



MP Weekly News

September 7, 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 Asks...

Why Wait Until October 13?

Churches, submit your **Employer Benefit Agreement** today and check it off your Fall To-Do-List!

[Refer to this notice](#) for information on how to prepare your Employer Benefit Agreement, and how to submit it to the Board of Pensions.

Jazz at SoL!

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some 1940s jazz September 17, from 4:00--6:00 PM at University Presbyterian, San Antonio.

Greetings!

First,

A big 'Thank You' to everyone who has already started to gather supplies, phoned friends, and sent messages to the office with information about those affected by Harvey. What good and faithful servants! All of your efforts are most appreciated.

After Harvey...

...things have changed and updates continue to be sent out. Please be aware that Mission Presbytery's notices go out via Constant Contact as email, through Facebook posts, information on our website, and through this newsletter. Please share this information with others for ways to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

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 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:

- 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,

[Check out the details](#)

The **SoL Center** also offers a wide variety of classes on diverse topics. Go to their [website](#) for a full schedule.

The SoL Center is located on 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

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.

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.

DATES & EVENTS

Regional Minutes Reviews

Hill Country: Saturday, Sept 9, 10am-2pm @ First, Kerrville

San Antonio: Saturday, Sept 23, 10am-2pm @ Covenant, San Antonio

Corpus Christi: Saturday, Sept 30, 10am-2pm @ Grace, Corpus Christi

What to Bring: 2016 Minutes, [Checklist](#), Bag Lunch

YCC Main Event

SERVE...with an ATTITUDE for SERVITUDE

September 22-24 at John Knox Ranch

[Registrations](#) due Sept. 18. [Flyer/Information](#)

PW Cluster Meetings

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Submit articles by **5 PM Tuesdays** to: officeasst@missionpby.org
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**Austin: Sept 9**, 9am-Noon at Grace, Round Rock

**Hill Country: Sept. 16**, 9am at Burnet, Burnet. Please have headcount in by Sept. 11: 512-756-4366 or [burnetpres@nctv.com](mailto:burnetpres@nctv.com)

## Soul Shop

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| WHAT  | Important, informative event to assist congregations dealing with suicidal desperation. \$10/person includes workbook & lunch. |
| WHO   | Youth Leaders                                                                                                                  |
| WHEN  | Saturday September 30, 2017<br>9:00 am - 4:00 pm (lunch included)                                                              |
| WHERE | Covenant Presbyterian Church<br>211 Roleto Dr, San Antonio, 78213                                                              |
| WHY   | Equip attendees to address suicidal desperation.                                                                               |

[Read more...](#)

## Habitat for Humanity

San Antonio Cluster to meet Monday, September 11, 5:45pm at Neal Bldg, San Pedro Presbyterian, 14900 San Pedro, San Antonio.

## Gala, House of Neighborly Service

### A Black & White Affair

HNS celebrates their centennial Friday, September 15! Click here for [Gala tickets and information](#)