



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

**Calendar Orders
Going Fast!**

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

So, what's the good news?

Seems like we are hearing so much lately about all the bad news around the church - declining numbers, short dollars, lack of volunteers, blah blah blah. Some of us have had heartbreaking stories in our own families. And this is just "keeping it local!" Is there anything good happening?

Yes indeed there is.

Church Development and Evangelism is putting the gears in place for a new church development in the presbytery, with an eye towards 2017!

Education and Congregational Nurture has been partnering with Church Development and Evangelism to offer Leader Training classes across the presbytery. There's one this weekend in the Valley (at Mission First) with something like 55 people registered - our largest one yet! [And more...](#)

Celebrations!

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](#)

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Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Helotes, will install **Rev. Reuben E. Lashley** on **Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:00 pm**. The church is located at 13200 Bandera Road, Helotes, 78023.

San Antonio Church Selected for National Grant-Making Program

In recent months, Divine Redeemer Presbyterian Church, located in the

Order your 2017-18 planning calendars now for a great discount! Because we order in bulk, calendars through the Presbytery office cost **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
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

CRE Joe Pat Nance - jnance1238@msn.com

Rev. Karen Stocks
rev.khstocks@gmail.com

Happening at MO

heart of the West Side neighborhood of San Antonio, has been selected to participate in a national grant-making program. The church will receive a planning grant and in-kind professional services leading to the opportunity to access up to \$250,000 in capital grants.

The award comes as part of an unprecedented \$14 million National Fund for Sacred Places announced by Partners for Sacred Places and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to assist aging churches in need of repair and restoration. The Fund will provide up to \$250,000 in capital grants, in addition to planning grants and an array of services, for at least 50 individual congregations from a diversity of faiths over four years. [Continued...](#)

Of similar interest:

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...](#)

Prepping for Presbytery

Mission Presbytery will meet March 3-4, 2017 at MO-Ranch. **NOTE**, all attendees (Pastors, Ruling Elders, General Council, etc.) need to complete the registration form (2 pages-below).

=> **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.

IF YOU ARE NOT STAYING AT MO-RANCH but will have meals there, you **must** call Mo-Ranch and **make meal reservations**: 800-460-4401.

=> Presbytery [Schedule](#)

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

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

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

Confirmation Retreat

We Believe...I will follow is the theme for this year's Confirmation Retreat April 7-9, 2017 at John Knox Ranch for youth 7th grade and up and Adult Leaders. The retreat is designed to supplement confirmation classes of local congregations. [Retreat Information & Registrations](#)

Ranch

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

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



For Clerks:

Amending Your Statistical Report

If you need to make changes to your Church Statistical Report, please contact the Stated Clerk, statedclerk@missionpby.org or 210-826-3296.

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; [Revised Information](#)



5 PM Tuesdays to:
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**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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