



MP Weekly News

August 31, 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.

BOP Employer Agreements for 2018

Churches, updates to the Board of Pensions for your **Employer Agreement** for 2018 are **due October 13.**

[Review this notice](#) from the BOP for help in planning, clarifying, and submitting your Employer Agreement.

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

Greetings!

Pontifications!

Dear Friends,

Instead of Sallie's pondering this week, you get me pontificating. I know many of you are frustrated because you want to help but don't know how. And the information seems to be coming in drips and drabs. You're right, it is. Please remember that our communities affected by Hurricane Harvey are still in the acute phase of a disaster. Power is still out, cell service is spotty at best, and not everyone has been able to return to see how much damage has been done. We are [starting to ...](#)

With Prayer and Sympathy

We offer our prayers and sympathy to Shirley McGee and family on the death of her husband, Rev. Thomas (Tom) Christian McGee (HR) who passed away August 26, 2017 in Austin Texas. Services were held at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin on August 31, 2017. [Continued](#)

We also learned that RE Kay McCloskey's husband John passed away August 30, 2017 in San Antonio. Kay served many years on our Missions, Outreach and Justice Committee. Please keep Kay and her son in your prayers. Services are pending.

After Harvey

Please keep in prayer, all effected by Hurricane Harvey. You can help people in need or receive help in various ways:

1. **Funds:** Checks directly to Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Ste 303, San Antonio TX 78209, with notation 2121-50-Harvey.
2. Online Giving: All proceeds to to relief and recovery. [Give Now](#)
3. **Order PDA Kits** for affected areas. No guidance on the quantity, just needs to be endorsed by Mission Presbytery. Send request to Alanford@austin.rr.com or missionpby@missionpby.org.

Note:

the campus of University PC, 300 Bushnell, San Antonio.

Serving Mission Presbytery

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

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[Synod News](#)

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
7201 Broadway, Ste 303
San Antonio TX 78209

About MP Weekly News

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Submit articles by **5 PM Tuesdays** to:

a) type and number of kits requested, b) church making request,
c) shipping address,
d) name, title, contact info for person making request.
Kit details: <http://pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/>

Make Kits

- a) Clean-up and/or hygiene kits can be **sent or delivered** to **Grace Presbyterian-Corpus Christi**, 6301 Yorktown, Corpus Christi TX 78414,
b) Clean-up kits can be **delivered** to **First Presbyterian-La Grange**, 208 S. Franklin, La Grange TX 78945
c) **First Presbyterian-Taft**, will accept Clean-up and hygiene kits, Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, Bottled Water, Bleach, Diapers, Mosquito Spray. Contact Clay Brockman, cbrockman@yahoo.com for further details. Deliver to the church at 510 McIntyre, Taft TX 78390.

4. **Donate Blood!** Click for information: Locations for South Texas (San Antonio, Victoria): Southtexasblood.org
Locations in Austin area: weareblood.org
Locations in Coastal Bend: coastalbendbloodcenter.org

5. **Partner with a church** in the affected areas to help provide them with specific needs and/or with community recovery projects. Churches in the affected area are:
Community Presbyterian, Port Aransas
First Presbyterian, Rockport
First Presbyterian, Taft
First Presbyterian, Refugio
First Presbyterian, Collegeport
First Presbyterian, La Grange

More churches will be added to the list as we receive word.

6. **Need Help?** The Employee Assistance Program has made itself available to both Board of Pensions members and to Mission Presbytery congregations (including staff). EAP can help in dealing with disasters and other traumatic events such as Hurricane Harvey. The program offers phone and in-person support, personalized assistance, and referrals to licensed counselors and professional resources in your community.

You may call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Board of Pensions Benefit Members call 800-640-2772. Church members & Staff, not under BOP plan, call 866-912-1687.

7. **Grants:** For assistance applying for grants through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance or the Board of Pensions, contact Sallie Watson or Tricia Tedrow at the Presbytery office.

Soul Shop

WHAT

Important, informative event to assist

officeasst@missionpby.org

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congregations dealing with suicidal desperation. \$10/person includes workbook & lunch.

WHO Youth Leaders

WHEN Saturday September 30, 2017  
9:00 am - 4:00 pm (lunch included)

WHERE Covenant Presbyterian Church  
211 Roletto Dr, San Antonio, 78213

WHY Equip attendees to address suicidal desperation.

[Read more...](#)

For more "usual" announcements and notices, please refer to the August 24 issue of the *MP Weekly News* on [our web site](#).