



MP Weekly News

September 28, 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.

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San Gabriel Presbyterian, 5404 Williams Drive, Georgetown is celebrating the Reformation each week at 9:00 AM, now through Oct 29. [Weekly Focus Points](#) are presented by different speakers. Please feel free to join them.



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Northwood Presbyterian invites you, particularly the San Antonio region, to join them in a Reformation Service at 4:00 PM on October 29. They are located at 518 Pike Place, San Antonio.

Greetings!

Presbyter Ponderings

Greetings to the Saints of Mission Presbytery!

Oh my goodness, it was so good to be together as a Presbytery last weekend. We knocked out the necessary business--and then we sat around tables and listened to each other's stories as they pertained to Hurricane Harvey. Liturgical Kleenex were shared around the tables. We listened, prayed, spoke, witnessed to God's presence in the storm. I wish all of you could have been there.

I learned something from our friend Dan Fultz, though I cannot directly quote now the way he said it Basically he said that disaster is not relative; it is what it is for each person. Just because your experience was this, and perhaps worse than my experience, it does not mean that I was not affected by the storm. He was much more poetic than I, as usual! But I came to see that even though my family, my house and my church were all untouched by the storm, I too have been deeply affected by the storm's aftermath because of my relationship with [you...](#)

Prayers Requested

Our sympathy is expressed to the family of Mrs. Shirley McGee, who passed away September 14, 2017 in Austin, Texas. Shirley was the recent widow of Rev. Thomas McGee who died in August. A memorial service for Shirley was held September 22, 2017. She leaves two children, Tommy (son) and Lisa McGee, and Barry and Sherry (daughter) Travis, as well as six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Please keep Shirley's family in your prayers.

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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

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

[More Info](#)

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

Serving Mission Presbytery

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

CRE Joe Pat Nance -
jnance1238@msn.com

Rev. Karen Stocks
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[Synod News](#)

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Beginning September 23,
people within the 210 area
code re

Presbytery Committee Reports - **Oct 9**
to officeasst@missionpby.org

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

Mission Matters

+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](#).

After Harvey...

Efforts continue to assist churches and families affected by Hurricane Harvey. See information sheet below for all details on [Ways to Help and/or Ways to be Helped](#).

Giving: For monetary donations, use these methods to give directly to Mission Presbytery

- Checks directly to Mission Presbytery,
7201 Broadway, Ste 303, San Antonio TX 78209,
with notation 2121-50-Harvey.
- Online Giving: All proceeds to relief and recovery.
[Give Now](#)

Employer Agreements to Board of Pensions Due Oct. 13

Why wait? **Churches**, submit your Employer Benefit Agreement for 2018 today! Refer to [this publication](#) on how to prepare and submit your agreement to the BOP.

| 2018 Dues: | |
|--------------------|-------|
| Medical | 24.5% |
| Pension | 11% |
| Death & Disability | 1% |

Events

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](#).

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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### 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...](#)

### 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!](#)

### 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

### 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.