



- 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.

February 19, 2017

Dear Mission Presbytery,

May the grace and peace of our Lord be with you. We pray for you, our country, Presbytery, and those throughout the world who are hungry, down trodden and in need of our love.

I invite you to come and participate in the Stated Presbytery Meeting, March 3-4, 2017 at the beautiful Mo Ranch, in Hunt, Texas. The meeting will convene at 1 p.m. Friday, March 3rd with opening prayer followed by "Imagine: Mission Presbytery" workshop conversations in the afternoon, evening plenary beginning at 7 p.m. and end with the first ever "Mardi Gras" - Presby Style!

You won't want to miss Friday afternoon's multiple conversations and "Imagine This" talks. The conversations are about sharing what churches are doing within the Presbytery. It is a time to share ideas, explore questions and *"Imagine what it could look like if we did this"* with others. You will have time to attend three different conversations in the afternoon and also enjoy Mo Ranch's quiet inspiration with an hour available for prayer, reflection or renewing friendships before dinner.

A few of the conversation topics being offered are "How can we help?" (Dealing with Mental Illness), "Can we offer a cup of cold water?" (Immigration), "How can one plus one be three?" (Working with Local Schools), "What does 'Future Perfect' mean for us? (Planning Beyond This Afternoon), and more. Teaching Elders and Commissioners are asked to register for what interests you as soon as possible.

Saturday morning we will reconvene at 8 a.m. with prayer and song. The order of the day, Committee on Ministry motions are to sustain the examination of RE Eldon Sheffer for commissioning to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder for Pipe Creek. There will also be a motion from COM to approve the exemption for Rev. Peter Jeong from all the ordination exams except Polity per G-2.0505a(2). (Requires 2/3 vote to approve.) Presbytery will be giving gifts to our Partner agencies as a part of the Settlement Funds from First San Antonio. Also, the trustee's report includes a motion to approve First Presbyterian Church, Ingram's request to be dismissed to EPC with the terms as laid out in the report.

This is the first Presbytery meeting in 2017. Studies have proven that when there is more than one gathered together, ideas flow, relationships grow and God will be in our presence. You are needed Together."

See you at Mo, March 3-4, 2017

Anna Bohart

Moderator, Mission Presbytery

Rev. Dr. Sallie Watson
General Presbyter

Rev. Tricia Tedrow
Stated Clerk

Rev. Kathy Anderson
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