



MP Weekly News

March 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.

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

Dear Mission Presbyterty,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

I read a rather arresting opinion piece in the New York Times on Tuesday. David Brooks (whose vision I so appreciate I hope he runs for President some day) makes the case in his article "The Unifying American Story" that what established and unified us as a nation was the story of Exodus: we were sent from our homeland, but by God's grace we found our way to this new place flowing with milk and honey. If didn't see his article, please go look it up.

He sets up his argument and opens with the words "One of the things we've lost in this country is our story." You've heard me say before, and you'll hear me say again, [that...](#)

Habitat House Dedication

Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio will dedicate is 1,000th home this **Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 AM.**



Celebrate this new home with Mary, its owner, and with other Presbyterians who helped with this accomplishment! It wouldn't happen without you! The address is 227 Acme Rd, San Antonio 78237.

Best Calendar Deal Ever!

You cannot afford not to order 2017-2018 Calendars through Mission Presbytery!

pastor is away.

Applications due April 21.

[Read more](#)

Job Opportunities

Holy Trinity Presbyterian

San Antonio, TX

[PT Clerical Office Assistant](#)

Reply:

church@holymtrinitypres.org

Fax: 210-654-0161

Rolling Hills Community Church

Lago Vista, TX

[Traditional Worship Music](#)

[Director](#)

Reply: rhcc4@austin.twbc.com

Northwood Presbyterian

San Antonio TX

[Lead Teacher](#)

Reply: smith.traci@gmail.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

SoL Center

The SoL Center, located on the campus of University Presbyterian Church, San 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

* **LOW** rate -- just \$8.75 each
** **EASY** order -- just use this [FORM](#)
*** **CENTRALIZED PICK-UPS** --

Presbytery office,
June Presbytery,
Jackson Woods PC-Corpus,
First PC-McAllen

**** **MAIL** check, made out to Mission Presbytery,
memo "calendars" to
7201 Broadway, Ste 303
San Antonio TX 78209

Order by March 31 for low price!

Benefits Connections

Benefits Connections will be held **Tuesday, April 18** from **8:30 AM-3:30 PM** at Faith Presbyterian Church, 1314 E. Oltorf, Austin 78704.



This event is opportunity to learn about the benefits offered through the Board of Pensions and would be particularly helpful to those who administer, make decisions about benefits (business manager/treasurer, personnel members, pastors). The event is free but you need to register by March 31: www.pensions.org/benefitsconnections

Confirmation Retreat

Churches, make plans now for your youth, 7th grade and up, and your adult leaders to attend the Confirmation Retreat at John Knox Ranch, April 7-9, 2017. The retreat is designed to supplement confirmation classes of local congregations. [Retreat Information & Registrations](#) Registration deadline: March 31.

Plan Now for Summer Camps:

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.

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MO-Ranch Camp in the Valley

July 24-29, 2017

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

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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

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

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MO-Ranch Camps

For summer camps and day camps held at Mo-Ranch, <https://www.moranch.org/>

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/>

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->

year. Please click on [GAlink](#) to download and print the document. Your congregation may receive one hard copy upon request to missionpby@missionpby.org.

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[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



College Connection Conference

May 15-19, 2017, MO-Ranch

Be the Change, with David LaMotte

[Information/Flyer](#)

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Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference

September 25-27, St. Petersburg, FL

[Plan Now - Details](#) [Scholarships](#) available

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