



MP Weekly News

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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.

SoL Center

The **SoL Center** offers a wide variety of classes on diverse topics. Go to their [website](#) for a full schedule, including an afternoon of **1940s Jazz** and several Reformation seminars.

The SoL Center is located on the campus of University PC, 300 Bushnell, San Antonio.

1st Annual Synod Sunday

A new tradition - Synod Sunday, to be observed annually the last Sunday of August! Join in worship with other Synod congregations and presbyteries August 27. Worship materials and

Greetings!

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings, beloveds,

Tricia and I are working on a pastoral letter to share with you, your congregations, the media, and anyone who will listen regarding the horrible incidents in Charlottesville. That will be the official statement; this one is personal, to your heart from mine.

Every week I try to find words that will be helpful, encouraging and challenging to share with you about something on my mind and heart. When I flirt with despair, as I have done this week, sometimes the words fail me. [Continued...](#)

Update Employer Agreements Now

Deadline is October 13 for churches to update employer agreements for 2018 on Benefits Connect.

[Helps and Information](#)



Regional Minutes Review!

Saturday, Sept. 9 at First, Kerrville

Saturday, Sept. 23 at Covenant, San Antonio

Saturday, Sept. 30 at Grace, Corpus

Saturday, Nov. 18 at First, La Grange

All clerks of Sessions (and clerks-in-training) are welcome to attend, even if you submitted your 2016 minutes.

More information to come.

PCUSA Resources on Racism

bulletins available at:

<http://www.synodsun.org/synod-sunday>

Serving Mission Presbytery

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

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POAMN

Presbyterian Older Adult
Ministries Network

Summer 2017 Newsletter,
including a
[Message from PNN Editor](#)

PCUSA Special Offerings

PCUSA collects four special offerings each year. Click to see the information for each.
[Special Offerings](#)

For easy tracking, your church may send offerings to Mission Presbytery

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About MP Weekly News

This weekly publication is a primary source of information to Mission Presbytery. **You are encouraged to share this newsletter with others** who may benefit from its content.

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Submit articles by
5 PM Tuesdays to:

Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) must stand against, speak against and work against racism. In the wake of recent events in Charlottesville, VA, the PC(USA)'s ongoing Facing Racism campaign offers tools to help assist in the work against racism. The campaign shares a wealth of free anti-racism resources with the greater Church at FacingRacism.org, which features recent statements by the Church on Charlottesville, plus studies, books, training sessions and other events.

May God bless your witness as you share these anti-racism resources on your website, in newsletters and on social media and as you help equip Presbyterians to engage in addressing racism. Thank you for joining together in the efforts of the Church to become the community of faith God calls us to be.

Gala - House of Neighborly Service *A Black & White Affair*

HNS is celebrating their centennial with a gala Friday, September 15! Don't miss this exciting evening - for all the info and to purchase tickets: [HNS Centennial Gala](#).

Not Too Late to Nominate

The Nominations Committee thanks those who have already submitted nominees for presbytery committees. Refer to this [letter](#) about vacancies to be filled. They will meet again mid-September so **you may still submit nominations**. Use the [Nomination form](#) to submit your/other name and preferred committee(s) to serve. Remember to have nominee's permission to be nominated *before* sending in the form.

Job Opportunities

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, San Antonio, seeks Interim Pastor. Chartered 55 years ago, currently 140 members located near the medical center in a transitioning neighborhood. Candidates who have completed interim training and have prior interim experience preferred. [Full job description](#) or contact David Arnold, Chair, Interim Search Committee: darnold413@yahoo.com

Rolling Hills Community Church, Lago Vista, seeks Middle School Youth Associate. [Description](#)

Training & Conference Opps

= **Presbyterian Women-San Antonio Region** will hold their **Fall Cluster meeting** August 19 at 9:00 AM at Canyon Lake Presbyterian, 230 Shepherd Dr, Canyon Lake. To carpool, meet at New Braunfels Presbyterian, 373 Howard St, 78130, at 8:15 AM.

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= Change your life! **Covenant Presbyterian, San Antonio** offers the **Financial Peace University Course** (Dave Ramsey) beginning September 10. Details for this [Money Management Course](#)  
Also see: <https://www.facebook.com/covenant.satx>

= **Women's Emmaus Walk** September 14-17  
Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnett TX,

= **Young Adult Weekend, MO Ranch**, September 15-17.  
Theme: *Improvising with God: God's Work in an Imperfect World* presented by Rev. MaryAnn McKibben Dana. [See details](#)

= HURRY! **Kaleidoscope Stewardship Conference** will be held in **St. Petersburg, FL September 25-27**.  
[Registration & Info](#)