



MP Weekly News

February 23, 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!

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

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

I was not exactly a math major in school. Or a minor. Math and science did not seem to be my spiritual gifts, no matter what level of education I completed. I go by and learned enough to be dangerous, but I was never accused of brilliance when it came to math. I do, however, remember the term "congruence." [Continued...](#)

Sympathy is Extended...

Our sympathy is extended to **The Rev. Glaucia Vasconcelos Wilkey** (HR) on the passing of her husband, Jay, January 25, 2017 in Georgetown.

A memorial service will be held March 18, 2017 at 2:00 PM at San Gabriel Presbyterian Church, 5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown 78633. Condolences may be sent to Glaucia at 2800 Waymaker Way, Unit 49, Austin, 78746.

Prepping for Presbytery We look forward to seeing you!

Remember, **to register for rooms and/or meals TODAY**, call MO-Ranch, **800-460-4401**. Let the front desk know that you are registering for the Presbytery Meeting. **Make meal reservations even if you are not staying at MO-Ranch.**

[Kerrville Hotels](#)

The meeting packets (2) are posted.

Installations!

Rev. Elizabeth Boone McLean will be installed as **Pastor/Head of Staff** of **First Presbyterian Church, Austin** on Sunday **February 26, 2017 at 4:00 PM**. All are welcome for this celebration! The church is located at 8001 Mesa Drive, Austin, 78731.

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Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Helotes, will install **Rev. Reuben**

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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From MO-Ranch

Look over the clicks below for a variety of conferences and get-aways for groups and families.

- [Family & Groups](#), including Spring Break Getaway
- 66th [Annual Men's Conference](#)

E. Lashley as Pastor, on Sunday, March 5, 2017 at 3:00 pm. The church is located at 13200 Bandera Road, Helotes, 78023. Please join us!

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](#) **Deadline to apply is April 21.**



Confirmation Retreat

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

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

- [Other Schedules](#)

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## Training Opps & Conferences



**Presbyterian Women's Gathering**  
**March 24-26, 2017** @ Mo-Ranch  
*Celebrating Our Hats*  
Keynote: Rev. Nancy Reeves  
[Revised Registration & Information](#)

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

[Flyer](#) Register [now online](#) or call 1-800-460-4401, X 246.

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