

Stated Mission Presbytery Meeting
October 17-18, 2025
Cross Roads Church, Windcrest

Friday, October 17, 2025

Call to Order	Moderator Dan Milford
Quorum declared and opening prayer	
Approve the docket	
Land Acknowledgement	
Introduction of first-time Commissioners	
Introduction of Corresponding Members	
Welcome from the host church	
Transitional General Presbyter	Bobby Musengwa
Stated Clerk	Laurie Palmer
Fiscal Oversight	Sandy Nicholson
Presbyterian Women	Lori Black
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	Doug Dalglish
Break	
Commission on Ministry	Jack Barden
Connect Committee	Jo Ann Currie, Emily Owen, Erica Knisely
Learn Committee	Linda Bourianoff, Tom Tickner

The meeting is in recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.
Cross Roads invites you to a BBQ dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.
There is no charge for dinner.

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Mission Presbytery reconvenes with worship

Preacher: Rev. Elizabeth Pang, Hospice Austin

Offering: Mo Ranch and FPC, Kerrville, for flood response

General Council	Fred Gamble
Committee on Representation and Participation	Walt Lee
Youth Connection	Caitlin Supcoff
Disaster Preparedness and Assistance	Ben Henderson
John Knox Ranch	Rob Mueller, Henry Owen
Hispanic Mission Ministries Network	Lisa Almon
Serve Committee: Serve Grants	Patrick Dennis
Installation of Monica Smith as Moderator	Dan Milford
Closing Prayer	Monica Smith

2026 Mission Presbytery meeting dates

March 6-7, 2026

June 12-13, 2026

October 16-17, 2026

General Assembly:

Online committee meetings: June 22-23

Plenary is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin: June 28-July 2, 2026



September 25, 2025

Dear Mission Presbytery Family:

We are so excited to welcome you to Cross Roads for the October Presbytery meeting! It is an incredible thing to see people traveling from all directions, near and far, to gather together in Jesus' name to do the work of the church together. We look forward to seeing how God moves through us as a presbytery in our time together, and for the opportunity to share our people and facilities with you.

We also want to invite you to join us for dinner! On Friday the 17th, after the presbytery concludes its business for the evening, all are invited to stay for a BBQ dinner and entertainment in the gym. There will be brisket, sausage, turkey, potato salad, and beans. We're going with a Western theme, so come wearing your best western gear if you've got it. **Even better, thanks to the generosity of the presbytery covering the entire expense of the dinner, this meal is being provided free of cost to you!** We just need to know you're planning to stay. Please be sure to rsvp when you register for the meeting. Our hope is that this will be a time that will allow for extended fellowship in our beloved presbytery community by taking advantage of the time that we all have together.

We look forward to welcoming you soon. If there is anything we do to help your visit be more comfortable or if we can assist in any way, please give us a call at the office: 210-657-4441. We are praying for you!

Safe travels and see you at the Cross Roads...

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Brian Diebold



Area Hotels for your stay:

Holiday Inn Express & Suites (New)
8204 North, I35, Windcrest, TX 7239
210-654-3800
[Holiday Inn](#)

Drury Inn & Suites San Antonio Northeast
4900 Crestwind Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78239
210-657-1107
[Drury Inn](#)

Hampton Inn & Suites San Antonio/Northeast I-35
6718 IH 35 North
San Antonio, TX 78218
210-599-4800
[Hampton](#)

LaQuinta by Wyndham San Antonio Alamo City (New)
11006 Interstate 35 North, San Antonio, TX 78233
210-655-1006
[LaQuinta](#)

Stated Clerk's Report
Mission Presbytery Meeting
October 17-18, 2025

Motion: To approve the excused absences for this meeting.

Annual Statistical Report....

will be released in early December. I will send a notice when the site is open.

Session Minutes Review

Thank you for sending your 2024 (and earlier years, too!) session minutes for review. If you haven't received a letter from me yet, you will soon.

If you think your church should be on this list, email me: statedclerk@missionpby.org

The following have had their minutes reviewed:

Cross Roads, SA
Divine Redeemer PC, SA
Dripping Springs PC, DS
FPC, Austin
FPC, Beeville
FPC, Collegport
FPC, Copperas Cove
FPC, Georgetown
FPC, Giddings
FPC, Karnes City
FPC, Kerrville
FPC, Lampasas
FPC, Lockhart
FPC, Mercedes
FPC, New Braunfels
FPC Pleasonton
FPC, Rockport
FPC, Victoria

Grace PC, SA
Island PC, CC
Leander PC, Leander
Los Angeles Heights PC, SA
New Braunfels PC, NB
Oak Hills PC, SA
Round Rock PC, RR
San Gabriel PC, Georgetown
St. Andrew, Marble Falls
St. Andrew, SA
St. Mark, Boerne
Shepherd of the Hills, Austin
The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales
The Presbytery Church of Lake Travis, A
Tivoli PC, Tivoli
University PC, SA
Wimberley PC, Wimberley

Shared Support Received thru August 31, 2025

Mission Funds Received	Benevolence Received *	Annual Budget	% Received	Per Capita Received **	Per Capita Billed by PCUSA	% Of Per Capita Collected
As of 8/31/2025	204,127	385,000	53.02	141,939	185,960	76%
12/31/24	352,068	385,000	91.45	137,778	176,400	78%
12/31/23	393,660	385,000	92.65	144,882	182,718	79%
12/31/22	416,211	385,000	108.11	144,709	173,152	84%
12/31/21	423,517	400,000	105.88	164,414	183,291	90%
12/31/20	436,548	400,000	109.14	162,060	186,688	87%
12/31/19	469,242	385,000	121.88	182,699	191,834	95%
12/31/18	430,582	450,000	95.68	154,625	168,337	92%
12/31/17	424,021	461,317	91.92	172,383	192,758	89%
12/31/16	492,817	472,500	104.30	161,854	not available	
12/31/15	525,879	472,500	111.30	146,838	not available	

* 90% stays with MP 10% goes to GA\Synod

** All funds go to GA

Presented at October 2025 Presbytery Meeting

MISSION PRESBYTERY 2026 Budget

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	2026 Approved Budget			Accounts	Notes
	Total Budget; All Funding Sources	Shared Mission Support funds (Operating Funds)	Other Funds Source		
INCOME					
Shared Mission Support - Mission Presbytery 90% (GA 5% Synod 5%)	360,000.00	360,000.00		2001-00 & 2015-00	Estimated based on current trending
Needed from Reserves	300,672.00	300,672.00			If all spending is used, will need unrestricted funds to balance 2024
Broadway Building Leases	157,690.00		157,690.00		Solid leases, expect no increase or vacancies to materialize
JKR Revenue	1,027,500.00		1,027,500.00		2026 JKR numbers
JKR Investment Income	92,300.00		92,300.00		JKR Investment Income to support their budget
Better Together Fund; Interest earned (SFO)	48,000.00		48,000.00	2102-00	Available grant level for 2026 ?
Odom Tech Designated trsfr (Admin)	6,500.00		6,500.00	2170-01	Funds available from VM Odom; Web support
Oil & Gas Revenues (TR)	-	36,000.00	-	4315-95	Trending from prior year; Well still producing
Designated Funds trsfr; CDE Availble funds (CDE)	-		-		
Designated Funds trsfr, (TR)	-		-		Funds as needed for closed churches or selling expenses. Funded from prior sales %
Designated Funds trsfr; PDA Grant (Psnl)	-		-		
Interest income undesignated funds	3,500.00		3,500.00	2101-00	Annualized interest earned on Banks & properties
Notes Receivable principal payments	6,283.20		6,283.20	property ws	60% undesignated portion of principal on mortgages held (HOG -Robstown)
Youth Mid-Winters Income	17,000.00	17,000.00	-	4989-98	conservative estimate based on participants contribution to Mid-Winters
Total Income	2,055,445.20	713,672.00	1,341,773.20		
EXPENSES					
Administrative	60,000.00	60,000.00		2106-10 & 4950-01	Admin Committee costs; calc by ave monthly
Broadway Building	95,000.00		95,000.00	R&E by Fund	Expenses for operating 7201 Broadway. Leave adequate funds in reserve for emergencies
AC -CongrDevlpmt & Vitality	-	-	-		
Committee on Ministry	1,500.00	1,500.00			
Committee on Preparation for Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00			
Committee on Representation & Nominations	-	-			
Connect	9,000.00	9,000.00			
Learn\Faith Formation (ECN)	5,000.00	5,000.00			
General Council	3,000.00	3,000.00			
H. M. King Trustees	-		-	4000-60	
Human Resources Team	536,000.00	536,000.00	-	4000-52 & 4917-10	detailed budget attached (* 3% increase guestimated)
John Knox Ranch	1,119,800.00		1,119,800.00	4000-03	detailed budget to be attached
Serve\Mission Outreach & Justice	25,000.00	25,000.00		4000-65	
Trustees	-		-	2172-95 & 6175-95	selling and operating expenses for closed churches funded through property sales
Pastoral Care Committee	-	-			
Presbyterian Women	1,800.00	1,800.00			Ck to be sent
Fiscal Oversight	14,000.00	14,000.00			Cost of Audit Review
Disaster PreparedAssistance C	7,000.00	2,000.00	5,000.00		
Better Together Fund Grants (SFO)	48,000.00		48,000.00	2102-00	Funds available from return on investments
Youth Ministry	25,600.00	25,600.00		4000-98	
Mid-Winters Exps	28,772.00	28,772.00		6902-98	
Better Together growth	-		-		
Fund trsfr to support operating budget	300,672.00		300,672.00	2149-01	
Total Expenses	2,282,144.00	713,672.00	1,568,472.00		
Net	(226,698.80)	-	(226,698.80)		-

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				2025 Shared Mission Support						2025 SPECIAL OFFERINGS							
City	Church	Pin #	Members as of 12.31.24	GENERAL (1)	MSN PBY (3)	SYNOD (4)	GA (2)	Total PRES'N Benevolence	PER CAPITA (8)	JOY (20)	OGHS (22)	PEACEMKG GA (2/3) (24)	PEACEMKG MP (1/3) (25)	PENTECOST (26)	THEOLOG. EDUC. (28)	Misc Gifts	Total
Copperas Cove	FPC	3446	97					-	867.20	354.00	392.00			526.80		1,507.00	\$ 3,647.00
Boerne	St. Mark PC	3449	280	800.00				800.00	3,035.20		4,604.00			1,362.00		5,200.00	\$ 15,001.20
Austin	St. John's PC	7767	52					-	487.80	65.00							\$ 552.80
Port Lavaca	Six Mile PC	7925	8					-		25.41	87.24	26.57	13.26	9.29			\$ 161.77
San Antonio	Oak Hills	8047	105	1,650.00				1,650.00	1,138.20	1,046.00					250.00	1,300.00	\$ 5,384.20
Austin	FPC	8621	341					-		3,535.00	1,536.86			627.70		1,650.00	\$ 7,349.56
Cheapside	Cheapside PC	8623	8					-									\$ -
Harper	Harper PC	8628	40					-									\$ -
Gonzales/Smiley	Pilgrim	8633	21					-									\$ -
Austin	St. Andrew's	8634	390					-	3,913.24								\$ 3,913.24
San Antonio	Divine Redeemer	8635	92					-									\$ -
San Antonio	Los Angeles Heights	8636	18	375.00				375.00	195.12	140.00	160.00	65.03	32.47			130.00	\$ 1,097.62
San Antonio	Madison Square	8637	162	7,000.00				7,000.00	1,636.84							800.00	\$ 9,436.84
Smithville	FPC - Smithville	8638	54					-									\$ -
San Antonio	University PC	8640	365	17,100.00				17,100.00	3,956.60	1,845.00	1,911.00			939.00	1,100.00	3,837.00	\$ 30,688.60
Adamsville	FPC	8845	5					-									\$ -
Lampasas	FPC	8857	70	1,500.00				1,500.00	769.64	415.00	1,227.00					750.00	\$ 4,661.64
Austin	Hope PC	10338	303	960.00				960.00	3,284.52	840.00	646.99	124.06	61.94	729.98		833.00	\$ 7,480.49
San Antonio	Holy Trinity	10427	232	532.50				532.50	2,514.88								\$ 3,047.38
Austin	Shepherd of the Hills	10600	439	13,500.00				13,500.00	5,983.68							3,100.00	\$ 22,583.68
San Antonio	Northminster	10759	127	1,200.00				1,200.00	672.08							1,440.00	\$ 3,312.08
Lago Vista	Rolling Hills	10843	62	250.00				250.00									\$ 250.00
Round Rock	Round Rock PC	10869	107					-	1,159.88		12.11					363.00	\$ 1,534.99
Pipe Creek	Pipe Creek PC	11110	69					-	888.88		481.00			134.00		25.00	\$ 1,528.88
Canyon Lake	Canyon Lake PC	11111	78	200.00	600.00			800.00	842.52	1,831.00	1,821.00					500.00	\$ 5,794.52
Wimberley	Wimberley	11200	169					-	3,444.80	335.00						100.00	\$ 3,879.80
Austin	Austin Taiwanese	11552	99					-									\$ -
Corpus Christi	Faith Community	11554	62					-									\$ -
Corpus Christi	Island PC	11628	70					-	1,517.60								\$ 1,517.60
Austin	Genesis PC	11699	23	25.00				25.00	249.32								\$ 274.32
Georgetown	San Gabriel	11792	194	9,750.00				9,750.00	2,102.96		2,581.06				1,875.00	9,373.00	\$ 25,682.02
Round Rock	Grace PC	11794	203	8,083.00				8,083.00	2,254.72		542.00					1,920.00	\$ 12,799.72
Brownsville	Primera Iglesia	11840	67					-									\$ -
Austin	PC Lake Travis	12042	54					-	672.08								\$ 672.08
McAllen	First Korean	12044	6					-	1,327.88								\$ 1,327.88
Austin	New Covenant	12091	45	150.00				150.00									\$ 150.00
Dripping Springs	Dripping Springs PC	12121	267					-	3,707.28								\$ 3,707.28
Schulenberg	St. Paul's PC	12197	27					-									\$ -
Leander	Live Oak PC	12340	30					-									\$ -
Austin	Covenant PC	21668	1869					-	20,259.96							187.10	\$ 20,447.06
Austin	El Buen Pastor	21669	65					-	704.60								\$ 704.60

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Austin	Faith PC	21670	116	2,382.32				2,382.32									\$ 2,382.32
Austin	Central PC	21671	302	9,975.00				9,975.00			1,222.00						\$ 11,197.00
Austin	Hyde Park PC	21673	63	1,000.00				1,000.00	693.76	165.00							\$ 1,858.76
Austin	University PC	21674	441	15,105.00				15,105.00	9,329.28	1,680.00	2,853.00					275.00	\$ 29,242.28
Austin	Westlake Hills	21675	1729	7,625.00				7,625.00	19,208.48		26,635.00						\$ 53,468.48
Austin	Westminster	21676	463	16,500.00				16,500.00	4,802.12	6,415.00	3,790.00			801.60		5,880.00	\$ 38,188.72
Beeville	FPC	21678	92					-	1,192.40								\$ 1,192.40
Brownsville	FPC	21680	78					-	953.92	100.00	149.60					275.00	\$ 1,478.52
Burnet	Burnet PC	21682	45	325.00				325.00	509.48	560.00	960.00						\$ 2,354.48
Collegeport	FPC	21684	20	500.00				500.00	216.80								\$ 716.80
Corpus Christi	El Divino Salvador	21686	51	1,000.00				1,000.00		100.00							\$ 1,100.00
Corpus Christi	Grace PC	21689	276					-									\$ -
Corpus Christi	Jackson Woods	21690	49	670.00				670.00	758.80		232.41			187.27		505.00	\$ 2,353.48
Corpus Christi	Parkway PC	21691	372		3,800.00			3,800.00	4,336.00							1,195.30	\$ 9,331.30
Cotulla	FPC	21694	11					-									\$ -
Cuero	FPC	21696	89					-									\$ -
Del Rio	FPC	21697	16	195.12				195.12	195.12								\$ 390.24
El Campo	FPC	21701	145					-	2,848.32	425.00							\$ 3,273.32
Elgin	FPC	21702	88	2,500.00				2,500.00	444.44								\$ 2,944.44
Fredericksburg	Memorial PC	21707	48					-									\$ -
Georgetown	FPC	21708	410	32,765.31				32,765.31	6,092.08	3,220.00						8,283.00	\$ 50,360.39
Giddings	FPC	21709	61	700.00				700.00	682.92							20,000.00	\$ 21,382.92
Goliad	Goliad PC	21710	49					-									\$ -
Gonzales	Gonzales PC	21711	97		2,000.00			2,000.00		1,137.50	908.01						\$ 4,045.51
La Feria	New Hope PC	21712	26	700.00				700.00	314.36	100.00	100.00					141.00	\$ 1,355.36
Harlingen	Second PC	21713	19					-	205.96								\$ 205.96
Harlingen	Treasure Hills	21714	167	1,300.00				1,300.00	1,842.80							135.57	\$ 3,278.37
Helotes	Forest Hills	21715	74					-	802.16	347.00	295.00			108.75		50.00	\$ 1,602.91
Junction	FPC	21716	143	3,266.67				3,266.67								1,866.69	\$ 5,133.36
Karnes City	FPC	21717	38					-									\$ -
Kerrville	FPC	21718	432					-		3,078.00						3,274.00	\$ 6,352.00
Kingsville	FPC	21719	45	1,000.00	750.00			1,750.00	487.80	275.00						250.00	\$ 2,762.80
Kingsville	Gethsemane	21720	16					-	368.56								\$ 368.56
La Grange	FPC	21722	102					-									\$ -
Laredo	Sinai PC	21724	90					-									\$ -
Leander	Leander PC	21725	52	1,360.00				1,360.00	563.68	980.00	209.20						\$ 3,112.88
Llano	FPC	21726	12					-									\$ -
Lockhart	FPC	21727	24					-									\$ -
Lockhart	Faith/Fe PC	21728	35					-	379.40								\$ 379.40
Luling	FPC	21729	18					-	195.12								\$ 195.12
Marble Falls	St. Andrew PC	21730	69	747.96				747.96	747.96								\$ 1,495.92

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McAllen	FPC	21732	107					-		1,385.00	538.20						\$ 1,923.20
Mercedes	FPC	21734	24	250.00				250.00	281.84	81.00	120.00						\$ 732.84
Mission	FPC	21735	179					-									\$ -
New Braunfels	FPC	21737	51	-				-									\$ -
New Braunfels	New Braunfels PC	21738	269	2,916.67				2,916.67	2,915.96	698.00	751.27			480.00		10,993.33	\$ 18,755.23
Palacios	FPC	21739	40	5,860.00				5,860.00	433.60	632.00		272.80	136.20	315.00			\$ 7,649.60
Pleasanton	FPC	21741	18	1,600.00				1,600.00	205.96	420.00	135.00			165.00		820.00	\$ 3,345.96
Port Lavaca	FPC	21743	55	750.00				750.00								716.00	\$ 1,466.00
Refugio	FPC	21747	39	1,200.00				1,200.00	422.76								\$ 1,622.76
Rockport	FPC	21750	116	1,122.50				1,122.50									\$ 1,122.50
Rocksprings	FPC	21751	25					-									\$ -
San Antonio	Alamo Heights	21752	292	750.00				750.00	3,317.04		715.18						\$ 4,782.22
San Antonio	Boldtville	21755	85					-	1,235.76								\$ 1,235.76
San Antonio	Covenant PC	21756	292	1,750.00				1,750.00									\$ 1,750.00
San Antonio	Crestholme	21757	30					-	294.00	270.00	295.00	86.71	43.29	140.00		250.00	\$ 1,379.00
San Antonio	Emmanuel	21758	40					-	433.60								\$ 433.60
San Antonio	Grace PC	21760	48	600.00				600.00	520.32	630.00	400.00						\$ 2,150.32
San Antonio	Cross Roads	21765	161	500.00				500.00								1,925.00	\$ 2,425.00
San Antonio	Northwood	21767	112					-									\$ -
San Antonio	St. Andrew PC	21769	98	750.00				750.00	1,062.32	615.00	1,267.00			619.20			\$ 4,313.52
San Antonio	San Pedro PC	21770	290	2,750.00				2,750.00									\$ 2,750.00
San Benito	FPC	21772	40					-	433.60								\$ 433.60
San Benito	Iglesia Getsemani	21773	23					-									\$ -
San Marcos	FPC	21774	160	2,652.75				2,652.75		1,098.00	1,909.00						\$ 5,659.75
San Marcos	Memorial PC	21775	61					-									\$ -
Seguin	FPC	21776	143					-								1,290.00	\$ 1,290.00
Sinton	Sinton PC	21777	10	1,200.00			-	1,200.00	119.24								\$ 1,319.24
Taylor	Everlasting Hope	21781	52					-	498.64								\$ 498.64
Tivoli	Tivoli	21782	32					-	639.56								\$ 639.56
Uvalde	FPC	21783	57					-	1,061.25	220.00	1,410.00						\$ 2,691.25
Victoria	FPC	21785	65	1,000.00				1,000.00	770.00	406.00						500.00	\$ 2,676.00
Victoria	Grace PC	21786	88	1,000.00				1,000.00									\$ 1,000.00
Victoria	Nicea	21787	31					-									\$ -
Weslaco	FPC	21788	80	500.00				500.00									\$ 500.00
Weslaco	San Pablo PC	21789	34					-	255.08								\$ 255.08
Woodsboro	Faith United	21790	1					-									\$ -
San Antonio	First Korean	23344	118	2,000.00				2,000.00	1,279.12	500.00						5,000.00	\$ 8,779.12
								-									\$ -
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS				191,844.80	7,150.00	-	-	198,994.80	141,938.85	35,968.91	60,897.13	575.17	287.16	7,145.59	3,225.00	96,639.99	\$ 545,672.60
Other External Church Gifts								-									\$ -
INDIVIDUAL GIFTS				1,455.20	5,187.17			6,642.37					311.25		375.00	51,183.72	\$ 58,512.34

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				2025 Shared Mission Support						2025 SPECIAL OFFERINGS							
City	Church	Pin #	Members as of 12.31.24	GENERAL (1)	MSN PBY (3)	SYNOD (4)	GA (2)	Total PRES'N Benevolence	PER CAPITA (8)	JOY (20)	OGHS (22)	PEACEMKG GA (2/3) (24)	PEACEMKG MP (1/3) (25)	PENTECOST (26)	THEOLOG. EDUC. (28)	Misc Gifts	Total
TOTAL GIFTS				193,300.00	12,337.17	-	-	205,637.17	141,938.85	35,968.91	60,897.13	575.17	598.41	7,145.59	3,600.00	147,823.71	\$ 604,184.94
			16,614														\$ -
Y-T-D Mission Pby 90% & +				173,970.00	12,337.17			186,307.17					598.41			45,627.85	\$ 232,533.43
Y-T-D Synod 5%				9,665.00		-		9,665.00		-							\$ 9,665.00
Y-T-D GA 5% & +				9,665.00			-	9,665.00	141,938.85	35,968.91	60,897.13	575.17		7,145.59	3,600.00	25,782.00	\$ 285,572.65
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Fund Code																	
Account #'s				2001-00	2015-00	2016-00	2014-00		2230-00	2002-00	2005-00	2006-00	2178-65	2007-00	2008-00	Misc Breakdown	
																3,303.10	Pastoral Care
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																750.00	HNS
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Presbyterian Women's Report to Mission Presbytery - Oct 2025

It's been a busy year for Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery! Nikki Yarnall and I continue to co-moderate to the best of our ability.

As Co-Moderators, Lori and Nikki have shared the duties of attending:

- General Council Meetings
- Presbytery Meetings
- Synod of the Sun Meetings
- Spring Gathering Planning
- Cluster Fall Gatherings (5)
- Coordinating a monthly Zoom bible study that meets on the 1st Thursday of each month. Our leaders have been excellent.



We would like to thank Sheri Dittman, Laurie Palmer, Sallie Watson, Amy Meyer, Monica Smith, Nancy McCranie, Liz Anzaldua, Nancy Reeves, Marilyn Jones, and Bronwen Boswell for being willing to serve Presbyterian Women in this capacity.

Who's Who in Mission Presbytery - Your Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team

Co-Moderator - Lori Black (Grace Presbyterian Church, Round Rock)
 Co-Moderator - Nikki Yarnall (First PC, Rockport)
 Treasurer - Melanie Petru (Gonzales Presbyterian Church)
 Secretary/Historian - Laura Mills (Gonzales Presbyterian Church)
 Mission Interpreter - Carole McCauley (New Braunfels Presbyterian Church)
 Search Committee Chair - Pam Roe (First PC, Rockport)

Cluster Leaders

Austin Cluster Leader - Tina Arroyo (Grace Presbyterian Church, Round Rock)
 Corpus Christi Cluster Leader - Barb Goodlock (First PC, Rockport)
 Corpus Christi Cluster Leader - Liz Anzaldua (El Divino Salvador PC, Corpus Christi)
 Hill Country Cluster Leader - Ginger Henderson (First PC, Lampasas)
 San Antonio Cluster Leader - Martha Hernandez (Covenant PC, San Antonio)
 San Antonio Cluster Leader - Marilyn Juarez (Northwood PC, San Antonio)
 Valley Cluster Leader - Barbara Gray (First PC, Mission)
 Valley Cluster Leader - Rosie Campos (First PC, Brownsville)
 Victoria Cluster Leader - Ellen Gray (Gonzales Presbyterian Church)

We have found it difficult to recruit individuals to be on the coordinating team. Something awesome to report is that Marilyn Juarez, our SA Cluster Leader took it upon herself to find a Co-Cluster Leader. We are happy to report that Martha Hernandez has joined our team! Thank you Marilyn and Martha! They will also both be helping with the 2028 Synod of the Sun Gathering in San Antonio.

2025 Presbyterian Women Events:

March 7-8, 2025 - Held a Mission Presbytery Spring Gathering "Joy on the Journey" at Mo-Ranch, March 7-9, 2025. Hosted by Shepherd of the Hills Presbyterian Church of Austin, TX. We had approximately 160 attendees from all over Mission Presbytery.

August 6 - PWMPCT Summer Meeting, 7PM (Zoom)

August 16 - Corpus Christi Cluster Fall Gathering (CC)

August 23 - Victoria Cluster Fall Gathering (Gonzales)

September 13 - San Antonio Cluster Fall Gathering (SA)

September 13 - Valley Cluster Fall Gathering

November 1 - Hill Country Cluster Luncheon (Lampasas)

Upcoming Events:

March 6 - 8, 2026 - Spring Gathering at Mo-Ranch, Hunt, TX hosted by Rockport FPC and El Divino Salvador PC. The Keynote Speaker will be Rev. Kathy Anderson. Please see attached registration form.



PSALM 16:11 YOU MAKE KNOWN TO ME THE PATH OF LIFE;
YOU WILL FILL ME WITH JOY IN YOUR PRESENCE

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

**MARCH 7-9, 2025
MORANCH, HUNT, TX**

**JOIN WOMEN FROM ALL OVER MISSION
PRESBYTERY FOR A WEEKEND OF RENEWAL,
COMMUNITY AND JOY!**

**HOST CHURCH: SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS
KEYNOTE: REV. AMY MYHAND
MUSIC LEADER: BETH MUELLER**



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SYNOD OF THE SUN GATHERING

**JULY 27-29, 2028
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS**

Mission Presbytery will be hosting the 2028 Synod of the Sun Gathering in San Antonio, TX, July 27-29, 2028 at Covenant Presbyterian Church.

More information to be forthcoming.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do for Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery. It has been a joy to work with each and every one of you. God bless you and may God continue to work through us to lead the women with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Blessings,

Lori Black, Co-Moderator Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery

Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery Mission Interpreter Report - Carole McCauley

Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery are divided into five cluster groups. Each cluster has both large and small churches in rural, suburban, and urban areas. One of the characteristics for each cluster is a strong sense of mission. Mission activity reports are compiled each year. The information is shared each Spring at the Mission Presbytery Women's Conference at Mo-Ranch, so churches know what others are doing and to "spark" ideas for additional ways to help our neighbors.

Food Insecurity

All churches reported many ways to address food insecurity in their neighborhoods. Activities include church food pantries, participation in local food banks, providing food to local emergency shelters, and community gardens. Volunteers staff food pantries, drive for meals on wheels, provide backpacks for children with food to take home on the weekends, provide lunches and meals for homeless youth, and regular community wide meals.

One church has a little food pantry modeled after free library boxes. The pantry is available on the church grounds by the road 24 hours a day, it is stocked with single serve peanut butter crackers, soup, stew, pasta, and water.

Housing

Activities to support permanent, temporary, and transitional housing are mentioned in many of the cluster reports. Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church in Corpus Christi has a cottage ministry of four cottages to provide housing for elderly neighbors. Other churches participate in Habitat for Humanity, Family Promise, and local programs providing transitional housing for those in need.

Children and Teens

Children and teen programs hold a special place for Presbyterian Women. Many groups reported back to school drives for clothing, shoes, and school supplies. Churches also support family crisis centers with gifts of snacks, comfort bags, quilts, and stuffed animals, and volunteer hours. Churches throughout Mission Presbytery support Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) throughout the year with monetary gifts, donations of school supplies, and Christmas projects.

Disaster Relief

Many of our groups have answered the call from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for cleanup buckets and hygiene kits provided to people after natural disasters. This is an ongoing need. The completed buckets and kits are stored in multiple places throughout the presbytery when disaster strikes.

Presbyterian Giving Catalog

Some groups have selected one or more projects from the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to meet the needs of people around the world. Sewing machines, farm bundles, livestock including pigs, flocks of chickens and cows are mentioned as short-term mission projects.

Hands On Projects

Making prayer shawls and quilts is an active ministry in many congregations. Other sewing projects include making adult bibs for hospice patients, and gowns and blankets for hospitalized children. Additional knitting and crochet projects include soft bears and other toys, hats, and scarves for those needing warm winter clothing.

At a recent San Antonio cluster mission event participants were asked how do you spend your time in service to others? 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) reminds us that each of us should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace in many ways.

This report is just a snapshot of the various projects throughout Mission Presbytery as Presbyterian Women respond to the question of how we will serve others.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole McCauley
Mission Interpreter, PWMP Coordinating Team

2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

By Rhashell D. Hunter

Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

**Presbyterian Women of
Mission Presbytery**

ZOOM Horizons Bible Study

**1st Thursday of the month;
7:00 PM (September thru May)**

**Email: pwmpct@gmail.com
to receive zoom link**

Hope you will join us.



Learn more about this
Bible study by visiting
presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/resilience

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*I*n this Bible study, we will explore resilience. This is modeled for us by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, as well as Jesus. So, what exactly is resilience?

Resilience is the ability to spring back into shape and to adapt well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats, or stress—such as from family, relationships, health, workplace, and financial stressors. People who survive and thrive well in change are resilient.

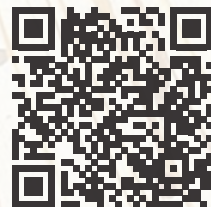
The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy.

Joy is sometimes confused with happiness. For Christians, joy can occur while we are in the midst of difficult circumstances. Joy is the second fruit of the spirit, preceded by love and followed by peace. [Gal. 5:22-23] Trusting in God when we are in trying times can fill us with glorious joy and peace. We have joy in our suffering, because ultimately our joy is found in Jesus Christ.

We will also seek to rediscover our identity.

Identity is more than who we are or who we show ourselves to be. At its core, it points to our humanity. Our core identity is not found in our titles, our positions, our spouses, our partners, or our possessions. For Christians, our identity is found in Jesus Christ.

[From the Introduction to *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*]



Learn more about this
Bible study by visiting
presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/resilience

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
SPRING GATHERING 2026
MARCH 6-8, 2026 @ MO-RANCH**

“COME TO THE SH  RE”



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kathy Anderson

Hosted by: Rockport FPC and El Divino Salvador

Luke 5:1-11

Please contact Mo-Ranch directly to make your reservations for housing and meals. You can call 1-800-460-4401 or go online to www.moranch.org *USE CODE 3709 to book with our rates.**

Date Rec'd: _____ Age 15 - 25: _____ Check No: _____ \$ _____

**Presbyterian Women's Gathering: March 6 - 8, 2026
Registration Closes March 1, 2026**

Name: _____
As you want it to appear on your name badge

Home No.: _____ Cell No.: _____

Address: _____
Number City State Zip Code

Email: _____
please print clearly – this is for confirmations and information

Church: _____
Name City

Medical Information: List Allergies to medications, foods, insects. List any dietary restrictions.

Emergency Contact Information:

Name Relationship Phone with area code

Primary Care Physician Phone with area code

By signing below, I give permission for medical treatment in case of emergency:

Printed name Signature Date

HOUSING and MEAL COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AND ARE DUE TO MO RANCH!
Contact Mo Ranch directly at: 1-800-460-4401 or www.moranch.org

[CLICK HERE TO RESERVE ROOM ONLINE](#)

Code for housing is: 3709

Priority Lodging deadline is December 30, 2025. Priority will be given in Wynne/Flato and Pheasant Run using the code prior to this date. After this date there is no priority housing. Please note: Mo-Ranch will only be taking reservations; you will be given a room number upon arrival and not at the time of the reservation.

Questions? Contact:
Lori Black or Nikki Yarnall at
pwmpt@gmail.com

PW Registration Fee: \$65.00
Make registration check payable to:
PW of Mission Presbytery
Mail Registration Form & Check to:
Melanie Petru, Treasurer
108 CR 333
Shiner, TX 77984
or email: melaniepetru@gmail.com

Check for updates on the gathering on Facebook at Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery and on the website: PresbyterianWomenofMissionPresbytery.org

NO REFUNDS FOR REGISTRATION AFTER MARCH 1, 2026

About Mo-Ranch

Mo-Ranch, the 475-acre conference and retreat center of the Synod of the Sun, is on the

Guadalupe River in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

The mission of Mo-Ranch is to provide a special place and an enriching program in a living, learning, Christian environment to enable people to grow in God through Jesus Christ.

Complete driving directions, photos, and an interactive map can be found at www.moranch.com.

Mileage to Mo-Ranch from:
Kerrville 23 miles



Gathering Information:

Check-in: Opens at 4:00pm on Friday

Check out: No later than 11:00 AM Sunday

The Gathering begins with dinner at 6:00pm on Friday and concludes after Worship at approximately 11:30am on Sunday.

PW Registration Fee: \$65

Make checks payable to:

"PW of Mission Presbytery" with

"PW Gathering" in the memo section.

Mail check and Registration form to:

**Melanie Petru, Treasurer
Presbyterian Women
108 CR 333
Shiner, TX 77984**

Scholarships: Limited funds are available. First come--first served. **Maximum of two (2) regular scholarships and two (2) young woman scholarships (ages 15-25) per church.** Use the attached application to apply for the Spring Gathering Registration Scholarship and attach to the Spring Gathering Registration Form. **Scholarships are \$65 each (which covers the registration fee only).**

Housing and Meals must be purchased separately through Mo-Ranch.

What to bring: Bible, pen, jacket, casual clothing, walking shoes, alarm clock, refillable drinking cup, umbrella, and flashlight. **FOR YOUR SAFETY, CLOSED-TOE WALKING SHOES AND A FLASHLIGHT ARE ESSENTIAL!**

Check for updates on the gathering on Facebook at Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery and on the website: www.presbyterianwomenofmissionpresbytery.org

See you at MO!

Spring Gathering Scholarship Application

Attach this form to the Recipient's Registration Form

Church _____ City _____

Church PW Moderator _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Reg Scholarship(s) # _____ Young Woman Scholarship(s) # _____

Scholarship Recipients _____

Return this application to:

PWMPCT Treasurer, Melanie Petru

Email or pwmpct@gmail.com

Mail to: Melanie Petru

PWMPT Treasurer

108 CR 333

Shiner, TX 77984

We are encouraging churches to bring their younger women, ages 15-25 years and have scholarships available. See below. Registration forms should be completed and accompany scholarship request form.

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Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Since the last meeting of Mission Presbytery, the CPM met on September 19, 2025 at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Items needing Presbytery action:

1. Approve the following to be enrolled as Inquirers.

Karen Jensen (University, San Antonio)

Steve Yarush (Westlake Hills, Austin)

Grace Asare (University, Austin)

Rochelle Henderson (St. Andrew, San Antonio)

2. Approve the following to be enrolled as CRE candidates

Wendy Keach, (Jackson Woods, Corpus Christi)

Donald Anderson, (FPC, Victoria)

Sincerely,
Co-Chairs: Melissa Kirkpatrick and Doug Dalglish

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY REPORT
MISSION PRESBYTERY
OCTOBER 17-18, 2025

FOR ACTION BY MISSION PRESBYTERY

1. Examine Candidate Carlos Baladez for ordination to Minister of Word and Sacrament.
2. COM motion: COM requests that Mission Presbytery elect an Administrative Commission to explore and help the ministry at Everlasting Hope, Taylor.

The Commission on Ministry, in its capacity as a commission of Mission Presbytery, has taken the following actions since those reported at the last Presbytery Meeting:

FOR COM ACTION

The 2025 Terms of Call/Contracts spreadsheet is a separate document in the presbytery packet. The COM approves terms of call and contracts. This is information for the presbytery.

2026 Minimum Terms of Call (10/6/25)

The 2025 minimum terms of call are \$47,500.

A motion was made and seconded to increase the minimum terms of call for pastors as follows:

2026: \$50,000

2027: \$52,500

2028: \$55,000

The motion was approved.

As Pastor Nominating Committees negotiate with candidates in Austin, San Antonio, and the surrounding areas, please note that the cost of living is higher there than in most of the rest of the presbytery.

Examinations Committee

- Sustained the examination of Carlos Baladez and scheduled him for examination on the floor of presbytery at the October 17-18, 2025, meeting. The motion was approved. (10/6/25)
- Sustained the examination of Libby Janes. She will be examined on the floor of the presbytery once she receives a call. The motion was approved. (10/6/25)
- Sustained the examination of Rev. Matt Morse. He will serve Parkway, CC. (8/4/25)
- Sustained the examination of Allen Roberts for ordination. Allen was examined at the June 20-21, 2025, presbytery meeting. (8/4/25)

Specialized Ministries Team

- Validated the position of Independent Living Director for Morningside, Menger Springs. Patrick Dennis will assume this position soon. He has been serving as Chaplain at Morningside, and will continue to participate in worship and serve the sacraments. (10/6/25)
- Validated the position of Chaplain for Morningside, Menger Springs. (8/4/25)

Permission to labor outside the bounds of Mission Presbytery

- Amy Meyer, to keynote a pastors' retreat and serve Communion in Sierra Blanca Presbytery on October 13-15, 2025. (10/6/25)
- John Leedy to serve as part-time Executive Director of kin*dom community, Grace Presbytery (10/6/25)
- Randy McGrady-Beach, John Knox PC, Dublin, CA, for a baptism; San Francisco Presbytery (8/4/25)

Transfer Ministers

- Thomas Daniel to Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO), Highland Park PC, Dallas (10/6/25)
- John Roberts to New Covenant Presbytery, Heritage PC (10/6/25)
- Marsha Brown to Grace Presbytery (8/4/25)
- Carol Rahn to Twin Cities Presbytery (8/4/25)
- Matt Morse from New Covenant Presbytery (8/4/25)

Approve and dismiss an Administrative Commission for ordination

Ordination of Allen Roberts on September 14, University, Austin

RE Amy Toulouse, University, Austin; RE Rita Livingston, Central, Austin; RE Gary Mathews, APTS; TE Laurie Palmer, moderate the commission, ask the constitutional questions of the candidate; TE Matt Gaventa, to charge the pastor; TE Bobby Musengwa, installation prayer
Guests of the AC: TE Margaret Aymer, preach; TE Fred Morgan, charge to the pastor; TE Ted Wardlaw; TE Consuelo Donahue, to charge the congregation (10/6/25)

Administrative Commission

A motion was made and seconded to request that Mission Presbytery elect an Administrative Commission to explore and help the ministry at Everlasting Hope, Taylor. (10/6/25)

Journey of Faith

My earliest memory of Jesus is when I was four years of age. It was a Sunday night and I recall being supernaturally healed. My parents were taking me to the emergency room and I told them to take me to church instead because Jesus would heal me. Reluctantly, they did. They then proceeded to take me to the emergency room in spite of my protests. When the doctor called my name, I was restored to wholeness and my father informed the doctor, "Never mind, we are going home. Jesus has healed my son."

I was baptized in water when I was about twelve, preached my first sermon at the age of 13 and also taught Sunday school to the high schoolers. Later, when I was entering high school as a freshman, the Lord baptized me with the Holy Spirit and I was given the gift of speaking in tongues.

At the age of 16, I suffered a great disappointment and by 18 years of age I started to seek nefarious spiritual paths. These paths lead me into some very dark encounters, yet I continued going to church, playing the piano, and teaching Sunday school to adults.

My darkest days were reserved until I was in my thirties where the Good Lord brought me through a life threatening crisis. By God's grace alone, I stand whole, sane, and healed.

In my forties, I no longer felt accepted in the denomination I grew up in. A friend advised me to look into the Presbyterian Church as he felt my theology and beliefs best aligned with them. I took his counsel and I have found my home.

For most of my life I can remember people telling me that I had a call on my life, that God had anointed me, that ... I grew tired of people telling me this and I not hearing from God directly.

Until a few years ago, I told the Lord that if he had placed a call on my life to let me know for myself and if not to please make people stop telling me otherwise. Within a week, I received a call asking me if I would consider being moderator elect for Mission Presbytery. The following year I was the moderator and the next year after that, I chaired the General Council of Mission Presbytery. Serendipitously, I met the widow of a former associate pastor of mine and she asked me to consider assisting Crestholme Presbyterian Church with pulpit supply. I accepted and now I have filled pulpit there for the past seven years. I went to General Assembly three years ago and there I was asked to be a Commission at Large with Synod of the Sun. In December of this year, I complete my three year commitment. I currently serve as a consultant to HMMN and as a coach for Houses of Hope through Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Most recently, I was called upon to serve as a presenter for some regional workshops for Reimagining Hispanic Ministries within the PC(USA). I still remember the sensation coming over me and knowing that I knew the Lord had called me into his service.

It was the Rev. Tom Heger who vetted me to fill pulpit at Crestholme. I am indebted to him for life. It was he who counseled me to form a discernment team. And thanks to him, I continue to have this team. For every opportunity listed above I consulted them for a "green," light. These people love the Lord and they love me too, for which I am eternally grateful!

And now I find myself on the threshold of ordination. Only GOD!

Respectively submitted,

Carlos R. Baladez, Jr. Ph.D.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

God Almighty is sovereign and holy, triune, and one; worthy of our worship, praise, and service. We, individually, and in community experience the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit by grace through faith.

God is clothed in mystery yet revealed in Jesus Christ, who is God incarnate, Immanuel, God with us. In Jesus Christ, God takes on flesh, being fully God and fully human at the same time. Jesus came proclaiming a message of repentance, while announcing, proclaiming and modeling, the Kingdom of God. Within this proclamation he issued an invitation to whosoever come, take, and to partake. His words and his works modeled for us the way to follow; proclaiming good news, announcing freedom, recovering of sight, loosening the bonds that oppressed, heralding God's favor for us today.

God created all that is in the heavens and on the earth, seen and unseen. On day six of creation, God made a bold and definitive declaration announcing, "It is very good," thereby giving all of his creation worth and value. All was well between God and creation until temptation offered a different way and shattered trust. A godless way of thinking was embraced by humanity, thus bringing a separation between them, creation, and God. Yet, God in his merciful grace and love did not abandon or discard humanity.

Instead, in the fullness of time Jesus appeared to set humanity free. As promised, according to Scriptures, Jesus, after his resurrection, returned to our heavenly Father and sent the promised Holy Spirit who comforts us, leads us, convicts us of sin, and brings new life. In this new life and in this new way we are called to live, and move, and have our being.

In beloved communities, with love overflowing our hearts, we obediently, lovingly, and joyfully invite one and all to come and taste and see that the Lord is good! Together we cry out, "Maranatha," as we wait the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus' return along with a new heaven and a new earth.

Living in this liminal space of the yet-and-not yet we celebrate baptism and communion in community giving witness as People of the Way, to God's claim upon our lives and to the Risen Jesus and Living Christ within our midst.

In the meantime we surrender, trust, and rest in Christ Alone, working in beloved communities knowing that it is God who works in us to will and to do his good pleasure. Therefore, whether in life or in death, we confidently know, trust, and believe that we belong to God; for God is faithful and true to complete what he has started in us until the day of Christ Jesus.

To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit be all the honor, glory, and praise now and forevermore. Amen!

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos R. Baladez, Jr. Ph.D.

Faith Journey

Rev. Matt Morse

A “cradle” Presbyterian, some of my earliest memories include VBS, singing in the church children’s choir, and watching my dad play for the church softball team. As I got older, annual youth group ministry trips to build houses and teach children in the colonias along the Texas/Mexico border, being pressed to consider my beliefs in confirmation class, and assisting in worship leadership impacted my faith journey.

When my dad was diagnosed with Stage IV cancer while I was in middle school, my faith was challenged with the ever-present question: why do bad things happen to good people? It was about that time too I began to come to terms with anxiety issues, complicated perhaps by bullying both at school and even (sadly) in the church youth group. Through it all, however, my faith was buoyed by one pastor, and my first spiritual mentor, Greg McDonnell, who served our church from when we joined in 1981 until after I left for college in 1996. His graciousness toward me and my family, and his inclusiveness of youth in church leadership made an impact upon me.

Arriving at UT Austin, I immediately found a church home at UPC, in both the campus ministry group and as a scholarship singer in the choir. A second spiritual mentor, David Forney entered the picture and helped me so much as I integrated into university life away from home for the first time. He also – with Bill Greenway, Cindy Rigby and other seminary faculty – stretched my faith imagination and led me to a broader view of theology and church. Upon graduation, I resisted the call to ordained ministry (despite some encouragement from others) partly because my grandfather was a pretty well-known minister in the Synod, instead taking my talents to LBJ high school teaching history and geography.

Yet, at some point the tug became too strong to resist, and even though I wasn’t sure what would come of it, I pursued graduate studies at APTS, and eventually candidacy in Mission Presbytery. Most significantly, was my teaching church internship working with spiritual mentor (#3!) Gail Snodgrass at Genesis PC in Austin, where she pushed me hard to consider how I was different, my gifts different, than my grandfather’s. Between that and my CPE unit at Brackenridge, I learned so much about empathy, grace, and conflict resolution, all of which has benefitted me in parish ministry.

I could tick off the rest of the story: a Lily Residency in Ann Arbor, my first solo call in Taylor, MI, and then years excluded from ordered ministry because while I was effective in ministry and always felt confirmed in my call, personally, especially after a divorce, I did not make good choices.

Yet in that time away I was able to immerse myself in other non-profit endeavors focused on mental health and children's advocacy, while getting to be with family in Texas again. I treasure that time even more since my dad passed two years ago – a 30-year survivor of cancer but taken down this time by that horrible disease. And to meet my wife, Ashley, and with her welcome two amazing children, Ethan (10) and Brynn (9). In my early thirties, out of ministry and returning to Texas with (as they say) my tail between my legs, never imagining I would 15 years later have such blessings in my life. Lynn Hargrove (spiritual mentor #4) was gracious and accepted my past missteps and sins and welcomed me into New Covenant Presbytery six years ago, and the rest, as they say, is, well, the rest. And to a new call in parish ministry at Parkway church. My family and I are thrilled at this opportunity.

Through the zigs and zags, this "cradle" Presbyterian finds his faith only strengthened by the highs and the lows, and with appreciation for those who have nurtured me along the way, mentors and family and friends. No words are truer than those which have guided this Gen-Xer all these years, on the border, at church camps, in corporate worship, or around a Mo-Ranch bonfire: "God is good. All the time. All the time. God is good."

Statement of Faith – Matt Morse

My trust is in the Lord, who out of love created all things, naming creation "good." The One who desires a relationship with us, giving us the Law to show us how to act toward one another and rightly worship God. Yet we sin and rebel against Divine Love. God sent messengers over time to lead us to repentance and to embrace a love for God and one another that desires justice, loves mercy, and walks humbly with our Creator. God sent the Son, Jesus, because God understood that only by the Word made flesh could we ever be fully reconciled to the Divine Love of which we were created.

Jesus demonstrated this Divine Love in his life on earth and in calling others to honor the command to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love one another as ourselves. He taught of the trappings of wealth; that discipleship isn't easy but requires sacrifice and commitment. He spoke of a new way of life - "Kingdom living" - where the first are last, and the last are honored first.

Because his teaching and way of life caused a threat to the people in authority (both religious and secular), he was killed on a cross. By faith, I understand what happened on the cross was nothing less than the, once and for all, only necessary sacrifice to reconcile us sinners to God who wants to love us completely and eternally. The empty tomb proclaims a new reality in which sin and death no longer have the final word over us or our world. We respond to God's grace by living lives of gratitude to God and in service to others.

As the Resurrected Son returned to the Father, the Holy Spirit was sent to sanctify and seal the Church for its life together. That Spirit is still present in our midst whenever we gather for worship and is the inspiration behind the Holy Scripture, written and read, God's living Word revealed to and for us. It is the Spirit that lifts up, unites, and sustains the one Church to carry out the witness of Christ until he comes. Our Confessions give both historical and theological context and substance to our life together guiding us in expressing our beliefs through word and action.

I believe the doctrines of the Reformed Faith to be sound interpretations of what the Scriptures teach us. We are saved by God's grace in Christ, and our works are a grateful response to what God has already done for us in reconciling us to God in Christ for this life and the life to come. I believe we are elected by God for service and the sharing of gifts. As we are all one in Christ, I affirm the priesthood of all believers and a sharing of leadership in the church among the baptized.

Together, we look expectantly to the coming Kingdom of God, even as we live out our faith here and now. We do this in the preaching of the Word, in our celebration of the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and in responding to Christ's commission to go and make disciples, to teach them what we have been taught, and in ministries of justice and compassion, especially to the "least of these" in whom we see Christ still.

BOLD = 2025

Blank = no report submitted ; light type = 2024

BOP not numerically listed

Numbers are rounded

Membership numbers = 2024 Annual Statistical Report

INSTALLED POSITIONS

CHURCH AND PASTOR or ASSOCIATE PASTOR	SALARY	HOUSING	CONTRIBUTIONS	OTHER	MANSE	BOP	1/2 SECA	AUTO	CONT ED/BKS	PROFESSIONAL	OTHER	TOTAL	MEMBERSHIP
Austin, Taiwanese; Tsai, Manjung Matthew, Pastor	72,400					in full	5,768			4,500			99
Austin, Central; Katheryn Barlow-Williams, Pastor	38,250	47,940	1,600			33,614	6,594			5,475	1,448	134,921	302
Austin, Covenant; Thomas Daniel, Pastor	130,950	48,000	23,000	3,050		56,500	13,426		2,000	7,000		283,926	1,919
Austin, Covenant; Benjamin Davison	23,150	71,850				37,050	7,268		3,000	1,500		143,818	1,919
Austin, Covenant; Jill Williams, AP	62,500	37,000	15,000			44,655	8,759		3,000	3,000		173,914	1,919
Austin, Faith; Amy Myhand, Pastor	21,250	36,000				14,885	4,380	250	2,000	2,750		81,515	118
Austin, First; Elizabeth McLean, Pastor	77,247	32,000				48,578	8,358	2,000	3,000	1,000		172,183	325
Austin, Hope; Joshua Robinson, Pastor	84,369					in full	6,975			4,500			261
Austin, Hope; John Leedy, AP, 3/4 time	41,387					in full	3,235	900		1,500			261
Austin, Shepherd of the Hills; Leon Bloder, Pastor	57,722	67,454				37,968	9,955	5,000		15,900		188,998	443
Austin, St. Andrews, Jim Rigby	73,543	20,400				35,718				2,677		105,020	361
Austin, University; Matt Gaventa, Pastor	67,594	49,756				51,396	8,977		2,284	2,546		182,553	436
Austin, University, Carter Grant, Associate Pastor	49,613	22,032				17,236	5,481			6,000		100,362	436
Austin, Westlake Hills; Emily Wright, Pastor													1,697
Austin, Westlake Hills; Stacy Ikard, Associate Pastor													1,697
Austin, Westlake Hills; Stephen Finkel, Designated AP	84,134		4,207			34,453	6,114			7,780		136,688	1,697
Austin, Westlake Hills; Kevin Ireland, Pastoral Resident	63,046					24,588	4,670			7,000		99,304	1697
Austin, Westminster; Bill Clark, Pastor	52,403	70,067				31,842	10,145			4,250		168,707	467
Austin, Westminster; Charlotte Trafton, Associate Pastor	49,000	16,000				25,850	5,384			3,000		99,234	467
Boerne, St. Mark; Ann Marie Quigely-Swanson, Pastor	64,304	23,566				22,103	6,666	2,000	2,000	2,500	1,350	124,489	280
Canyon Lake; Chad Lawson, Pastor	26,712	33,000				25,676	4,568	2,000	1,500		980	94,436	78
Corpus Christi, Island, Ken Ritchie	29,500	52,000				20,411	6,161	2,000	2,000		6,000	118,072	67
Corpus Christi, Parkway, Matthew Morse	45,500	24,500	5,000			41,493	5,355	3,500	2,500			127,848	370
Cuero, First, Kevin Boyd	48,800	10,200	6,000	4,000	18,000	30,030					15,746	132,776	95
Dripping Springs; Mitchell Kolls, Pastor	56,646	52,288				42,484	4,333					155,751	257
Elgin, First; Amy Meyer, Pastor	17,295	42,435				22,726	2,160			4,620			88
Fredericksburg Memorial; Brian Wiggins, Pastor	58,000	25,000				64,073	6,350					121,000	48
Georgetown, First; Alex Pappas, Pastor	66,300	35,700		1,450		43,860	7,803			4,500	600	160,213	405
Georgetown, San Gabriel; Bill Pederson, Pastor	46,000	60,000	2,000			38,560	9,040			5,360		160,960	209
Giddings, First; Monica Smith, Pastor	54,000		6,000			23,400	4,590			4,400	600	92,990	63
Harlingen, Treasure Hills; David Coello, Pastor	25,000	40,000				37,500	9,945	3,600	600			116,645	167
Junction, First; James Barker, Pastor													143
Kerrville, First; Jasiel Hernandez Garcia	55,000	51,000				39,981	7,880		2,000	3,250	2,250	161,361	430

Lampasas, First; Kevin Jones, Pastor	31,687	21,600			in full	4,076	1,200	750	1,000			70
Leander, Leander; Robert McElwaine, Pastor, p/t	10,212	34,188			21,536	3,397					69,333	50
Marble Falls, St. Andrew; John Brantley, Pastor	39,139	30,000			29,144	5,347			1,000		104,630	70
McAllen, First; Kathryn Escandell, Pastor	30,000	20,000			19,500	3,825	3,000	3,000	5,000		84,325	102
New Braunfels, New Braunfels, Adam Smith August 2025	58,500	58,500			49,300	8,950	2,500	2,100		1,284	181,134	286
Rockport, First; Kurt Simon, Pastor	35,280	82,320			45,864	8,996	8,000		2,000	3000	185,460	121
Round Rock, Grace; Nancy Reeves, Pastor	74,206	30,000			33,346				4,000		141,552	210
Round Rock, Round Rock, Emily Beghin	4,405	72,532	4,223	3,300	30,910	6,461	2,000	2,000			125,831	73
San Antonio, Boldtville; Susan Royston, Pastor	13,200	45,000			1,302	4,452		1,000			86,842	84
San Antonio, Covenant; Dan Milford, Pastor	26,250	30,500	22,250		24,732	2,639			5,341	891	112,603	292
San Antonio, Cross Roads; Brian Diebold, Pastor	64,000	28,758	4,120	3,880	46,048						146,806	163
San Antonio, First Korean; Peter Sinchan Jeong, Pastor												118
San Antonio, Madison Square, Eunbee Ham, Pastor	44,805	44,805	3,584		34,948	6,855		2,000	4,000	400	141,397	165
San Antonio, Northminster; Dana Pope, Pastor	24,000	36,000			26,168	5,419	1,200	500	1,200		94,287	129
San Antonio, Northwood; Jon Watt, Pastor	36,639	23,751		1,000	26,783	4,696	1,000	2,400	2,600	600	99,469	110
San Antonio, San Pedro; Bryan Stamper, Jr., Pastor	60,346	42,611	8,528		31,594				2,188		145,002	290
San Antonio, St. Andrew; Doug Dalglish, Pastor	25,100	25,000	12,664		26,988	4,801				5,000	99,553	100
San Antonio, University; Lora East, Pastor	65,000	30,000			8,075	9,265	1,500	3,000	1,500		118,340	368
San Marcos, Joshua Sutherlun, co-pastor, 30 hrs/wk	30,975	19,532		3,000	23,008	4,093		1,600	1,600	1,800	85,608	166
San Marcos, First; Amy Sutherlun, co-pastor, 30 hrs/wk	30,975	19,532		3,000	4,388	4,093		1,600	1,600	1,800	66,988	166
Wimberley, Wimberley; Clinton Regen, Pastor	55,000	37,013	350		39,716	7,066	1,500	2,500	1,200	3,300	147,645	165
INTERIM PASTORS												
El Campo, First; Jim Dement, f/t	47,500	30,000			n/a	5,929					83,429	144
Gonzales, PC of Gonzales; Cheryl Homsher, p/t	47,650				5,718	3,646	1,776	1,750	1,875		62,414	96
Helotes, Forest Hills; Patrick Dennis, f/t	47,500				18,525	3,634	500	1,000			71,158	45
New Braunfels, NB; Joan Watson, f/t (through Aug 2025)	30,000	48,223		8,664	8,760	6,646					102,293	286
San Antonio, Alamo Heights; David Dierkson, f/t (May 1, 2021)	52,500	30,000			36,100	6,311			2,000		126,911	292
San Antonio, Holy Trinity/ Bryan Stamper/5500 mo to San Pedro												221
Seguin, FPC; Caryn Thurman; f/t	33,700	18,000	15,480		5,598	4,283		1,000			78,061	143
Contracts, Stated Supply												
Austin, Central; Jack Barden: three months	8,131	8,132				1,244					17,507	302
Austin, Genesis; Amanda Richey; p/t	1	34,709			3,471				1,200			22
Austin, Hyde Park; Emily Owen; p/t	36,360										36,360	62
Austin, Lake Travis; Tammy Carter, p/t	11,950	12,000			pension	1,827			2000			53
Austin, St. Andrews, Babs Miller p/t	22,140										22,140	361
Austin, St. Andrews, Carol Johnson p/t	22,140										22,140	361
Austin, St. Andrews, Erica Knisely, p/t	7,023	30,000	1,851	698	in full	2,681						361
Austin, Shepherd of the Hills, Rob Mueller, f/t	62,000					4,743				12	66,755	443
Austin, University, Allen Roberts, p/t-10 hours/wk	12,500					956		1,000	1,000		15,456	436
Brownsville, Primera Iglesia-Mexico; Joel Martinez p/t												67
Corpus Christi, El Divino Salvador; Kathy Anderson; p/t	21,000			12,000				500	500		34,000	49

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Copperas Cove, First	90
Corpus Christi, Grace	276
Del Rio, First--Walt Lee, once a month	18
Goliad, Goliad	49
Harlingen, Second	19
Karnes City, First	38
Kingsville, FPC	46
LaFeria, New Hope	26
Lockhart, Faith/Fe	34
Mercedes, First	25
New Braunfels, First	45
Rocksprings, First	25
San Antonio, Crestholme--Carlos Baladez, pulpit supply	18
San Antonio, Oak Hills	100
San Benito, Iglesia Getsemani	23
Taylor, Everlasting Hope	52
Victoria, First	65
Victoria, Grace	86

General Council Report
Mission Presbytery Meeting
October 17-18, 2025

The General Council chair, Sheri Dittman, will be unable to attend this meeting. Fred Gamble, recent past General Council chair, will give the report.

For Presbytery Action

1. The General Council, via the Human Resources Committee, moves the approval of another five-year term for the Stated Clerk, Laurie Palmer.

2. Overture from Faith, Austin

“On Seeking God’s Peace” is in the presbytery meeting packet.

The presbytery will vote on whether to send it to the General Assembly meeting next summer.

Marilyn White, a ruling elder from Faith, Austin, will be present to speak to the overture and answer questions.

On Seeking God's Peace Through Nuclear Disarmament in the 21st Century

Recommendation

The Presbytery of Mission overtures the 227th General Assembly (2026) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to do the following:

1. Reaffirm the action of the 223rd General Assembly (2018), which called upon all members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to take actions in defense of God's creation by working for nuclear disarmament; and acknowledging in particular the admonition to "find new peace strategies", call upon all members to carefully and prayerfully examine whether our current policies toward nuclear weapons are realistic.
2. Call on every congregation to commit to a year of study of three questions about nuclear weapons:
 - a) What, objectively, is the level of risk involved in relying on nuclear deterrence for safety;
 - b) What, realistically, is the practical military utility of nuclear weapons; and
 - c) Is there a mythology wrapped around these weapons that falsely attributes god-like power to them?
3. Provide materials to make in-depth and serious study of these topics possible.
4. Call on our national leaders to take immediate action — not to disarm unilaterally, but rather to assume the leadership of a worldwide effort to re-examine nuclear weapons realistically and begin a process of mutual disarmament.

Rationale

Unfortunately, most of what we think we know about nuclear weapons is a mixture of awe and exaggeration. Nuclear weapons did not "shock" Japan into surrendering; nuclear weapons are not the "ultimate" weapon — either on the battlefield or in long-range attacks on adversaries; and nuclear deterrence is not safe over the long run.

Their destructiveness is, however, entirely real. A single large nuclear weapon could leave a city in ruins and kill hundreds of thousands of its people.¹ A nuclear war would devastate the northern hemisphere and kill hundreds of millions of people.² However, the common exaggeration that nuclear war would "destroy all life on earth" is doubtful, if for no other reason than that there are 800 million people living in the Southern Hemisphere where there are no nuclear weapons.

In the anxiety, fear, and even paranoia of the Cold War, a kind of mythology was wrapped around nuclear weapons — a mythology that continues to warp perceptions and obscure their reality to this day.

We know Japan surrendered because the Soviet Union came into the war, not because of the atomic bombings. We know it because that's what Japan's leaders said they would do. In June of 1945 the Supreme Council — the ruling body of Japan at the time — agreed that if the Russians came into the war they would have to surrender.³ And when the Russians came into the war two months later, Japan's leaders agreed to surrender in less than 27 hours.

We know that bombing Hiroshima and Nagasaki didn't force Japan to surrender because Japan's

leaders didn't care about city bombing. Japan's Supreme Council never discussed the massive campaign of city bombing that the United States inflicted on them during the summer of 1945. After the war, Navy Chief of Staff Toyoda Soemu said, "I do not believe that the question of air raids came up in the minds . . . [of the Supreme Council] . . . at all; that is, there was no idea that we must surrender to avoid even a single additional day of bombing."⁴ We know that nuclear weapons are not useful on the battlefield because the United States government has told us so. In 1991 President George H. W. Bush decided to unilaterally retire all but a symbolic handful of the U.S.'s battlefield nuclear weapons. And he did it with the support of the military.⁵

Apparently, after years of careful study, U.S. political and military leaders became convinced that battlefield nuclear weapons had so little utility that they could safely be scrapped — whether anyone else scrapped theirs or not.

Nuclear explosions are so large that if you use one against your adversary's front line troops you end up killing some of your own troops. And the lethal radiation that the weapons release can be blown by the wind up to 25 miles in an hour — making it difficult to attack anything anywhere near the front lines.⁶

We know that using nuclear weapons for long-range wars is suicidal because no less an authority than President Ronald Reagan said it is. Reagan famously said, "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."⁷ If you fight a war with nuclear weapons, after the war ends, your country will be crippled, starving, poisoned, and no longer in control of its own destiny.

We know that nuclear deterrence will inevitably lead to catastrophe over the long run. The problem is that nuclear deterrence, by its very nature, has to be perfect. Even a single failure could end up in a devastating war. This requirement, however, creates an insurmountable problem because all human beings are fallible. We all make mistakes. None of us can be perfect. And human beings are intimately involved in nuclear deterrence. Nuclear deterrence is a back-and-forth process of threat and counter-threat that is entirely governed by human beings. Which means that if human beings are prone to folly — and we are; and if human beings are involved with nuclear deterrence — and we manage every step; then nuclear deterrence is, by definition, inherently flawed. It will fail. It cannot be perfect forever. Eventually, our luck will run out, and one of those failures will end in catastrophe.

It's not a question of if; it's just a matter of when.

How did these exaggerations come to be? The mythology was born on a windy night high on the empty plains of the American Southwest. When he watched the first atomic explosion, J. Robert Oppenheimer claimed that the words from the sacred Hindu text, the Bhagavad Gita suddenly came into his head: "Now I am Become Death, the Destroyer of Worlds." Another observer described it as: "A great blinding light . . . as if God himself had appeared among us. Then an explosion [like] a vision from the Book of Revelation."⁸ Someone else told of the awesome roar "which warned of Doomsday and made us feel we were blasphemous to dare tamper with the forces heretofore reserved to the Almighty."⁹

“God himself,” “Book of Revelation,” “Doomsday,” “Almighty” — the subtext of these words is rarely remarked on but is unmistakable: nuclear weapons have god-like power (“Destroyer of Worlds”) and they confer that power onto their possessors (“Now *I am become* Death, . . .”).

And to this day, we talk about nuclear weapons in tones touched with awe and fear. We call them the “ultimate” or “absolute” weapon — as if no other weapon could ever surpass them. We use “Apocalypse” (a final battle between gods and monsters at the end of the world) and “Armageddon” (the location in the Bible of Last Battle at the End of Days) as synonyms for nuclear war. We say nuclear weapons will always exist as if they weren’t technology at all but some sort of eternal and everlasting deity. And we capitalize “the Bomb” the same way we capitalize only one other word — God.

Our talk reveals our beliefs. Nuclear weapons have been wrapped in a god-like mythology since the first moment of their existence. Their destructiveness is inarguable. But their military utility and consequently their importance in international relations have both been so exaggerated that policy makers have come to believe that nuclear weapons confer unimaginable power on their possessors.

The belief in the god-like power of nuclear weapons is vitally important because that myth is all that is holding us back from eliminating nuclear weapons. Weapons that are very dangerous and virtually useless get abandoned. Which is why chemical and biological weapons have been successfully banned. The treaties eliminating these weapons work because it is obvious that both types of weapons are very dangerous and, as a practical matter, very difficult to use in war.

If we could remove the mythology wrapped around nuclear weapons, the same would obviously be true about them — they are extremely dangerous, they are virtually unusable on the battlefield, they are suicidal to fight long-range wars with, and nuclear deterrence will inevitably fail over the long run. “Dangerous and virtually useless” is a common sense formula for abandoning technology. This is the key to eliminating nuclear weapons.¹⁰

We are called to dispel the deadly and dangerous mythology that enshrouds nuclear weapons. Our faith demands it. It is imperative for us because belief that nuclear weapons have god-like power violates the most fundamental teaching of what we believe. The very first commandment in the Old Testament says, “I am the Lord your God. ...You shall have no other gods before me.” Surah 163 of the Quran says, “And your Allah is One Allah: there is no god but He, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.” In First Corinthians 8, Paul tells us: “There is no God but the one. For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth ... yet for us there is but one God.”

Committee on Representation and Participation (CORP)

Mission Presbytery Meeting

October 17-18, 2025

CORP needs your help identifying ruling elders and pastors with gifts to share with the presbytery. A nomination form is in the presbytery packet. Submit forms and questions to Laurie Palmer, Stated Clerk, statedclerk@missionpby.org.

CORP moves the following for nomination:

COMMISSION ON MINISTRY (COM)

Class of 2028

TE Jon Watt

TE Gini Norris-Lane

TE Cheryl Homsher

TE Kurt Simon

TE Dave Diercksen

TE John Brantley

RE Steve Frazier

RE Marie Baker

two vacancies

Class of 2027

one vacancy

Class of 2026

two vacancies**TRUSTEES (COMMISSION)**

Class of 2030

TE Amy Meyer

RE Bonnie Wilkinson

PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION

Class of 2031

three vacancies

Class of 2029

one vacancy**COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND PARTICIPATION (CORP)**

Class of 2026

RE Judy Ferguson

Class of 2028

RE Susan Penrod

TE Michelle Vettters

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

Class of 2026

RE Bill Wilkinson

Class of 2026

RE Martha Sherrod

TE Jim Rigby

TE Margaret Aymer

TE Mike Murray

CONNECT COMMITTEE

Class of 2027

two vacancies

Class of 2028

RE Jo Ann Currie

FISCAL OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Class of 2028
RE Scott Johnson
RE Lisa Sandlin

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Class of 2027 one vacancy
Class of 2028 one vacancy

JOHN KNOX RANCH COMMITTEE

Class of 2028
TE Nancy McCranie
RE Bob Anderson
one vacancy

LEARN COMMITTEE

Class of 2028
TE Ann Brizendine
RE Hallie Spence

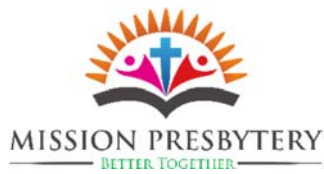
SERVE COMMITTEE

Class of 2028 two vacancies

Mission Presbytery Treasurer	TE Leslie Ellison
MP Assistant Treasurer	RE Sandy Nicholson
Moderator-elect	RE Gordon Ringler

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS 2026

June 22-23	Committees meet online
June 28-July 2	In-person plenary meeting in Milwaukee, WI
Young Adult Advisory Delegate	vacant
<u>Ruling Elders</u>	<u>Teaching Elders</u>
Caitlin Supcoff	Gini Norris-Lane
vacant	Josh Robinson
vacant	vacant

**MISSION PRESBYTERY NOMINATION FORM**

Date: _____

Name of Person Recommended _____

DOB _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Preferred Phone Number _____

Preferred Email Address _____

Name of Church _____

City _____

Age Group: ☐ 0-25 ☐ 26-35 ☐ 36-45 ☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐ Over 65Category: ☐ Teaching Elder ☐ Ruling Elder ☐ Deacon ☐ Christian Educator ☐ Active Member

Ethnicity: _____

Recommended for Committees: *(Please prioritize if you make more than one recommendation. Select 1 for first choice, 2 for second, etc.)*☐ Commission on Ministry (COM)☐ Learn (LC)☐ Connect (CC)☐ Mission Presbytery Trustees (MPT)☐ Fiscal Oversight (FO)☐ Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)☐ John Knox Ranch (JKR)☐ Serve (SC)**Recommended for Task Force Chair:**☐ Disaster Preparedness & Assistance (DPATF)☐ Human Resources (HRTF)☐ Youth Connections (YCTF)**Brief Description of Skills/Experience** *(Use back of form if more space needed):*

Submitted By _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Name of Church _____

City _____

Please return to: Mission Presbytery, 7201 Broadway, Ste. 303, San Antonio, TX 78209

Or email to: statedclerk@missionpby.org

2025 Summer Camp Ministry Report

Summer Camp 2025. What an amazing summer of camp ministry! In all, **935** campers attended our day camp or resident camp program this year. We also welcomed 79 campers for Camp BraveHeart, our partner camp with Hospice Austin for kids who have lost a loved one. We are so grateful to all the individuals and churches who recommend camp to their friends and communities.

Strategic and Site Master Planning. Over the next 12 months the JKR Committee will reconfirm our mission through strategic planning and plan for our future through site master planning. We want the voices of the JKR and Mission Presbytery community to be heard in the process. We are working with a consultant to guide the process and gather opinions and ideas from across the Presbytery. Be on the lookout for more information!

Power of Camp Study. This last summer, JKR was invited but PCUSA to participate in the Power of Camp Study designed to assess the impact of summer camp experiences. This study will make JKR a better, more impactful summer camp. The data from our study and that from several other camps across the country will be used to develop models and best practices that will be shared with all Presbyterian camps in the country. We eagerly anticipate the study results this fall!



HERE WE GO!!!

Total Staff.....82
47 Resident Staff and 35 Day Camp Staff

Presbyterians.....23%
51 Presbyterian churches sent at least 1 camper

Scholarships.....\$33,866
Everyone should be able to come to camp!

BIG NEWS!!!

Talent Show acts.....70
With a side of popcorn and m&ms

Showers skipped.....unknown
but we can smell... I mean tell

Waterfall flowing.....2 days
The waterfall was back for the first time in 5 years!

ONE MORE TIME!!!

Total Campers.....935
71% were returning campers!

Traveled to JKR.....15
Campers/Staff came from 11 states and 4 countries!

Furthest Camper.....1,755 m
All the way from Nassau Presbyterian Church in Princeton, NJ

THE FUN STUFF!!!

Raccoons we fed.....3
trying to get them out from under staff housing

Homemade ice cream....40.5 gal
hand scooped with love and topped with brownies

Busted gaga balls.....6-7
this is for staff and campers...



Weekly Maintenance Volunteer Opportunity. Use your handy skills and make an impact. Meet new friends, learn new skills and be a part of a community. “Happy Campers” meet every Wednesday at 9am-noon at the JKR Barn. No RSVP necessary. Projects may include woodworking, trail maintenance, plumbing, mowing, etc. This weekly volunteer opportunity runs Oct through April.

Family Camps. Enjoy all the summer camp favorites: swimming, singing, hiking, canoeing, archery, s'mores around the campfire, chaplain time, arts and crafts, and more. Families will stay together as they participate in activities around the camp. All ages are welcome! Each family stays in either one of our new Casita Cabins, a side of one of our duplex cabins with a bathroom and AC, or in one of our rustic screened cabins with a shared shower house. At JKR Family Camp, your family has the opportunity to unplug, relax, and reconnect with what is most important – family, faith, community and God's glorious creation. We host 2 family camps per year. This is a great packaged opportunity for churches to encourage their families to spend time building relationships in Christian community. **March 20-22, 2026 and Aug 21-23, 2026.**

Church Retreats. We love to host church retreats, especially for Mission Presbytery churches. Our retreat and rental calendar is filling up fast! Please contact us soon to find a date and discuss options. We have scholarship funding available for churches that need it.



Sabbatical. Henry is grateful for a sabbatical in the fall of 2026. This is an opportunity for rest and renewal as well as leadership and growth for the rest of the wonderful JKR staff. I am currently in the planning stage. Please reach out if you have advice or ideas! Jkrdirector@missionpby.org

Funding Opportunities. Our strategic plan includes several building improvement projects including new cabins, adding a solar array, and adding rain water collection. For more information on each project and to help fund a project, please visit our website <https://johnknoxranch.org/fundingopportunities>.

“To say my kids blossomed at camp is an understatement. They both LOVED their counselors. They felt seen, heard, included, cheered on, and encouraged. Now here at home, they're asking to cook, asking to set the table. They encourage and engage with their little brother more. They ask 'how can I help?' I am just so so pleased with everything JKR and its super staff instilled in my kiddos this year.” – 2025 Camper Parent

Robert's Rules of Order (RRO) /Parliamentary Procedure

RRO/Parliamentary Procedure helps the presbytery unify and be heard. It ensures that minority and majority opinions are heard. It offers a framework for fair discussion on the issues before us.

As presbytery commissioners, you have rights: to know, to speak, to vote, to hold office.

Three Parliamentary Principles:

1. The rights and the unity of the body shall be preserved.
2. the will of the majority shall prevail.
3. The rights of the minority shall be protected.

Fairness is at the heart of discerning the will of the body: We work together with respectful regard for each other.

Ask, "what is best for the whole presbytery?" and not, "What is best for me?"

Some Parliamentary Basics for Mission Presbytery Meetings

The Moderator: The Moderator of Mission Presbytery is elected to preside over our meetings and, in the Book of Order, "possesses the authority necessary for preserving order and for conducting efficiently the business of the body" (G-3.0104).

As needed, the Moderator rules on points of order.

DO NOT INSTRUCT/YELL AT THE MODERATOR THE RIGHT WAY TO APPLY ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER. THE STATED CLERK IS PRESENT TO HELP THE MODERATOR IF HE OR SHE NEEDS IT.

Making a motion: A motion is made and brought to a vote through these steps:

1. Rise and walk to the mic so that the Moderator can give you a turn to have the floor as the recognized speaker. If unable to move to a mic, you may raise your hand to be recognized.
2. When the Moderator recognizes you, say your name, whether you're a minister or a ruling elder, and the congregation you represent.
3. State your motion, e.g., "Moderator, I move that Mission Presbytery serve homemade cinnamon rolls at every stated meeting."
4. The motion requires a second (the person offering the second does not need to be recognized), and the Moderator will restate your motion to be sure everyone hears it. You then speak to the motion, addressing the Moderator.
5. The Moderator will call for a discussion of the motion and will recognize members who wish to speak for or against it.
6. After restating the motion to be sure we're all clear about what we're voting on, the Moderator will call for all those in favor of the motion to say "aye" or "yes," and all those opposed to it to say "no," and will announce whether the motion has passed.

Give the Stated Clerk your written motion before you give it.

Amending a motion

1. During a debate on a motion, the Moderator may recognize a speaker who moves that the original motion be revised. For example, "Moderator, I move to amend the motion to include 'and coffee to go with the cinnamon rolls.'"
2. The motion to amend needs a second. Once done, the Moderator will recognize speakers who wish to debate the amendment.
3. Following the debate and restatement of the motion to amend, the Moderator will call for a vote on the amendment (**not on the original motion**).
4. Rarely someone will amend the amended motion. That's fine. See 1-3.
5. The newly amended main motion must be voted on if the amendment passes.
6. The original motion will be voted on if the amendment does not pass.

Again, give the Stated Clerk your written motion as amended.

Common Actions:

- **Division of the house** -- a request for a re-vote using a show of hands or by standing ("standing division") to get a clear count of the votes on either side.
- **Ballot vote:** A presbytery may request a ballot vote, and we're ready for that. Ballots are in the name tag holder commissioners wear during the meeting.
- **Move to postpone (to a particular time)** -- a debatable motion considered when one does not want to "table the motion" indefinitely.
- **Call for the order of the day** -- a request that the meeting hold to its own docket, moving directly to the item of business scheduled for that time by the earlier vote to approve the docket
- **Point of order** -- a request from a presbyter for clarification by the Moderator
- **Move the previous question, or "call the question"** -- This is to end the discussion and move to vote. It requires a second. Calling the question requires $\frac{2}{3}$ vote. If the motion passes, move to the vote on the motion at hand. If it doesn't, the discussion on the motion may continue. **Do not yell, "Call the question," from the floor. Go to a mic and address the Moderator.**
- **Move to adjourn** -- We need a motion/second to adjourn at the end of the meeting, after which we will close with prayer.

CRE Gathering

Mission Presbytery

Friday, October 17, 2025
3:00 p.m.

Cross Roads Church
8102 Midcrown Drive, San Antonio, TX 78239

CREs (Commissioned Ruling Elders) and CREs in training are invited to a gathering sponsored by COM and CPM to take place in the hour before presbytery convenes, at 3:00 p.m. This is an informal gathering that will help CREs make connections and enable us to gather information to improve our training and support of CREs. This may be the first of similar gatherings to support CREs currently serving congregations and CREs in training.

Please ask at the Mission Presbytery registration desk for the location of our gathering.



A weekend retreat for families and individuals from small churches in Mission Presbytery. This retreat is a collaboration between the Austin College ACTivators, the Mission Presbytery Connect Committee, and John Knox Ranch.

Where: John Knox Ranch

When: February 27 - March 1, 2026

Why: Many small churches would love to have a church retreat, but do not have enough participants or resources to make that feasible. By combining with members from other small churches, you, too, can experience time away to reflect and reset in the beauty of God's creation at John Knox Ranch.

Who: For families and individuals from small churches (membership of 75 or fewer) who would love to have a church retreat, but would benefit from combining with members from other churches.

Cost: All-inclusive pricing ranges from \$75 per person to \$175 per person, depending on housing selection. Scholarships available!

Keynote: John Williams, Austin College Chaplain. "Being Presbyterian Right Here and Right Now"

Register here!



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