

# MP Weekly News

March 16, 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.*

## Best Calendar Deal Ever!

LOW rate, \$8.75 ea, incl shpg  
EASY order - FORM  
PICK-UP at June Presbytery

Why wouldn't your order through the Presbytery?  
Do it NOW!

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

## Clergy Renewal Application

Dear Mission Presbytery,

## Presbyter Ponderings

### Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

I'm working right now on finishing up a workshop I'll be leading at the Mission Presbytery PW Spring Gathering in a couple of weeks. I think that's why Tricia's devotional for our staff meeting this week hit me between the eyes.

She talked to us about the opening verses of the Book of Acts - which she's studying for her Doctor of Ministry work. How many times have I read that? And how many times have I skipped over verse 4? I suppose I'm in a hurry to get to the Ascension story or to the account of Pentecost.

Acts, as you may know, is like "volume 2 of Luke." Or maybe Episode 2. If the book had started with "Last week on Luke," we'd better understand what was going on. Luke's gospel ends with Jesus ascending into heaven. Acts, however, backs up a little bit in order to once again set the scene. Verse 4 reads (NRSV): "While staying with the, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father."

[Waiting is not...](#)

## 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,  
San Gabriel Presbyterian Church  
5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown 78633.

Condolences may be sent to Glaucia at 2800 Waymaker Way,  
Unit 49, Austin, 78746.

**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](#)

**Job Opportunities**

**Holy Trinity Presbyterian**

San Antonio, TX

[PT Clerical Office Assistant](#)

Reply:

[church@holyltrinitypres.org](mailto:church@holyltrinitypres.org)

Fax: 210-654-0161

**Rolling Hills  
Community Church**

Lago Vista, TX

[Traditional Worship Music](#)

[Director](#)

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

**Presbytery Meeting  
Schedule**

June 23-24, 2017

Stated Meeting

New Braunfels, New Braunfels

[Hotels-New Braunfels](#)

~ ~ ~

October 27-28, 2017

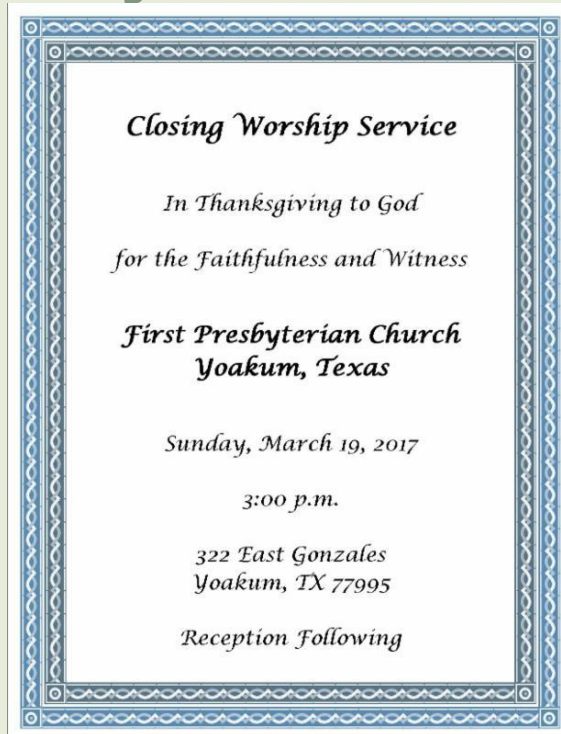
Stated Meeting

Parkway, Corpus Christi

**SoL Center**

The SoL Center, located on the campus of University

**Celebrating the Life...**



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](#) Registration deadline: **March 31.**

Antonio, offers classes and seminars on a wide range of topics. Find a class that interests you; register now!

<http://www.upcsa.org/classes/>

**ATTENTION: Clergy**

Are you a minister validated for specialized ministry or a member-at-large?

You are obligated to complete an Annual Report for the Presbytery according to the Book of Order. Reports for 2016 were due Dec. 31; thank you to those who already submitted a report. GRACE ABOUND - if you complete it by April 15 we can impute it to you as righteousness (OK, maybe just as compliance for 2016).

Please do link to the [Annual Report on the website](#).

Rev. Carol J. Clark for  
Committee on Ministry

**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 -  
[inance1238@msn.com](mailto:inance1238@msn.com)

Rev. Karen Stocks  
[rev.khstocks@gmail.com](mailto:rev.khstocks@gmail.com)

**General Assembly**

The 22nd GA (2016)

**PCHAS Helps With VBS**

Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services is offering everything you need for Vacation Bible School - lessons, activities, teacher guides. All you have to do is download them! [See Materials](#)

**Walk Against Genocide**

You are invited to participate in the **6th Annual Walk Against Genocide** and other activities, **Sunday, April 2 from 2:00-4:00 PM** from the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community Center. The event will take place rain or shine. [More information](#)

**Festival of Homiletics**

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 Rite Theater** and **Travis Park UMC**. What better, more enjoyable way to improve one's preaching!  
<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

**Plan Now for Summer Camps:**

**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.

~ ~ ~

**MO-Ranch Camp in the Valley**

July 24-29, 2017

Mo-Ranch is heading to the Rio Grande Valley for a week of Mo-Ranch Summer Camp for the second year in a row! We'll have all the traditional camp activities for boys and girls entering 5th-12th grades. <https://www.moranch.org/mo-ranch-summer-camp/summer-camp-rio-grande-valley/>

Camp will be at Loma de Vida Camp, 12505 N Hwy 281, Edinburg TX. Cost is just \$25 through your church

~ ~ ~

**MO-Ranch Camps**

For summer camps and day camps held at Mo-Ranch,

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).

### About MP Weekly News

This weekly publication is a primary source of information to Mission Presbytery. You are encouraged to share this newsletter with others who may benefit from its content.

No personal information is used without express permission of the individual. Mission Presbytery is a GuideStar organization

Submit articles by  
**5 PM Tuesdays** to:  
[officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)

Visit our [Facebook](#) page and "like" us!

### Contact Us

Mission Presbytery  
7201 Broadway, Ste 303  
San Antonio TX 78209  
P: 210-826-3296  
800-683-9999  
F: 210-826-0917  
[missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org)

<https://www.moranch.org/>

## 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

**Presbyterian Women's Gathering**  
**March 24-26, 2017** @ Mo-Ranch  
[Revised Registration & Information](#)

Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Ste 303, San Antonio, TX 78209

[SafeUnsubscribe™](#) [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)

[Forward this email](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [About our service provider](#)

Sent by [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org) in collaboration with



Try it free today