



MP Weekly News

April 6, 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.

Presbytery Meeting Schedule

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

New Braunfels is busy this time of year, so make your reservations **NOW** for the June meeting. Some options are:

[Hotels-New Braunfels](#)

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

Job Opportunities

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

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Special Needs Ministry

April 21, Noon - 9:00 PM

April 22, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM

George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco TX

Special Needs Ministry Leadership Conference

This conference is a wonderful, **nearby** opportunity to expand your ministry to individuals with special needs and their families. Broaden your understanding of:

- Ways to weave a special needs ministry into your church
- How to recruit and train volunteers
- The need for pastoral care by special needs individuals/families
- How to present the gospel to special needs individuals-all ages
- Ideas for launching and growing your special needs ministry

You will connect with other leaders who share your passion for ministering to the special needs community.

[Conference Schedule](#)

[Hotels & Restaurants](#)

[Speaker Bios](#)

[Waco Airport](#)

[Register Now](#)

Happenings at PCHAS

Open House!

The Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services' Central office has moved! You are invited to an Open House from 3 to 6 PM on Tuesday, April 18, at their new site:

5920 W. William Cannon Drive,
Building 3, Suite 100,
Austin 78749

Please RSVP to Erin Reed at erin.reed@pchas.org or by calling 800-888-1904.

**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

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 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 -
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Lessons for VBS

PCHAS is offering everything you need for Vacation Bible School - lessons, activities, teacher guides. All you have to do is download them! [See Materials](#)

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

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/> Also, scholarships are available. See details for [New Kid on the Block](#) and [Two Week Camp Experience](#). (remember to check two-week option).

Grants Given at Presbytery

Mission Presbytery, at its March Presbytery meeting, was pleased to give grants to several schools, camps and other organizations within presbytery bounds. Read more about it [here](#).



Farewell & Welcome

Lucy Fernandez will be honored at a luncheon on April 27 for her many years of service at **Su Casa de Esperanza**, located in Pharr, TX. We will miss you, Lucy!

As we bid Lucy farewell, we also welcome **Belinda Flores Simons** as the new Executive Director at Su Casa de Esperanza. Belinda has 43 years of experience in the field of education. As director, she oversees the programs offered in the Las Milpas and Pogreso centers.

Rev. Karen Stocks
rev.khstocks@gmail.com

[Synod News](#)

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.

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## Emmaus Walks Available

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

### 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

### Festival of Homiletics

May 15-19, Scottish Rite Theater & Travis Park UMC, San Antonio  
<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

### College Connection Conference

May 15-19, 2017, MO-Ranch  
*Be the Change*, with David LaMotte  
[Information/Flyer](#)

### PW Horizons Bible Study Conference

June 1-2, MO-Ranch, [Flyer](#)  
"Hebrews" with Melissa Bane Sevier

### Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference

September 25-27, St. Petersburg, FL  
[Plan Now - Details](#) [Scholarships](#) available



## Lilly Endowments

### Clergy Renewal Programs

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](#)