

MP Weekly News

March 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.

Clergy Renewal Application

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 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. **Applications due April 21.**

[Read more](#)

ATTENTION CLERGY

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Oh my stars, I think we had a Presbytery meeting last weekend. I'm SO grateful to MO-Ranch for all their hospitality to us, to Eleanor and Cathy and Sue for all their hard work in getting us registered and keeping the trains on time, to Tricia for her Stated Clerk expertise, to Moderator Anna Bohart for keeping us on task, to Moderator-Elect Judy Ferguson for finding that fabulous jazz quartet for us, and to all of you for participating start to finish. As I said at the meeting, we could have planed the most meaningful Presbytery meeting ever -- but if you had chosen not to engage, it would have been a bust. I'm delighted that we seem to be finding our formula for life together in these days as Mission Presbytery.

If you haven't yet done so, and if you were at the meeting, please take part in our survey that we can get your feedback and keep improving. Here's the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6W97PVR>

[More than anything...](#)

Celebrating the Life...

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

Holy Trinity Presbyterian
San Antonio, TX
[PT Clerical Office Assistant](#)
Reply:
church@holyltrinitypres.org
Fax: 210-654-0161

**Rolling Hills
Community Church**
Lago Vista, TX
[Traditional Worship Music
Director](#)
Reply: rhc4@austin.twbc.com

Presbytery Meeting Schedule

June 23-24, 2017
Stated Meeting
New Braunfels, New Braunfels

[Hotels-New Braunfels](#)

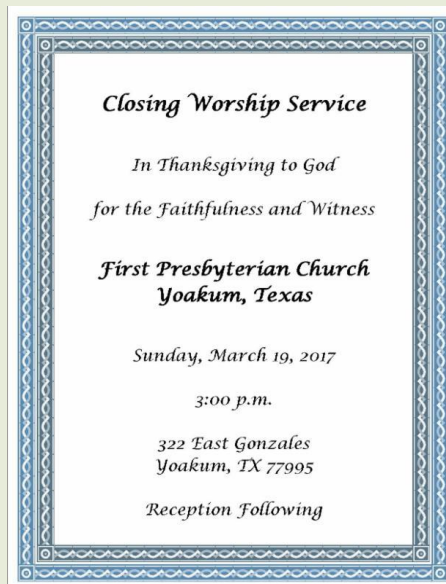
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October 27-28, 2017
Stated Meeting
Parkway, Corpus Christi

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



After 124 years of ministry and service in Yoakum, First Presbyterian Church will be officially dissolved with a **closing worship service on March 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM**. All members of Mission Presbytery are invited to attend. Mission Presbytery celebrates their service and gives thanks for their witness.

The church has a [list](#) of large items that are available for others. If you are interested in any of the items listed, please contact Diana Whitley (830-856-6238), Bonnie Wilkinson (361-571-7081) or Jessica Moehlman (361-293-1603).



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](#)

Memorial Service

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.

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
rev.khstocks@gmail.com

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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## 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.

## Presbyterian Planning Calendars

NOW is the time to order your 2017-18 Presbyterian Planning Calendars! Why order through the Presbytery?

- Great reduced rate - just \$8.75 each, including shipping
- Easy order - just complete [the form](#), send it to us
- Convenient pick-up at June Presbytery, other sites

HURRY, after March 31, we cannot add to our order without charging full price.

## SOL Center Offerings

Winter/Spring classes have begun! Register now for these upcoming courses at [www.upcsa.org/registration](http://www.upcsa.org/registration). The full course catalog is online at [www.upcsa.org/sol\\_center](http://www.upcsa.org/sol_center).

**Vocation and Call: Integrating Work, Life, and a Sense of Meaning** -- with John Burnam and Ada Gonzalez; Two Mondays, Mar 20 & 27, 7-9 PM, \$30

**Muslims and Sikhs in Today's America** -- with Sarwat Husain and Simran Singh, Ph.D.; Wednesday, Mar 22, 7-9 PM, \$25

## 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

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### 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

## Pastors, Mark the Date

### Festival of Homiletics May 15-19

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/>



## Training Opps & Conferences

### Presbyterian Women's Gathering

March 24-26, 2017 @ Mo-Ranch

Keynote: Rev. Nancy Reeves

[Revised Registration & Information](#)

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### Bold World Preaching Conference for Pastors

"A bold word for a fearful world" -- April 24-27

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

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