



MP Weekly News

February 9, 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.

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 immediately.

Rev. Carol J. Clarke
for Committee on Ministry

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

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Dear ones, because I love you, I decided to do some research on Saint Valentine, whose special day we are supposed to be celebrating next Tuesday. (In the image below, he's shown performing the baptism of Saint Lucilla.)



From what I read, the person remembered in history as "Saint Valentine" may be a compilation of as many as three different Valentines. (I don't think that make him a Trinitarian "three in one" in and of himself, but it adds interest to his complicated story.) Most popularly he is remembered as the one who was jailed and eventually martyred for performing the marriages of Christian couples in the early 300s. [There's more...](#)

Sympathy is Extended

Sympathy is extended to the family of **The Reverend Stephen Wilson** who passed away January 25, 2017 in San Antonio. A **memorial service, and reception will be held Friday, February 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM** at Covenant Presbyterian Church 211 Roleto, San Antonio 78213

Please send condolences to Barbara Wilson, 1803 San Angelo, San Antonio 78201

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Sympathy is extended to the family of **The Reverend Carlos Lopez** who passed away January 21, 2017, in Little Rock AK. 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.

Celebrations!

We celebrate the birth February 2 of Bennett "Ben" Michael Longino with **JT and Rev. Becca Longino** and Big sister, Abigail! Ben weighed a a

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
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:

Synod of the Sun Representatives

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Rev. Karen Stocks
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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](#)

whopping 9 pounds, 10 ounces and is 21.5" long.

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Leander Presbyterian Church, Leander TX will celebrate **160 years of ministry** in the Leander/Bagdad communities on **Sunday, February 12, 2017, at 11 AM**. Their founding dates is February 14, 1857! You are invited to be with them this Sunday for worship lunch. The church is located at 201 West Street, Leander 78646.

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House of Neighborly Service will celebrate its **Centennial Year** in San Antonio with a *Make A Joyful Noise* concert, **February 19 at 3:30 PM**, at Covenant Presbyterian Church, San Antonio. [Flyer](#)

Prepping for Presbytery

Mission Presbytery will meet March 3-4, 2017 at MO-Ranch. Important information is below. Please note, all attendees (Pastors, Ruling Elders, General Council, etc.) need to complete the registration form.

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

=> Presbytery [Schedule](#)

=> **ALL Attendees** [Registration Form](#) - return to statedclerk@missionpby.org

=> Click **To register** for your [Child's Care](#)

Reports due **Feb 13**: statedclerk@missionpby.org

Presentations (PowerPoint) due **Feb 24**: statedclerk@missionpby.org

Clergy Renewal Application Info

The Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs at Christian Theological Seminary provide funds to congregations to support renewal leaves for their pastors. Congregations may apply for grants up to \$50,000 to underwrite a renewal program for their pastor and for the pastor's family, with up to \$15,000 of those funds available to the congregation to help cover costs for ministerial supply while the pastor is away. [Read more about it...](#)

John Knox Ranch

Registration is OPEN for 2017 Summer Camp at John Knox Ranch!
Visit www.johnknoxranch.com for more information and to sign up.



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.

[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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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](#).

Emmaus Walks Available

Register Now for a Walk to Emmaus spiritual formation weekend. Follow the links to the participation/registration form.

April 27-30 Men's Walk
Burnett TX, Eagle's Wings Retreat Center
<http://diakonia-eagleswings.org/about-the-walk-to-emmaus/attend-a-walk-to-emmaus/> then click on Participant's Application

June 22-25 Men's Walk
Boerne TX, Omega Center
<http://www.diakoniaemmaus.org/forms/forms/> then click on Registration Form

July 27-30 Women's Walk
Boerne TX, Omega Center
<http://www.diakoniaemmaus.org/forms/forms/> then click on Registration Form

September 14-17 Women's Walk
Burnett TX, Eagle's Wings Retreat Center
<http://diakonia-eagleswings.org/about-the-walk-to-emmaus/attend-a-walk-to-emmaus/> then click on Participant's Application

Training Opps & Conferences

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

Presbyterian Women's Gathering

March 24-26, 2017 @ Mo-Ranch

Celebrating Our Hats

Keynote: Rev. Nancy Reeves

All women are invited; [Information](#)



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

Topic: Issues of fear 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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