



MP Weekly News

April 13, 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.

And Now From The Management

Hopefully, everyone who wants it has been able to set up an account with the Presbytery to receive our directory electronically. In order to do so, you have to have an account with a name and password set up with Presbytery. From there you can download the "Church Life" app to your smart phone and have the most current version of the directory at your fingertips.

When you've done so, please check your own entry and

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Brian McLaren, in his book *We Make the Road By Walking*, reflects on 39 things that Jesus said to his followers in the last days of his life. (p. 154-55) I found it remarkable to consider these things individually, and consider them as things that Jesus really wanted us to know -- not the last words from the cross, but during the time of the Last Supper, his prayer in the garden, and his arrest. On this Maundy Thursday, hear these words of Jesus for us this day:

1. If I, your Lord and teacher, have washed your feet, you, too, must wash each other's feet.
2. I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you must love each other.
3. This is how everyone will know you are my disciples, when you love each other.
4. Don't be troubled. Trust God. Trust also in me.
5. I am the way, the truth, and the life.

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PCHAS Open House!

You are invited to
Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services'
Central Office Open House
3 to 6 PM, Tuesday, April 18, at their new site:
5920 W. William Cannon Drive,
Building 3, Suite 100, Austin 78749

RSVP: Erin Reed at erin.reed@pchas.org or 800-888-1904.

make sure we have the information you want us to have. If you're no able to correct it yourself, or would prefer that we do that, just make sure that you get the correct information to the Presbytery Office and we can take care of it for you. One caveat -- the directory is only as good as the information you give us! So **please make sure we have your most current contact information.** Thanks!

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](#)

Reports due NLT June 2,
officeasst@missionpby.org

[GA Amendments](#)

Upon request, your church may receive one hard copy. Send request to missionpby@missionpby.org

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

Job Opportunities

Westminster Presbyterian
Austin, TX

[Dir.-Children and Family Ministries](#)

Reply: bill@wpcaustin.org

SoL Center

The SoL Center, located on the

Holy Smoke

Holy Smoke 2017 will be held **Sunday, May 7, at 5:30 PM**, at **Covenant Presbyterian, 211 Roletto, San Antonio 78213**! This annual "Fun-fund-Raiser" is sponsored by the SA Presbyterian Cluster of Churches. Proceeds help build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Purchase Tickets (\$12 prior to the event; \$15 at the door) from your church's Habitat representative. [Flyer](#)

Plan Now for Summer Camps:

John Knox Ranch

Summer Camp **Registration is OPEN**, with many opportunities for your child/children! 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

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

June 4-July 22, [One- to two-week sessions](#), Ages 8-15
Early bird and sibling discounts available (click above)
Also, scholarships are available for [New Kid on the Block](#) and [Two Week Camp Experience](#). (remember to check two-week option).

Job Opening at Mission Presbytery

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

I'm sorry to tell you that our Accountant, Susan Trull, has asked to step down from this position. What we all thought was a part-time position has evolved into a full-time one for Sue, which was not exactly what she was seeking after she retired the first time!

Sue has graciously agreed to continue working for us until her successor can be identified and brought on board. She has made a great impact on the staff and Presbyter in her short time with us - Sue will be missed!

campus of University PC, San Antonio, offers classes and seminars on a variety of topics. New classes available now:

[Information](#) and [Registration](#)

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 input 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 -
jnance1238@msn.com

Rev. Karen Stocks
rev.khstocks@gmail.com

[Synod News](#)

We are also beginning the search for her replacement. Her job description is attached. It is our hope to hire someone quickly, so if you (or someone you know) are interested, please get applications as soon as possible, either to Sallie Watson (presbytery@missionpby.org) or Suzy Royston, Chair of the Personnel Committee, szroyston@yahoo.com.

Blessings,
Sallie

[Accountant Bookkeeper](#)

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

Special Needs Ministry Conference

April 21, Noon - 9:00 PM

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

George W. Truett Theological Seminary, Waco TX

A nearby opportunity to expand your ministry to individuals with special needs and their families. **Only \$50/person by April 18.**

[Schedule](#) ~ ~ [Speakers](#) ~ ~ [Hotels/Restaurants](#) ~ ~ [Register Now](#)

Festival of Homiletics

May 15-19, Scottish Rite Theater & Travis Park UMC, San

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<https://www.festivalofhomiletics.com/>

2017 Church Growth Leadership Summit

April 24 at 8:00 AM to April 25 at 4:00 PM
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Lincoln NE
[Information here](#)

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](#)

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