



# MP Weekly News

September 14, 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.

2018 Dues:	
Medical	24.5%
Pension	11%
Death/Disability	1%

## Greetings!

### Presbyter Ponderings

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

Oh my goodness, I am so proud of all of you in these days. There has been crisis response, crisis recovery, cleanup buckets, offerings, hygiene kits, deliveries, tears, prayers, celebrations - you name it. Everyone, and I mean everyone, has risen to the occasion and I am delighted. I'm also exhausted, as I know many of you are. But with your help, and that of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, we will get through this.

First, I am hoping that by now, everyone has reported in about any damages, using the form that Tricia reference on our website. Please let us know what you need and how we can help.

We have received gifts from PDA, financially as well as humanly! Grants have been given to our five churches [with...](#)

### Special Presbytery Meeting

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

**Grace Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi**

Both clergy and elder commissioners are asked to register by Monday, September 18 - [use this registration form](#).

The purpose of this meeting is to appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First, Robstown; to appoint an Administrative Commission to work with First, San Saba; and to spend time with out members affected by Hurricane Harvey. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be providing someone to help us hear each other's stories.

### After Harvey...

We continue to send out notices and update our website as information becomes available on needs in Mission Presbytery. Please keep an eye out for updates, and share any information with others for ways to help the victims of Hurricane Harvey.

#### Giving:

- Checks directly to Mission Presbytery,

## PW Cluster Meeting

### PW Hill Country Cluster

will meet September 16 at 9AM at Burnet Presbyterian Church, 101 S Pierce, Burnet TX.

## SoL Center

1940s Swing Music  
Sept. 17, 4:00-6:00 PM  
University Presbyterian  
300 Bushnell Ave.  
San Antonio TX

[Click here for Tickets & Information](#)

## Austin Peace Breakfast

You are invited to hear **Delia Leal & Leslie Vogel**, International Peacemakers from Guatemala at **Faith Presbyterian** 1314 E. Oltorf, Austin, Saturday, **Sept. 23**, 9:30-11 AM.  
Breakfast provided

RSVP: [wpwhite@mailaps.org](mailto:wpwhite@mailaps.org)

[More Info](#)

## San Antonio Faith Based Initiative

You are invited to the 3rd Convening of the SA Faith Based Initiative  
September 27  
6:30-8:30 PM  
[All the Details here](#)

## Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Joyce Batty will lead the Coastal Bend Regional Training - open to all Presbyterians and friends - on **Sept 30**, from 8:30am-1pm at **Grace-Corpus**, 6301 Yorktown. Also, reports from the American Red Cross and the Coastal Bend Disaster Response Group.

Free lunch supplied.  
RSVP by Sept 25:  
361-985-8585

7201 Broadway, Ste 303, San Antonio TX 78209, with notation 2121-50-Harvey.

- Online Giving: All proceeds to to relief and recovery. [Give Now](#)

### Kits:

1. **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](mailto:Alanford@austin.rr.com) or [missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto: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) **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](mailto:cbrockman@yahoo.com) for further details. Deliver to the church at 510 McIntyre, Taft TX 78390.

### Blood Donations:

1. Click for information:  
Locations for South Texas (San Antonio, Victoria): [Southtexasblood.org](http://Southtexasblood.org)  
Locations in Austin area: [weareblood.org](http://weareblood.org)  
Locations in Coastal Bend: [coastalbendbloodcenter.org](http://coastalbendbloodcenter.org)

### Partner with a Church:

Help provide specific needs to affected churches 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, Victoria

1. **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.

2. **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

## Serving Mission Presbytery

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

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Rev. Karen Stocks  
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[Synod News](#)

## Public Service Announcement

Beginning September 23, people within the 210 area code region will need to dial the area code to complete a call. People outside the 210 area code will dial as usual.

[Click here for more information in English and in Spanish.](#)

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## Congregational Resources:

Here are some resources for worship, Sunday School, an evening Taize service, and other ideas to help your congregation with the after-effects of the hurricane. [Link](#)

## EVENTS

### YCC Main Event

***SERVE...with an ATTITUDE for SERVITUDE***

September 22-24 at John Knox Ranch

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

### Regional Minutes Reviews

**San Antonio:** Saturday, Sept 23, 10am  
Covenant Presbyterian, San Antonio

All San Antonio clerks of session are invited to attend this event. Please bring your 2016 minutes, [Checklist](#), Book of Order, Bag Lunch. For info contact [Stated Clerk Tricia Tedrow](#).

### 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. <a href="#">Read more...</a>                                                  |

### Refocus

October 2-4, 2017, McCord Bldg, Austin Seminary  
Presenter: Dr. Rodger Nishioka  
For Youth Workers and Other Youth Professionals  
This is a "Don't Miss" [opportunity!](#)

### Safe & Healthy Churches: Ending Family Violence

September 29-30, Doubletree by Hilton in Austin  
Info & Registration, Contact: 2016-634-1903 or  
[clareo@faithtrustinstitute.org](mailto:clareo@faithtrustinstitute.org)

Two-day training for pastors, church leadership on domestic/sexual violence to equip to develop trauma-informed protocols for victim protection, prevention of future harm, and effective response to victims/survivors, their families and abusers.

Breakouts: Domestic Violence Response; Pastoral Care; Child Abuse Prevention & Response; Healthy Teen Relationship. All meals and 1-night stay in hotel are free to training participants.

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## Embracing Stewardship Across Generations

October 5, 2017,  
First Presbyterian, 1000 Penn Street, Fort Worth 76102

Please join Texas Presbyterian Foundation for an exciting, interactive event designed to deepen your congregation's understanding of themselves as stewards of God's abundance.

[Full details attached!](#)

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## Single Parenting

Starts October 4, 2017 - [Open to Public](#)  
Treasure Hills Presbyterian, 2120 N Ed Carey Dr, Harlingen  
Contact: [Treasurehillspc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Treasurehillspc@sbcglobal.net); \$20/family