



# MP Weekly News

March 1, 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

## Job Opportunities

Dear Mission Presbytery,

## Presbyter Ponderings

### Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Well, it's that time again. Ash Wednesday and the season of Lent are upon us.

I know that in general we tend to love the Advent and Christmas seasons more because they're happy, and anticipatory, and they have all the parties and gift giving to go along with it. [But...](#)

## 2016 CDE Goal Completed

A goal CDE passed in January 2016 was completed with a very successful, well-attended (85 people!) leadership training event in the Valley. ECN people and Sheri Dittman worked with CDE and did a great job. The Valley looks forward to more gatherings.

Mike Murray led our efforts in other regional training events earlier in the year.

## Sympathy is Extended...

A memorial service for **Jay Wilkey**, husband of **Rev. Glaucia Vasconcelos Wilkey** (HR), 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

**Rolling Hills  
Community Church**

Lago Vista, TX

[Traditional Worship Music](#)

[Director](#)

Reply: [rhcc4@austin.twbc.com](mailto:rhcc4@austin.twbc.com)

**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 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](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org).

**Serving Mission  
Presbytery**

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

The presbytery office staff will leave for MO-Ranch on Thursday morning, March 2; the meeting will convene at 1:00 PM, Friday, March 3. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there!

Two meeting packets and an addendum are posted on our website [www.mission-presbytery.org](http://www.mission-presbytery.org). If you still need a place to stay refer to this list: [Kerrville Hotels](#)

**Installations!**

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



**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](#)

**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](#)

**Applications due April 21.**

**John Knox Ranch**

Registration is OPEN for 2017 Summer Camp at John Knox Ranch! Visit [www.johnknoxranch.com](http://www.johnknoxranch.com) for more information and to sign up.



**Mark the Date**

**Festival of Homiletics May 15-19**

## 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
- [College Connection](#)
- 66th [Annual Men's Conference](#)
- [Summer Camps](#)
- [Other Schedules](#)

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The **Festival of Homiletics** will be held in **San Antonio** this year, **May 15-19**. Speakers include Rob Bell, Barbara Brown Taylor, Walter Brueggemann, Nadia Bolz-Weber, Brian McLaren, Anna Carter Florence... Good stuff, and the worship always incredible. Venues are the Scottish Rites building and First UMC. What better, more enjoyable way to improve one's preaching!  
<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

## Emmaus Walks Available

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

### March 29-April 2 Women's Walk

Boerne TX, Omega Center  
<http://www.diakoniaemmaus.org/forms/forms/> then click on 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



### Presbyterian Women's Gathering

March 24-26, 2017 @ Mo-Ranch

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

[missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org)

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

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