaration states, "32. Be it further resolved that we will support the work of Tewa Women United."



The image shows a document titled "New Mexico Acequia Association Women's Declaration". The document is dated "18 Mar" and is titled "Las Mujeres Hablan: Women, Seeds, and Agriculture Women's Declaration for New Mexico 2007 LIVING DRAFT". It contains a Preamble (short version) and a Preamble (long version). The Preamble (long version) states: "We believe that female and male energy is found within the other and that women are sacred beings, unique human beings of the Earth. We believe that all people belong to one earth community as a human family. The earth community stands at a defining moment in time. Injustices, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence have deepened and our Earth Mother is suffering. These offenses have lead to values that have become hurtful and a destructive way of living." The document also includes a section titled "We, therefore, declare the following:" and a list of resolutions. Resolution 32 is highlighted with a red arrow pointing to it: "32. Be it further resolved that we will support the work of Tewa Women United."

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Women's Declaration 18 Mar

Las Mujeres Hablan: Women, Seeds, and Agriculture
Women's Declaration for New Mexico 2007
LIVING DRAFT

Preamble (short version)
We believe that female and male energy is found within the other and that women are sacred beings, unique human beings of the Earth. We believe that all people belong to one earth community as a human family.
The earth community stands at a defining moment in time. Injustices, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence have deepened and our Earth Mother is suffering. These offenses have lead to values that have become hurtful and a destructive way of living.

Preamble (long version)
Women are sacred.
In our diverse yet increasingly interdependent homelands, it is imperative that we, the people of Earth, declare our responsibility to one another as in all relationships, to the greater community of life and to future generations. We are one human family with one earth community with a common destiny. Female and male energy is found within the other.
Humanity is part of a vast evolving multiverse. Earth is our home and our mother is alive with a unique community of life givers. The life givers are Women. The protection of Women, their vitality and their well-being is the sacred fluid of love.
The Earth community stands at a defining moment in time. Injustices, poverty, ignorance, corruption, crime and violence against women have deepened and our earth mother is suffering. Corrupt fundamental racism has made changes into our present attitudes and values have become ways of hurtful and destructive living. These need to be returned to the light of truth- colorful sounds of our Earth Mother. The choice is ours: to care for our Mother Earth and one another or participate in the destruction of ourselves and all life givers.

We, therefore, declare the following:

30. Be it further resolved that we honor, respect, and recognize the dignity of women and their families throughout the world and here at home who are subjected to exposure to toxins through their work, their food, or their proximity to pollution and that we resolve to speak and act in solidarity with them in efforts to defend the health of their families and communities,

31. Be it further resolved that we will continue to play an important role in reshaping our communities to achieve a vision of safe, healthy, and joyful lives for our families and communities with good, healthy and locally grown food, good livelihoods that honor the dignity of every human person, and a meaningful and spiritual relationship with Mother Earth.

32. Be it further resolved that we will support the work of Tewa Women United.

33. Be it further resolved that we will support the work of Honor Our Pueblo Existence to address past, present and future issues arising from the Nuclear Industry that causes pollution and contamination to our land, air, and water; demand clean-up of these sites, and question the continued manufacturing of nuclear weapons within the Sacred Jemez Mountains and other places in the world.

Tewa Women United is a radically pro-abortion organization that declares that "[abortion is health care](#)." Tewa Women United's website is chalk full of pro-abortion and pro-contraception messages, but to give a succinct view of its commitment to abortion, this is what it [tweeted in December of 2021](#).



Tewa Women United
@tewawomenunited



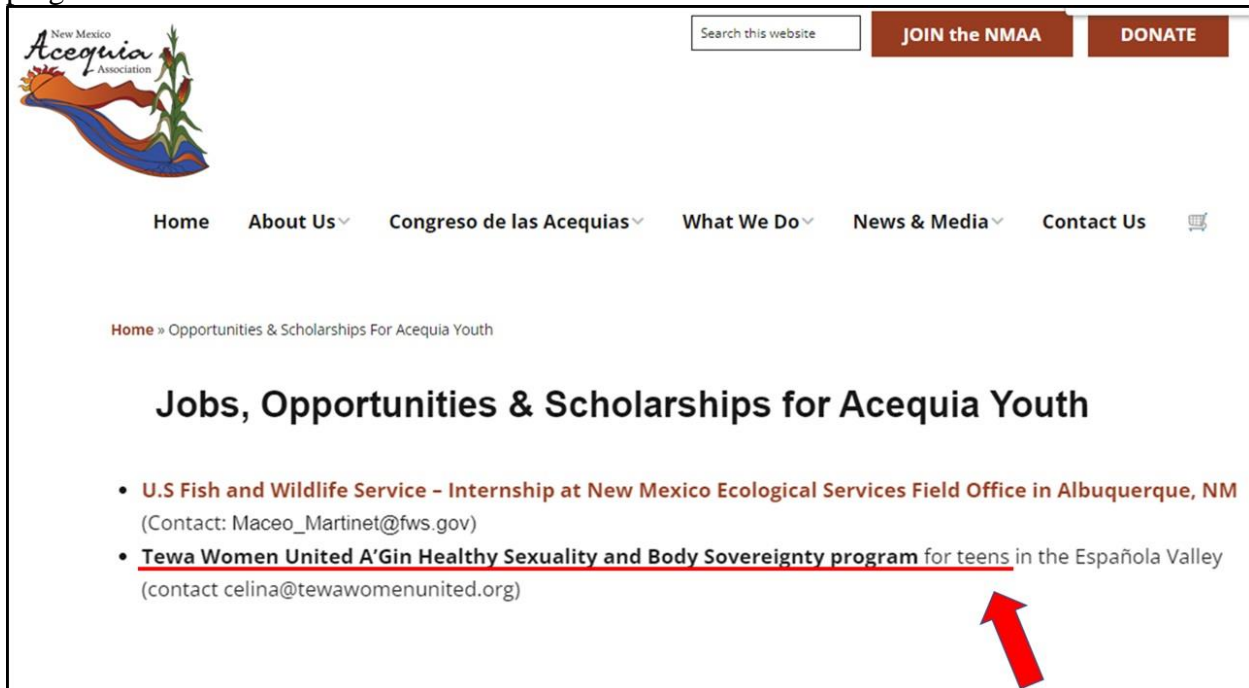
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[#TewaWomenUnited](#) knows the importance of protecting [#bodysovereignty](#). We will use our voices and power to protect our [#reproductiverights](#) and fight against abortion restrictions which keep people from getting the care they want, need, and deserve.
tewawomenunited.org/2021/12/aborti...



7:14 PM · Dec 5, 2021 · Twitter Web App

Despite Tewa Women United's (TWU) virulent commitment to abortion, NMAA has remained devoted to TWU throughout the years. Currently on [NMAA's website is an advertised opportunity](#) for teens to participate in TWU's "Healthy Sexuality and Body Sovereignty program."

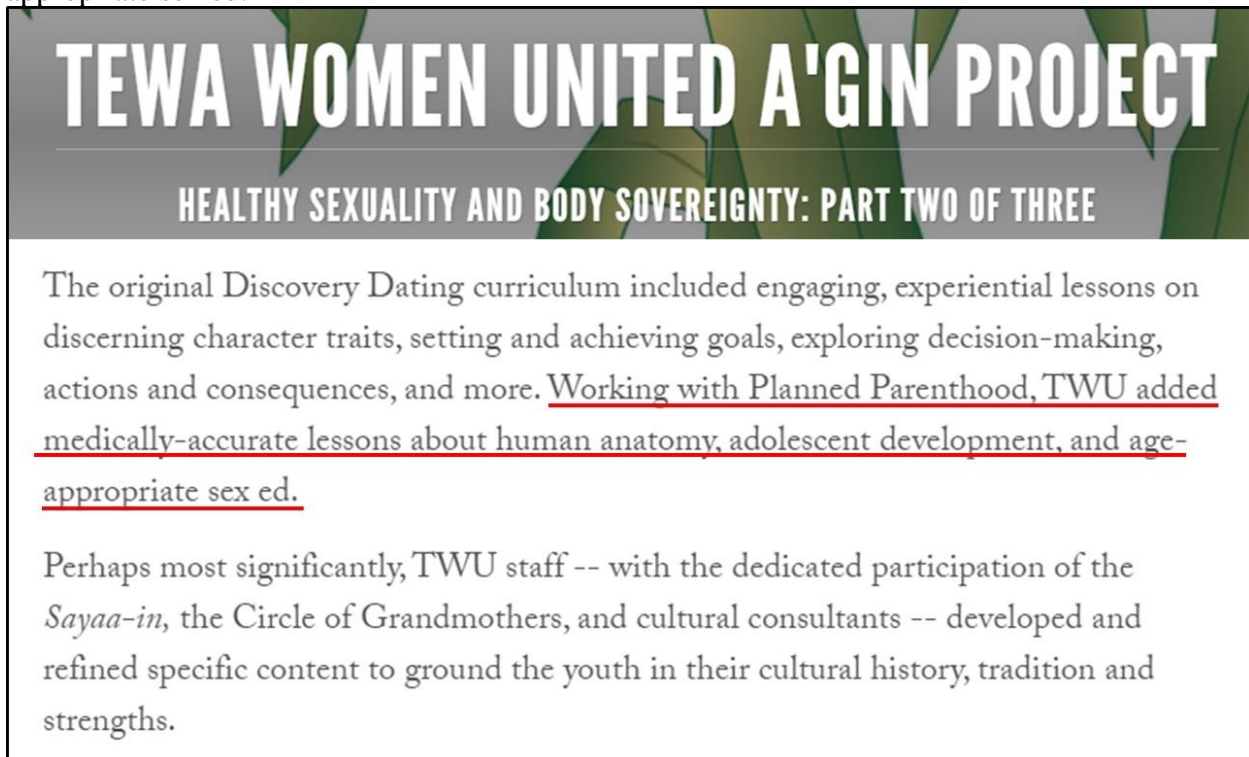


The screenshot shows the NMAA website's navigation menu with options: Home, About Us, Congreso de las Acequias, What We Do, News & Media, and Contact Us. Below the menu, a breadcrumb trail reads "Home » Opportunities & Scholarships For Acequia Youth". The main heading is "Jobs, Opportunities & Scholarships for Acequia Youth". A list of opportunities includes:

- **U.S Fish and Wildlife Service - Internship at New Mexico Ecological Services Field Office in Albuquerque, NM** (Contact: Maceo_Martinet@fws.gov)
- **Tewa Women United A'Gin Healthy Sexuality and Body Sovereignty program for teens in the Española Valley** (contact celina@tewawomenunited.org)

A red arrow points to the underlined link in the second bullet point.

Tewa Women United says that [in creating the program](#), it partnered with Planned Parenthood to add "medically-accurate lessons about human anatomy, adolescent development, and age-appropriate sex ed."



TEWA WOMEN UNITED A'GIN PROJECT

HEALTHY SEXUALITY AND BODY SOVEREIGNTY: PART TWO OF THREE

The original Discovery Dating curriculum included engaging, experiential lessons on discerning character traits, setting and achieving goals, exploring decision-making, actions and consequences, and more. Working with Planned Parenthood, TWU added medically-accurate lessons about human anatomy, adolescent development, and age-appropriate sex ed.

Perhaps most significantly, TWU staff -- with the dedicated participation of the *Sayaa-in*, the Circle of Grandmothers, and cultural consultants -- developed and refined specific content to ground the youth in their cultural history, tradition and strengths.

In [part three of TWU's](#) breakdown of the A'Gin Healthy Sexuality and Body Sovereignty program (advertised by NMAA), TWU makes it absolutely clear that the promotion of contraception is a big factor in the program.

TEWA WOMEN UNITED A'GIN PROJECT

HEALTHY SEXUALITY AND BODY SOVEREIGNTY: PART THREE OF THREE

Upon program entry, only three in ten young people surveyed had a response to the question, "What do healthy sexuality and body sovereignty mean to you?" Leaving the program, the responses were thoughtful and diverse. While a few students still answered "I don't know," most identified the elements of the program that had made the biggest impression on them: **the need for respect for oneself and one's partner, the importance of safe sex, and greater awareness of choices, actions, and consequences.**

How has being in the A'Gin program changed the way you think about healthy sexuality and body sovereignty?

- It's my body my choice
- The A'gin program has taught me to always protect myself and use condoms or birth control and to always have respect

Beyond all possible doubts, NMAA formally promoted a sex program for teens indoctrinating them with Planned Parenthood methodology in the use of contraception.

Also discovered in the former report by the Reform CCHD Now coalition is the fact that NMAA is a member of the [Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign](#).



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Campaign Member Organizations (12/20/09)

- New Mexicans for a National Health Program
- **New Mexico Acequia Association**
- New Mexico ACORN
- New Mexico Advocates for Social Justice
- New Mexico Alliance for Retired Americans
- New Mexico Association of Community Action Agencies,

In the minutes of the State of New Mexico Health Policy Commission meeting of January 14, 2005, [the executive director for the Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign called for “family planning”](#) to be covered in the New Mexico Health Security Act.

MINUTES OF THE
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
HEALTH POLICY COMMISSION
MEETING

January 14, 2005

The Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign

Ms. Feldblum, Executive Director, Health Security for New Mexicans Campaign, provided the Commission with a copy of the New Mexico Health Security Act, and reported that the coalition has grown from 28 to almost 90 organizations from all over the state. Ms. Feldblum cited a reason for growth as the crisis with the health care system in the state and dire future predictions.

Ms. Feldblum stated the health plan would guarantee the choice of provider, even across state lines. The HP guarantees that coverage will be at least as comprehensive as the services offered state employees, while preserving the private delivery system and providing strong protection for retirees. Services offered would include adult wellness, acupuncture, chiropractic treatment, and mental health benefit, family planning, oral surgery.

In addition to all of this background (plus the new information regarding NMAA's promotion of Tewa Women United's contraception-promoting contraception program), the executive director

of NMAA is a pro-abortion democrat who received a campaign endorsement from Planned Parenthood.

The [executive director](#) for NMAA is Paula Garcia.



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In January of 2018, [Garcia announced her decision to run](#) for public office as a Representative in the New Mexico state government.

LOOKING IN

Paula Garcia for House District 40

By Carol Miller Jan 22, 2018 



Just three months later, she obtained the full endorsement of the nation’s largest abortion chain, which called her a “[Champion for Planned Parenthood](#).” According to the article announcing the endorsement, Planned Parenthood stated that those whom it endorsed pledged to support “**access to reproductive health care, including abortion.**” It then said that they “**only endorse candidates who we know will be champions for Planned Parenthood.**” In other words, there is no way Garcia received the endorsement of Planned Parenthood without specifically and personally stating her support for abortion and Planned Parenthood.

These are our Champions

By [Planned Parenthood Votes New Mexico](#) | April 24, 2018, 5:40 p.m.

[As you already know](#), PP Votes New Mexico takes very seriously the vigor with which candidates pledge to support access to reproductive health care, including abortion. We only endorse candidates who we know will be champions for Planned Parenthood patients, families and members of our communities.

After a lengthy process PPVNM is proud to announce endorsements in State Legislative Races below:

Candidates By Region:

2. Northern New Mexico
 - a. HD 40 - Paula Garcia



What is sadly obvious about this endorsement is that it is absolutely clear that while Planned Parenthood did its due diligence in vetting people, the CCHD either did not, or it simply turned a blind eye. Either way, Garcia's endorsement from Planned Parenthood should come as no surprise to anyone, let alone the CCHD, considering the fact that in 2011, the Reform CCHD Now Coalition reported [that Garcia had served two terms](#) as the chair of the Mora County Democratic Party.



Paula Garcia

Emerging Democratic Woman Leader of the Year

Emerge New Mexico is delighted to honor Paula Garcia as our 2010 Emerging Democratic Woman Leader of the Year.


Paula Garcia is Executive Director of the New Mexico Acequia Association, a grassroots, statewide organization of acequias which are centuries-old, community-based irrigation systems.



Paula is a co-founder of La Asociacion de las Acequias del Valle de Mora, a council of acequias in the Mora Valley and President of La Merced de Santa Gertrudis de lo de Mora. She is a strong advocate for the cultural heritage and the historic land and water rights associated with community land grants and acequias. She has also served two terms as the Chair of the Democratic Party of Mora County where she has diversified leadership and recruited women and young leaders to become politically engaged. Paula recently won the primary election for the Mora County Commission on a platform of ethics in government, revitalization of the land-based economy, and protection of land and water resources.

As Chair for the Democratic Party of Mora County, Garcia would have been bound to supporting the [Democratic Party platform of New Mexico](#), which included support for homosexuality, same-sex “marriage,” “reproductive rights” and even a “right to die.”

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Protecting constitutional rights and civil liberties by

- actively advocating for and supporting marriage equality and domestic partnerships with full spousal rights including community property and healthcare decision-making (2009)
- repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (2006)
- committing to the right to privacy in health decisions, including reproductive choice and the right-to-die (2006)
- eliminating all discrimination based on race, religion, mental and physical disability, national origin, age, sexual orientation, or gender identity in housing, employment, and public services (2006)

According to Guidestar, Garcia's income as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Acequia Association was [\\$65,129](#) in 2014, [\\$63,663](#) in 2015, and [\\$68,694](#) in 2016. Considering the fact that the Catholic Campaign for Human Development has supplied \$305,000 to this organization over the last 12 years, it is abundantly clear that the CCHD has been supplying Catholic funds to a known and active agent of the Democratic Party and a "Champion of Planned Parenthood."

Conclusion

New Mexico Acequia Association has a long-standing relationship with Tewa Women United, an organization committed to abortion. In line with this relationship, NMAA published an opportunity for youth to participate in TWU's contraception-promoting sex-ed program, which makes sense, considering the fact that NMAA's executive director received a campaign endorsement from Planned Parenthood. The CCHD has known most of this for over a decade, and yet, NMAA continues to receive CCHD funding.