



February 12, 2018

Dear Mission Presbytery,

Our first Mission Presbytery Meeting of 2018 is fast approaching. We will gather at Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas, on Friday, March 2nd and Saturday, March 3rd. I want to thank the wonderful friends of Westlake Hills in advance for their invitation and hospitality. Those of you who have prepared for a presbytery meeting know this is, definitely, a labor of love, and we appreciate it!

Some of the highlights of our meeting will include:

- 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.

- A pre-presbytery workshop to learn how to train local congregations for mission engagement
- A pre-presbytery panel to learn about the overture on faithful alternatives and fossil fuels, which will come before us on Saturday for possible concurrence
- An exciting array of workshops on Friday afternoon from which to choose
- An opportunity to honor and celebrate at dinner with our dear Lita Simpson upon her retirement

I feel honored to serve as your moderator in 2018, but this is not a lone ranger job. My heart is filled with gratitude for our hard-working staff and the General Council, who give so much to ensuring that this presbytery is a faithful witness to our Lord Jesus Christ in this part of God's world.

Safe travels, and I look forward to being with you in Austin soon.

Blessings,

Moderator
Mission Presbytery, PC(USA)

Rev. Dr. Sallie Watson
General Presbyter

Rev. Tricia Tedrow
Stated Clerk

RE Chris Holmes
Director, John Knox Ranch

RE Lita Simpson
Youth & Young Adult Min.