



MP Weekly News

May 4, 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](#)

Reports due NLT June 12,
officeasst@missionpby.org

[GA Amendments](#)

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

Registration Forms will be out soon.

Remember, calendars will be distributed at the June meeting to your church representative.

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

Greetings Mission Presbytery!

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

My thoughts for you today aren't necessarily pithy or inspiring, but this is something you need to know about: the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program.

The Program, acronymically known as PILP, is a terrific program of our national denomination. Any and all of us are invited to invest with them, at decent rates of return, so that any and all of our churches may take out loans as needed for large expenses like church improvements, property purchases and more. It is a gift to those who need it.

What many do not understand is that the Presbytery, Mission in our case, takes on a responsibility for each one of those loans. We are required to guarantee each and every one approved, which you might imagine can be a big commitment on the Presbytery's part if there are several loans going at one time. Not only that -- but with some loans, we are required [to have...](#)

Celebrations!

You are invited to:

*the Installation of
Rev. Matthew R. Gaventa
as Pastor*

*at
University Presbyterian Church
2203 San Antonio Street
Austin, TX 78705
Sunday, May 7, 2017
3:00 PM*

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*The Installation and Ordination of
Carolina Trevino
into Validated Ministry for
Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary*

*at
Central Presbyterian Church
200 East 8th Street
Austin, TX 78701
Sunday, May 14, 2017
2:00 PM*

Training & Conference Opps

Festival of Homelitics

May 15-19, San Antonio

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

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MO-Ranch Women's Conference

Session I: **May 30 - June 1, 2017**

Session II: **June 2-4, 2017**

A Durable Fabric: Frayed but Not

Afraid with **MaryAnn McKibben**

Dana

Ms. Dana is author of *Sabbath in the Suburbs*, a Chalice Press bestseller and the forthcoming *Improvising with God*. **PCUSA Co-Moderator Jan Edmiston** will lead a workshop during Session I entitled Being Faithful in an Anxious Church - What's Hopeful in the PCUSA. For more information go to:

<https://www.moranch.org/attend-a-conference/adult-conferences/womens-conference/>

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PW Horizons Bible Study

June 1-2, MO-Ranch

"Hebrews" with Melissa Bane Sevier

[Flyer](#)

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Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference

September 25-27, St. Petersburg FL

[Information](#)

Program Update from PCHAS

Austin, TX. PCHAS Board of Trustees voted unanimously on April 8, 2017 to make the following changes:

The historic children's agency will consolidate its Group Home Program onto its Itasca campus, increasing the number of Itasca group homes from four to six. One of the group homes will be reserved for a large sibling group.

A second change is...[cont.](#)

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The 140th Anniversary of Ministry of Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Mexicana

Two days of Celebration
Saturday, May 20, 2017
Sunday, May 21, 2017

[Invite](#)++[Details-Sp](#)++[Details-Eng](#)++[Photo](#)

Holy Smoke

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

Class of 2017

It won't be long now before graduates will be spilling out of the hallways of high schools, universities and seminaries, excited to take the next path of their greater journey.

This week, Mission Presbytery was delighted to receive a graduation announcement from **Kadie Blair**, daughter of the Andy and Janell Blair, formerly of this presbytery expressing her thankfulness for the nurture she received while in our community. She will continue her education in this presbytery! Thanks, Kadie, for sharing with us - may God bless your new adventure!

Mission Matters

Mission Trip to Zambia/Malawi! A delegation of eight people is now on a sojourn to Malawi and Zambia. Please keep these trip participants in prayer: **Tom & Mo O'Meara, Norma Roberson, Patty Clark, Anne Detweiler, Izzie & Eddie Salinas, Krin Van Tatenhove**. The group will visit with Charles and Melissa Johnson at [Chasefu Theological College](#) in Lundazi. This week the Johnsons sent a [thank-you](#) for Mission Presbytery support.

Look for reports on Facebook, the MOJC web page, and in the MOJC report for the June Presbytery meeting.

Summer Camp Options:

John Knox Ranch

Registration is OPEN, visit www.johnknoxranch.com

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MO-Ranch Camp in the Valley

July 24-29, 2017, Cost: \$25 through your church

SoL Center

Be sure to check out the class offerings from the SoL Center, located on the campus of University PC, San Antonio.

Classes and seminars on a variety of topics are offered throughout the year. Click here for the [current list!](#)

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
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Loma de Vida Camp, 12505 N Hwy 281, Edinburg TX

For boys and girls entering 5th-12th grades.

<https://www.moranch.org/mo-ranch-summer-camp/summer-camp-rio-grande-valley/>

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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).

## Have You Walked to Emmaus?

**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

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### Corpus Christi/Coastal Bend Emmaus Community

Registration is \$190, payable to CBE; call 361-956-0361.

### June 24-27 Women's Walk

Queen of Peace Retreat Ctr

### July 27-30 Men's Walk

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