

New Mexico CowBelles' Chaplain's Report – 2016

As always this job is a great honor. It doesn't require much except to put together a memorial service for members who have passed away in the past year to be presented at the NMCB Annual Meeting in Albuquerque.

Every year I have served, I try to do a theme oriented presentation, drawing on something represented by the passed members' service. I did **Salt of the Earth** for the 2016 Memorial. A certificate and a small token of remembrance is presented. I usually try to write something appropriate to theme and NMCB. I didn't have a guide, per say, but I had seen other wonderful women who served as chaplains and I patterned my presentations after theirs, trying not to incorporate my own religious beliefs to the service, but rather keeping it simple.

I would like to suggest the Chaplain be the one to lead the Cowbelle prayer at all of the meetings where it will be recited, if she is present. It is after all, her office.

There is a small budget to purchase items such as certificate paper, frames, and other items needed to decorate for the memorial service. All receipts should be saved and presented to the NMCB Treasurer for reimbursement. I suggest you send them as soon as possible since the treasurer is very busy at the annual meeting. Also, the cost can be included in the annual budget.

Thanks again for this opportunity. *May God bless the women of this wonderful organization?*

Sincerely

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NMCB Chaplain 2016