



• 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.

Dear Members of Mission Presbytery,

Grace and Peace to you and your congregation! It is exciting to know we will be meeting at New Braunfels Presbyterian Church June 23rd-24th along the Comal and Guadalupe Rivers in New Braunfels, Texas. Our meeting will convene at 12:45 p.m. with worship being led by the Youth of the Presbytery. Our General Presbyter, Sallie Sampsell Watson is bringing to the Presbytery, a program to support our youth, and the congregations of Mission Presbytery under the guidance of veteran youth worker, Mark Yaconelli

Executive Director, Mark Yaconelli, and founder of the community storytelling project, "The Hearth" (Healing Communities one Story at a Time) is based in Ashland, Oregon. Mark will present insights from the 787 Collective at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary - a new venture seeking to connect Christian congregations and young adults in Austin Friday afternoon. Mark has produced and directed story based projects for agencies across the United States and United Kingdom, including The Oregon State Department of Humanities, The Ford Family Foundation, The Church in Wales, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, The Boys and Girls Club, The Geos Institute, Asante Hospice, and many other institutions and agencies.

Our additional guest speaker from PCUSA, Tony De La Rosa, Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency, will speak to the Presbytery Friday afternoon. A lifelong Presbyterian, De La Rosa most recently served as a commissioned ruling elder and interim lay pastor of Newport Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, Washington. He was commissioned by the Presbytery of Seattle in May 2015 to lead the Newport congregation of over 350 members during their time of pastoral transition.

De La Rosa received a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Divinity and Juris Doctor Degree from Yale University.

Come join us for Rudy's barbeque dinner Friday evening at a cost of \$10 per person, then participate in "The Spiritual Lives of Young Adults" with Mark Yaconelli. We will reconvene at 8 a.m. Saturday morning with the business of Presbytery and Worship at 9:15 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you in New Braunfels.

Blessing,

Anna Bohart

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Moderator

Rev. Dr. Sallie Watson
General Presbyter

Rev. Tricia Tedrow
Stated Clerk

Rev. Kathy Anderson
Director, John Knox Ranch

RE Lita Simpson
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