

Mission Validation Process

The Mission, Outreach, & Service Division (MOSD) of Mission Presbytery has validated that the ministries represented in this document meet the following criteria:

- 1) The project shall demonstrate the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and/or deed & shall be a valid response to God's will.
- 2) Those working in the project shall understand that Mission Presbytery considers the project to be an instrument of its ministry outreach in the love of Jesus Christ.
- 3) There shall be significant participation in the project by members of Presbytery and, at a minimum, two local Presbyterian congregations.
- 4) There shall be ongoing efforts to encourage relationships between the project and other local Presbyterian congregations.

The ministries included in this brochure represent those located within the geographic boundaries of Mission Presbytery. To get additional information about these ministries and other ministries supported by

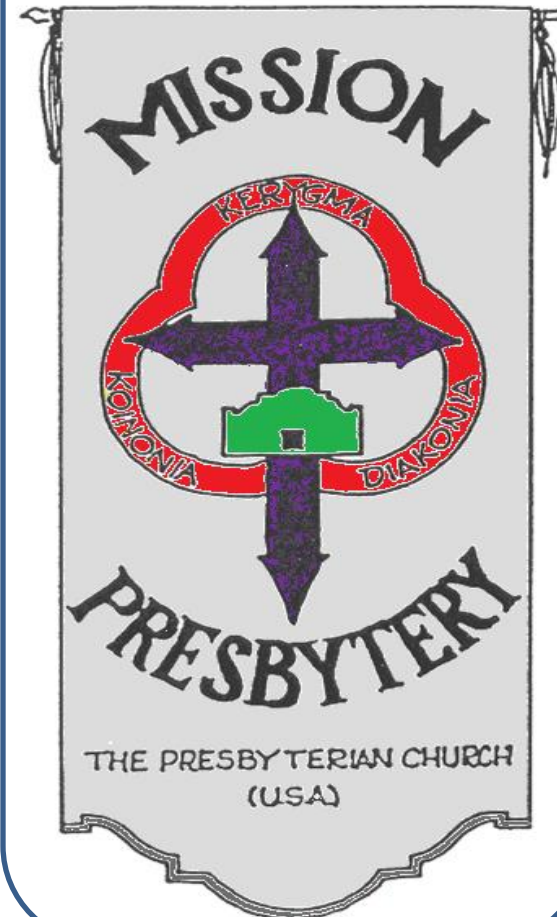
Mission Presbytery worldwide, visit the [Mission, Outreach, & Service Division](http://www.mission-presbytery.org) website, and click on the [Divisions & Agencies](http://www.mission-presbytery.org) link at

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Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am; send me." Isaiah 6:8

How can I support the Missions of



What in the World is MOSD?

Maybe within your church you call your group the Mission Committee. At Mission Presbytery, we call it the Mission, Outreach, & Service Division. MOSD nourishes, strengthens and mobilizes global mission work and service opportunities, both in Texas and around the world, for the churches of Mission Presbytery.

Rationale & Criteria for Mission Validation

In support of mission within Mission Presbytery, we believe:

1. That Jesus Christ calls the church to minister to those who are poor, hungry, despairing, oppressed or suffering from injustice.
2. That sharing in mission work with others is a desirable witness to the oneness of Christ's grace, love, and ministry, and that sharing in mission with those of other faiths opens new opportunities for mutual understanding and the maturing of faith.
3. That it is God's will for Christians to be involved in mission, not only with financial resources, but also with love, mercy, compassion, and justice.

AAIM (Austin Area Inter-religious Ministries) facilitates Interfaith activities to build interfaith relationships; provides home repair for the poor. www.aaimaustin.org

BARCA (Border Association for Refugees from Central America, Inc.) founded in 1981, focuses on 1) immigration advocacy, orientation, & assistance in filing family immigration petitions, & 2) promoting good citizenship among colonia women residing in unincorporated rural communities lacking basic services. BARCAInc@aol.com

Comite de Apoyo is a support committee for the health/empowerment of women workers in the maquiladoras (factories) in Reynosa & Rio Bravo, Mexico, to bring lawful, justice-oriented changes which enhance dignity, self-defense and specific solutions in the workplace. Ten trained promotoras gather 260+ workers per week to facilitate meetings, train on labor law, & discuss ways to protect health & find solutions to work-related injustices & environmental problems. comitedeapoyo@aol.com

Corpus Christi Metro Ministries provides food, shelter, job placement, health care for homeless & working poor. www.ccmetro.org

CUPS (Comunidades Unidas Pro Salud) is an ecumenical ministry assisting northeastern Mexican communities improve health & education & foster a sense of community, while providing volunteers an opportunity to serve and be served. www.cupsmission.org

Hill Country Daily Bread provides food, resources, training & mentoring to those in need in a 7 county area. www.hillcountrydailybread.com

House of Neighborly Service

(HNS) is a non-profit, multi-service neighborhood center, founded in 1917 by Presbyterian missionaries, providing a variety of social, health, & educational services to families from San Antonio's Westside. www.honservice.org

Loaves & Fishes of the Rio Grande Valley is a faith based community non-profit organization that offers the homeless and the needy a place to go to restart their lives in a caring & supportive environment, serving breakfast & dinner to 341 people per day, providing a "job shop", long-term & short-term shelters, & Family Emergency Assistance. www.lfrgv.org

Manos de Cristo ("Hands of Christ") provides critical services (Dental Clinic, Food Pantry, Clothes Closet, educational programs) to thousands in the Austin area who are living in desperate, impoverished or disadvantaged conditions. www.manosdecristo.org

Puentes de Cristo is one of six sites that make up Presbyterian Border Ministry, a joint effort of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico, to show God's love in Northeastern Mexico through education and nutrition, new church development, and hosting mission volunteers from the U.S. www.puentesdecristo.org

Proyecto Amistad, a ministry site of Presbyterian Border Ministry, encourages, equips, and supports the Presbyterian church of Mexico & the U.S.(PCUSA), facilitating their joint ministry as the body of Christ, helping to develop relationships to increase the churches' capacity to minister in their respective communities, engage in evangelism, church & home construction, support new mission churches, & administer scholarships. www.binationalministry.org/sites/proyecto_amistad/index.cfm

San Antonio Urban Ministry

provides housing for the homeless with mental illness, and an after school care program. www.safamilyendeavors.org

Su Casa de Esperanza equips South Texas communities with person-to-person education in nutrition, health, infant stimulation & child development, & implements strategies that support family unity & health through the Early Childhood Development Program, the Adult Literacy program, & the Youth After School Program. www.sucasadeesperanza.org

Texas Conference of Churches

is an ecumenical community of communions: Orthodox, Protestant, & Roman Catholic, providing ecumenical work and ministry in Texas. www.txconfchurches.org

Texas Impact is a statewide religious grassroots network whose members include individuals, congregations, & governing bodies of the Christian, Jewish, & Muslim faiths. Texas Impact exists to advance state public policies that are consistent with universally held social principles of the Abrahamic traditions. <http://texasimpact.org>

Timon's Ministries is a day resource center for the Corpus Christi Flour Buff & Padre Island areas to help people get back into the mainstream with dignity. Serving 80-100 hot lunches daily to the working/non-working poor and homeless, Timon's provides a Crisis Pantry to low/no income families, including 300+ children, school supplies, backpacks, & tennis shoes for over 175 children, 2 eye clinics annually, including complete eye exams & free eyewear, and a dental clinic that opened in 2009, staffed with volunteer dentists from the community. www.timionsministries.org

T.I.P.H.E.R. (The Institute for Public Health & Education Research, Inc.) improves quality of life by addressing public health needs & critical education issues via a soup kitchen, classes in ESL, health literacy, The School of Hope (GED prep), free diabetic education, U.S. citizenship, & the House of Hope, a charitable medical & dental clinic. 1st Presbyterian Church, New Braunfels, co-sponsors these endeavors. www.tipher.com

UMC Wesley (formerly Campus Christian Community) has been a Presbyterian campus ministry at Texas State University for 50 years. It is ecumenical, progressive, and student oriented, with a large range of programs including service, learning, worship, mission, Bible study, and teaching, serving about 500 students per year. www.umcswtx.org/campmin/tsu

Victoria Christian Assistance Ministry

(VCAM) provides charitable assistance to individuals and families in the Victoria area. It is positioned as a "Safety Net" for the neediest members of our community, focused on providing the essential services to families and individuals in a crisis situation. Emergency food boxes are distributed up to once a month to families. Food boxes are provided to case-managers from area non-profit agencies for families in need. Limited financial assistance is given to prevent eviction or the loss of utility service, and for essential prescription medications. www.unitedwayvictoria.org/victoriachristian.html

The Mission, Outreach & Service Division (MOSD) of Mission Presbytery encourages Presbyterian churches, as well as individuals, within Mission Presbytery to support these ministries both financially and through volunteering.