



MP Weekly News

February 2, 2017

Mission Presbytery Purpose Statement

We are Mission Presbytery, serving Christ in the World. In the Reformed Tradition, together we

- Establish and equip congregations and sessions to carry out their missions;
- Recruit, receive, ordain, develop, and care for those called to service in the church;
- Enable mission and witness to the Gospel that congregations cannot accomplish alone; and
- Steward our resources faithfully and generously.

We are better together.

Planning Calendars - Order Now

Order your 2017-18 planning calendars now. When you order these calendars through the Presbytery office, your cost is considerably discounted--**just \$8.75** per calendar. You may wish to add a few extras for officers not yet in place.

Use this [Order form](#). Please do so by March 30, 2017.

Presbytery Meeting Schedule

March 3-4, 2017
Stated Meeting
MO-Ranch, Hunt
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June 23-24, 2017
Stated Meeting
New Braunfels, New Braunfels
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October 27-28, 2017
Stated Meeting

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Writing today from Austin, where I've just enjoyed refreshment and renewal at Austin Seminary Midwinter Lectures. I saw lots of our members running around, whether they were working (like Al Kruppenacher) or enjoying the lectures (Tricia Tedrow, Rebecca Fox Nulle, Jesse Gonzales) coming for class reunions (Dick Powell, Nancy McCraine, and yours truly). One of our candidates for ministry, Jasiel Hernandez, showed himself to be a skilled and sensitive worship leader. And I got to spend some time with one of our inquirers-to-be, Carrie Winebrenner, right before the start of her first class. [Read more...](#)

Sympathy is Extended

We extend sympathy to the family of **The Reverend Carlos Lopez** who passed away on Saturday, January 21, 2017, in Little Rock AK. Rev. Lopez served churches in Albuquerque, El Paso, and Divine Redeemer in San Antonio.

A **memorial service** and reception will be held **Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 11:00 AM** at Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church 407 N Calaveras, San Antonio 78207

Condolences may be sent to Dr. Daniel L. Lopez, 355 Carnahan, San Antonio TX 78209.

By Grace...

Many in the presbytery have heard of the fire at the mosque in Victoria. As of Sunday afternoon this is the situation. In the early morning hours of Saturday, January 28, 2017, a fire engulfed the Victoria Islamic Center in Victoria, Texas. The mosque was a total loss. Fire investigators are still working to determine the cause.

Hundreds from the Victoria community gathered at 10:00 am Sunday in support of their Muslim neighbors. Dr. Hashmi, the president of the Islamic Center, said that shortly after learning of the fire, the leader of the Temple B'Nai Israel, handed him the keys to the synagogue to use for meetings. Four churches in the Victoria area have also offered



Parkway, Corpus Christi

General Assembly

The 22nd GA (2016) approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes, proposed changes in the language of the *Book of Order* that, if approved, will amend the Constitution.

GA is *not* sending hard copies this year. Please click on [GALink](#) to download and print the document. Your congregation may receive one hard copy upon request to missionpby@missionpby.org.

Serving Mission Presbytery

The following members of Mission Presbytery currently serve you at Synod of the Sun:

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ATTENTION CLERGY

Are you a validated minister or a member-at-large?

The Book of Order (BOO) helpfully requires us to communicate and we do so via an Annual Report for Validated Ministers of Members-at-Large. We value YOU and your ministry and want to learn more about it through this [Annual Report](#).

Please complete the form and return it to the Presbytery office by December 31, 2016.

Rev. Carol J. Clarke
for Committee on Ministry

Happening at MO Ranch

MO Ranch offers various group opportunities in the coming months. Check them out!

- [Family Gatherings](#), beginning March 5, 2017
- [66th Annual Men's](#)

meeting space. A gofundme account, set up on Saturday had, within 24 hours raised \$500,000.00, enough to rebuild. Dr. Hashmi observed that they do not know how the fire started but in many ways it doesn't matter. They forgive whoever may have been responsible and seek only peace.

As Epictetus famously said, "It's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that matters." Out of this tragedy much love and grace has come. The Victoria community is stronger now than ever before. Thanks be to God.

Submitted by
Rev. Daniel Fultz
Pastor, Grace Presbyterian
Victoria, Texas

Prepping for Presbytery

The next Mission Presbytery meeting is just around the corner! Mission Presbytery will meet at the lovely MO-Ranch March 3-4, 2017.

To register for rooms and/or meals, call MO-Ranch at 800-460-4401. Let the front desk know that you are registering for the Presbytery Meeting.

More exciting details to come...**stay tuned!**

Clerks: New Year Must-Do's

Session Clerks and Church Staff, read through these tasks and be sure your church has submitted reports or reviewed these notices.

>>Salary Changes Now Online!

Employers can now update salary information online - quickly and conveniently - through Benefits Connect!

Any change to a member's salary must be reported within 60 days of the effective date of the change.

For more information on how you can update salary information (e.g. cash salary, housing allowance, and any bonus amount), read [Make Salary Changes through Benefits Connect!](#) on pensions.org.

>> ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORTS

Just 13% of Mission Presbytery churches have submitted their Statistical Reports to PC(USA). Be reminded, the reports are **due February 16, 2017**. Go to: <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/churchwide-ministries/stats/>

>> IRS 2017 Standard Mileage Rates have Changed

Note, there are changes from last year. [IRS 2017 Standard Mileage Rates](#).

News from POAMN

Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network submitted its 2017 Winter newsletter with focus on the theme *Aging and Spirituality*. Use this publication as a resource; read it and share with others.

[Click here](#) to read the complete Winter PNN.

[Conference](#), May 5-7, 2017

- [Summer Camps](#) - Register now, with discounts

Job Opportunities

University Presbyterian,
Austin TX
[PT Facility Coordinator/Host](#)

Cover letters/resumes
NLT Feb. 17, 2017 to:
jobs@upcaustin.org

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Westlake Hills Presbyterian,
Austin TX
[Director, High School Discipleship](#)

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Rolling Hills Community Church
Lago Vista TX 78645
[Traditional Worship Music Director](#)

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## The Giving Spot

**San Pedro Presbyterian Church** in San Antonio is offering 40 burgundy colored choir robes and stoles to any church that can use them.

If you can use these loved (read: used, but serviceable) robes, contact the church office at 210-494-6560.

## Training Opps & Conferences

**Kerygma Bible Study - San Antonio Area**  
**Monday evenings, beginning January 16--It's not too late to join!**  
6:00 PM, Shalom Conference Room  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
211 Roletto Dr, San Antonio TX 78213  
Contact: Covenant Presbyterian Office: 210-342-5253

Covenant Presbyterian, San Antonio is excited to offer Kerygma's "The Bible in Depth" study, led by **Al Kissling**, which is a comprehensive exploration of the Bible as a whole and its meaning for life today.  
[Full Description](#)

**Presbyterian Women's Gathering**  
**March 24-26, 2017 @ Mo-Ranch**  
*Celebrating Our Hats*  
Keynote: Rev. Nancy Reeves



All women are invited; [Information](#)

### Leadership Skills for Church Officers:

**++Valley Region: Feb 18, 9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM**  
Treasure Hills Presbyterian, 2120 N Ed Carey Dr, Harlingen TX 78551

See flyer ([English](#) OR [Spanish](#)) for workshops and information, *then*  
**RSVP by February 13** to Raquel Ybarra 956-266-4148  
or [rcybarra45@yahoo.com](mailto:rcybarra45@yahoo.com)

**Bold World Preaching Conference**  
**"A bold word for a fearful world" -- Space is limited.**  
**April 24-27, 2017** at Mo-Ranch, 2229 FM 1340, Hunt TX 78024

Addresses the issues of fear being spread in our society. Pastors, come experience great preaching, refreshment and rejuvenation in your ministry. [Flyer](#) Register [now online](#). Contact: 1-800-460-4401, X 246

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