



# MP Weekly News

June 8, 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.*

## Big Tent July 6-8, 2017



This year Big Tent will be held at Washington University in St. Louis, MO. Along with all the exciting events, we invite you to participate in the Face to Face event. The Face to Face will include training for PNCs, call seeker's, one-on-one PIF reviews, networking opportunities, and more!

[Schedule](#) and [full article](#)

## Belhar & Racism Resources

Looking for some good resources to introduce The Confession of Belhar to your

## Greetings Mission Presbytery!

### Presbyter Ponderings

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

It's good to be back in the saddle. I've been out of the office for most of the last month--and my inbox and desk reflect that fact! And whoever said that June was the "quiet time" hasn't been around Mission Presbytery. We've to General Council this weekend, Presbytery in two weeks after that--and in the meantime, life still goes on with pastors arriving and leaving, committee work continuing, you know the drill.

I'm grateful for our staff--Trish, Lita, Kathy, Cathy, Eleanor, and Jeanne--that keep things running while I'm away. They make it possible for me to do things like take study leave, work with the Presbytery Leader Formation program, be part of the Mo-Ranch Women's Conference, and more. [Continued](#)

## Witness to the Resurrection

We celebrate the life of **George A. Holland**, who died May 22 at home in Austin. George is survived by his dear wife Trish, four children, seven grandchildren, several extended family members and a host of colleagues and friends. George's career and ministry were as varied as George's interests: from counterintelligence during the Korean Conflict to working for civil rights to providing spiritual leadership during the Branch Davidian crisis in Waco, to tending a glorious garden and spending time with Trish. Services were held at First Presbyterian in Homer, Louisiana and at Central Presbyterian in Austin. Memorials may be made to either [Breakthrough Austin](#) or the [Southern Poverty Law Center](#).

## Young Adult Program

Good News from the Young Adult Program!

Mission Presbytery will have not one but two of our young people serving the denomination as Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) for the 2017-18 program year!

Katie Henderson, a member of First in Rockport, will be serving as a YAV in Scotland. And Esperanza Flores, a member of First in

congregation? Need some tools to help your congregation deal with the ever-present issue of racism? The PC(USA) has exactly what you need. Check out this website: <https://facing-racism.pcusa.org/>

### Calendars are Here!

Most calendars will be picked up at the June presbytery meeting, but feel free to pick up at the presbytery office.

If you are a **"Distribution Church"** remind one of your Elders or Pastor to also pick up for other churches. Pick-up points are:

- Presbytery Office
- June Presbytery Mtg
- Jackson Woods-Corpus
- First-McAllen

### In the San Antonio Region

#### [Faith, Hope and Harmony...](#)

Seasons of Love - Music & Celebration

Sunday, June 25 at 3:00 PM  
Grace Presbyterian Church  
950 Donaldson Ave  
San Antonio 78228



#### [Presbyterian Night at the the](#)

[Missions](#) - Baseball

Friday, July 28, 2017  
Gates open at 6:00 PM  
Game starts at 7:05 PM

### Training & Conference Opps

#### **Be Prepared for Disaster!**

Contact Joyce Batty for Disaster Preparedness Training: 512-497-6099 or [joyce.batty@gmail.com](mailto:joyce.batty@gmail.com)

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Kerrville, will serve as a YAV in New Orleans. The program year begins in August and will run through next July.

Please keep Katie, Esperanza, their families, and their congregations in your prayers as they begin this exciting work!

## Youth at Presbytery (Y@P)

The Youth Connection Committee (YCC) of Mission Presbytery invites each church to send two or more delegates to attend the summer meeting of the presbytery at New Braunfels Presbyterian in New Braunfels. This year our youth will lead worship throughout the meeting.

We are also seeking nominations for young people to serve on the YCC. Get all the [details and necessary forms](#) for Y@P and for nominations to YCC here. Registrations **due June 9**.

A graphic with a blue and orange background. The text reads: "MISSION PRESBYTERY WELCOMES MARK YACONELLI TO THE JUNE 23-24 PRESBYTERY MEETING! NEW BRAUNFELS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH". Below this, it lists two events: "Friday, June 23 - 4:00 PM The Power and Practice of Personal Storytelling" and "Friday, June 23 - 7:00 PM The Spiritual Lives of Young Adults". At the bottom, it says: "A barbeque dinner will be served at 5:15 for \$10 per person. Please make your reservations through the Presbytery Office. Dinner reservation are due by Monday, June 19."/>

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For [more information](#)



Did you attend the Imagine event at the March Presbytery meeting?

Did you catch imaginings and take them home to your congregation?

Did those imaginings become actions? (New programs, conversations, etc?)

WE WANT TO KNOW!

Please fill out [attached template](#) and bring it with you to the June Presbytery meeting. Our youth will be creating a special display to share what is happening when you move from imagining to action.

## Courageous Conversations

A workshop with Mark Yaconelli

**June 11, 5:00-8:00 PM**

Westminster Presbyterian  
3208 Exposition Blvd, Austin

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

[More Info](#), to [Register](#)

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## Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference

**September 25-27**

St. Petersburg FL  
[Information](#)

## Job Opportunities

### First Presbyterian

Kerrville TX

[Director of Choral Music](#)

Reply:

[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 of topics are available throughout the year. Check out their [website](#).

## Serving Mission Presbytery

The following members of Mission Presbytery currently serve you at Synod of the

You can also email it to the Presbytery office **no later than June 19**. Email them to [missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org)

## June Presbytery Checklist

**June 23-24, 2017**

New Braunfels Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels TX

- [DRIVING TO NEW BRAUNFELS PC](#), Directions
- [HOTEL & RESTAURANTS](#) **Register NOW**
- [PRESBYTERY DINNER RESERVATIONS](#) -\$10 **Due June 19** Prepayment: Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Ste. 303, San Antonio TX 78209
- [RULING ELDER REGISTRATION](#) **Due June 12**
- [CHILD CARE REGISTRATION](#) **Due June 6**
- PRESBYTERY REPORTS & INFORMATION **NLT June 12** to [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)
- POWERPOINT PRESENTATIONS **NLT June 16** to [statedclerk@missionpby.org](mailto:statedclerk@missionpby.org)
- [GA Amendments](#), you may request **one** hard 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. Please remind your TE or Ruling Elder Commissioner to pick up your calendars.

## Youth Mission Trip Opportunity

**Let's go serve Christ in Dallas! Only 10 slots remain!**

Youth and their sponsors are invited to join Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church's summer **youth mission trip July 23-28** for Stewpot, Homeless Children Population Day Camp, older visitation, and more adventures! Housing (bunk beds & bath) will be provided by FPC, Dallas. Very reasonable costs.

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

## Books for Sale

**by Canyon Lake Presbyterian Church**

++ **"Word Biblical Commentary,"** complete set, make offer.

++ **"A Door Set Open: Grounding Change in Mission and Hope,"** by Peter L. Steinke. Very insightful regarding what influences successful change in the church. \$10 ea, 3 available.

**Contact:** Laura Schafer, Church Office, 830-964-2427. Books can be picked up at the June presbytery meeting in New Braunfels.

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**Summer Camps - Not Too Late:**

**John Knox Ranch - Registration is OPEN**

For details: [www.johnknoxranch.com](http://www.johnknoxranch.com).

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**MO-Ranch Camps - Space available**

June 4-July 22, Ages 8-15, <https://www.moranch.org/>

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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/>

**Emmaus Walks**

Consider attending one of these four-day spiritual formation weekends. Follow the links to the participation and registration forms.

**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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