



# MP Weekly News

May 18, 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.*

## Youth Mission Trip

### Let's go serve Christ in Dallas!

Youth and their sponsors are invited to join Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church's summer youth mission trip July 23-28. Housing (with bunk beds and baths) provided in FPC. Very reasonable costs. Stewpot, Homeless Children Population Day Camp, older adult visitation, and more adventures!

Contact TE Vanessa Potter at [vpotter1@stx.rr.com](mailto:vpotter1@stx.rr.com), C: 830-496-0925.

If you're feeln' any nudge, make contact!

## Training & Conference Opps

### 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**

## Greetings!

### Presbyter Ponderings

#### Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

First, I want to tell you that Tuesday marked my one year anniversary in Mission Presbytery. It's been quite a year, hasn't it? I'm so happy to be ministering alongside you! Looking forward to many more happy anniversaries with you.

This week I've seen many of our members at the Festival of Homiletics, this year being held in San Antonio. For those of you not Ministers of Word and Sacrament, this is the annual "Preacher nerdfest" where - this year - 1800 people from all denominations gather to hear sermons and lectures about preaching. It is absolutely refreshing - not only be with good colleagues and friends, but also to see and hear reminders of our call that we can then share with our congregations. And, y'all are my "congregation," so I want to share with you some of what I heard this week. (and probably over the next couple of weeks also!)

Someone this week called Walter Brueggeman "the Godfather of the Presbyterian Church." He's a brilliant Old Testament scholar, fearless, and on target. What fascinated me most was the Tuesday morning lecture he gave on two Old Testament passages: Psalm 137, and Isaiah 43:1-20. These are both somewhat familiar passages: Psalm 137 talks about weeping "by the shores of Babylon," and Isaiah 43 addresses God's new thing. The way that he paired the two, however, speaks volumes to the 21st century emerging church in which we find ourselves. He observed that "God is not contained within our old stabilities;" news flash: things are changing! [Cont.](#)

## June Presbytery Notes

**June 23-24, 2017**

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels TX

== Make hotel reservations **NOW** -

<http://innewbraunfels.com/visit/stay/>

== Restaurants:

[http://innewbraunfels.com/visit/restaurants\\_and\\_dining/](http://innewbraunfels.com/visit/restaurants_and_dining/)

== Registration Forms:

[Ruling Elder Commissioner](#) **due June 12** (includes Friday dinner reservation, \$10/person),

[Child Care](#) **due June 6.**

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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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**Courageous Conversations**

A workshop with Mark Yaconelli  
**June 11, 5:00-8:00 PM**  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
3208 Exposition Blvd, Austin TX

How do you love like a Christian when everyone else has lost their minds? Come and see! [Details & Registration](#)

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**Stewardship Webinar**

**June 13, 2017, 1:00-2:30 PM**  
*The Hesitant Herald...*  
with Karl Travis

Among their many roles, pastors often report that fundraising is the least favorite. [Likewise](#), [Register](#)

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**Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference**

**September 25-27**, St. Petersburg FL  
[Information](#)

**Job Opportunities**

**First Presbyterian**  
Kerrville TX  
**PT Director of Music**  
Cover/resume to  
[gamblebk@gmail.com](mailto:gamblebk@gmail.com)

**SoL Center**

Be sure to check out the classes offered at the SoL Center, located on the campus of University PC, San Antonio.

Classes and seminars on a variety

== Presbytery reports and information **due NLT June 12** to [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)

== [GA Amendments](#), you may request *one* copy for your church by emailing [missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org)

Calendars will be distributed at this presbytery meeting, unless your church chose an alternate pick-up site. **Churches, remind your TEs and RE Commissioners to pick up your calendars.**

**Pastor Installation**

You are invited to...

*the installation of*  
**The Rev. Dr. William C. Pederson**  
*as Pastor*

**San Gabriel Presbyterian Church**  
*5404 Williams Drive*  
*Georgetown TX 78633*  
**Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 3:00 PM**

**Big Tent**

**July 6-8, 2017**

Washington University, St. Louis MO

The Church Leadership Connection (CLC), a ministry of the Office of the General Assembly will host a Face to Face Event this year at Big Tent. We hope you will consider participating in this event.

Face to Face will include PNC training, call seeker's training, networking opportunities, one-on-one PIF reviews, and more.

[Full article](#), including registration

**Summer Camp Options:**

**John Knox Ranch**

**Registration is OPEN**, For details, visit the John Knox website: [www.johnknoxranch.com](http://www.johnknoxranch.com). See [JKR's newsletter](#). To subscribe to their newsletter: [https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001C1y\\_CazDx7\\_JQ1Dm9gxIj--e5jMkbK0I](https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin/ea?v=001C1y_CazDx7_JQ1Dm9gxIj--e5jMkbK0I)

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**MO-Ranch Camp in the Valley**

July 24-29, 2017, Cost: \$25 through your church  
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, Ages 8-15 [One- to two-week sessions](#). Early bird and sibling discounts available (click above). Scholarships are available for [New Kid on the Block](#) and [Two Week Camp Experience](#). (*remember to check two-week option*).

of topics are available 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:

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## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

### Disaster Preparation

We are all susceptible to tornados. Is your church prepared to move your people to a safe place if a tornado warning occurs during worship or another church activity? **Contact Joyce Batty**, PW/PDA Disaster Preparedness Trainer to help prepare your church for all types of disasters: [Joyce.batty@gmail.com](mailto:Joyce.batty@gmail.com) or **512-497-6099**. Please view the CNN video to see how one church in East Texas survived a recent tornado and to see if your church could have responded as well.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/04/30/us/tornado-destroys-texas-church-trnd/index.html>

## Mission Matters

### They're home!

Our delegates are home and are preparing reports for Facebook and the MOJC web page, as well as the MOJC report for the June Presbytery meeting. Stay tuned!

## Emmaus Walks

Register for a Walk to Emmaus, a spiritual formation weekend. Follow the links to the participation/registration forms.

### June 22-25 Men's Walk 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**      **July 27-30 Men's Walk**  
Queen of Peace Retreat Ctr      Queen of Peace Retreat Ctr