Exodus 3:1-15

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¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God.







What was Moses' *"here"*?

What is our *"here"*? ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up."





Moses said, "I must turn aside."

⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground."



⁶ He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

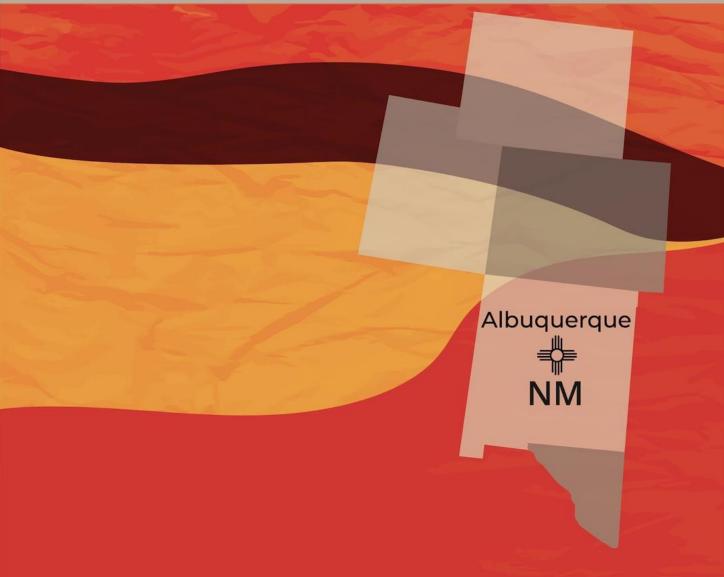




Why remove our shoes on Holy Ground?

⁷ Then the LORD said...⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." ¹¹But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"



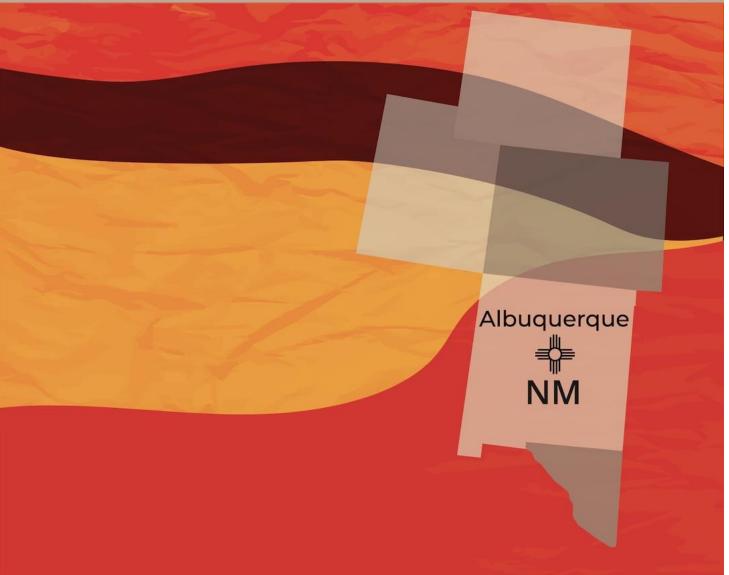


God is already here where we are.

And God is already there—where our neighbors are.

¹² He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."





Now go... I will be with you.

During this assembly, we are invited to...

Dios está aquí. God Is Here.



+ Turn aside to notice God's presence

+ "Remove our shoes": to be grounded, open, and aware of God's presence here with us and there with our neighbors

+ Be called by name, renewed and reminded, and sent into the world... where God will be with us.