



# MP Weekly News

September 21, 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!

### Special Presbytery Meeting

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

**Grace Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi**

Clergy and elder commissioners are asked to register for this meeting, using [this 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 our members affected by Hurricane Harvey. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be providing someone to help us hear each other's stories.

### Stated Presbytery Meeting

**October 27-28, 2017**

**Parkway Presbyterian Church, Corpus Christi**

[Hotel Information](#) -- Reserve your room(s) now.

#### Due Dates:

Pre-packet Information/flyers - **Sept. 18**  
to [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)

Presbytery Committee Reports - **Oct 9**  
to [officeasst@missionpby.org](mailto:officeasst@missionpby.org)

Commissioner [Elder Registrations](#) - **Oct 20**  
to [missionpby@missionpby.org](mailto:missionpby@missionpby.org)

## Presbyter Ponderings

### Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Earlier this week I was in Richmond, VA for the Presbyterian Outlook Board of Directors meeting. You need to know that people from all over the country were asking about you, praying for you, and wanting to hear your stories. We are not alone, dear ones. I gave them your best, told a couple of stories, thanked them for their generosity - especially their gifts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance - and told them that we would be just fine, with God's help. (which, I hope, is the case for all of us, every day) [Read on...](#)

## Visitors Bearing Gifts

## 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: [wppwhite@mailaps.org](mailto:wppwhite@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](#)

## In the News

This past week the House of  
Neighborly Service was  
featured in an article of the  
San Antonio Express News.  
[Read about HNS](#) and how,  
for over 100 years, they  
have served the westside  
community of San Antonio.

## 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**

What a delightful surprise!

Col Eric Baugh and Msgt  
Fitzroy Munroe knocked on  
our door bringing gifts to help  
our Harvey victims. They are  
here for training from  
Washington DC.

God is so good!



## After Harvey...

Efforts continue to assist churches and families affected by  
Hurricane Harvey. Refer to information below as well as on our  
website and through Facebook.

### Giving:

- Checks directly to Mission Presbytery,  
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/>

2. **Make Kits**

Clean-up and/or hygiene kits can be **sent or  
delivered** to: **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 below 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:

Provide specific needs to affected churches and/or with  
community recovery projects. Churches with needs are:  
Community Presbyterian, Port Aransas  
First Presbyterian, Rockport  
First Presbyterian, Taft

## Serving Mission Presbytery

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

CRE Joe Pat Nance -  
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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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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 office.

### Congregational Resources:

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

## Mission Matters

+Mission Presbytery will host **Guatemalan International Peacemaker, Delia Leal**, from September 22-28. She will be accompanied by **Mission Co-Worker, Leslie Vogel**. They will be in the San Antonio area on the 22nd, and the 24th-27th. On Saturday, the 23rd, they will be in the Austin area. For more info about visits with them, contact TE Krin Van Tatenhove, 817-902-2198. For [Presbyterian News Service article on Delia](#)

+MOJC has designated the Syria Lebanon Partnership Network of the PC(USA) as the recipient of the first \$5,000 of our portion of the Peace and Global Witness Offering taken on October 1. Here are links to interpretive bulletin inserts that we ask you to include on September 24 and October 1: [Letter size](#); [legal size](#).

## Events

### 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.

## Regional Officer Trng & Minutes Review

**Corpus Christi:** Saturday, Sept 30, 10am  
Grace Presbyterian, San Antonio

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

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## Soul Shop

**WHAT** Important, informative event to assist congregations dealing with suicidal desperation. \$10/person includes workbook & lunch.

**WHO** **Youth Leaders** -- [Register Now!](#)

**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...](#)

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## 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!](#)

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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

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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!](#). Contact: [kristi.posewitz@tpf.org](mailto:kristi.posewitz@tpf.org) or 800-955-3155.