



Mission Presbytery

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Mission Presbytery serves God as a unique expression of the body of Christ in South Texas. As faithful stewards of God's gifts, we proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ by

- Fulfilling the mandates of the Book of Order
- Encouraging and supporting congregations in mission and ministry
- Doing together what we cannot do alone.

September 21, 2009

Dear Ministers and Elder Commissioners,

Yes, there are hints of fall in the air. When astronomical fall arrives we often can't tell it, but this year we can. We are grateful for rain we have recently received and hope for more. So, get out a sweater and hope for a beautiful weekend in Austin on October 23 and 24 for our next meeting of Mission Presbytery. University Presbyterian Church and area churches will be our hosts. Get your hotel reservations soon and carpool if you can, especially on Friday.

Do your best to get here for Friday morning. As part of our celebration of John Calvin's birthday on July 10, 1509, Cindy Rigby from Austin Seminary will lead a workshop about him. If you are like me, you have a lot to learn. There is another workshop on Meshing Faith and Mental Health which ventures into very important territory. There is also an update on Acts 16 Initiative that is proving to be a dynamic force for many of our congregations and could be for many more. Ted Wardlaw, president of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary will preach at the opening worship. The offering will be in support of our youth attending Triennium next summer, a tremendously valuable experience for over 50 young people.

Among the business items are three overtures to General Assembly. Please review these when the packet goes online. We will discuss each of these and determine if we (Mission Presbytery) wish to send them on to General Assembly in July 2010. We have the option to send them as written, make changes to them and send them, or return them to those who wrote them. Once an overture reaches GA they can then change them or not, approve them or not – it will be out of our hands.

There are plans for a couple of Friday evening dinner opportunities. Watch for those details.

Karen Stocks came and talked to General Council about disaster preparedness. She isn't able to be at this meeting of presbytery, but she will be contacting churches seeking those who have an enthusiasm for ministry in times of crisis. Please, listen when you hear from her. She has many gifts and insights to help all of us even if we don't think we will ever be in a disaster or be able to really help. We can contact Karen at khstocks@satx.rr.com.

At every Presbytery meeting there is a prayer room. It is open during the whole meeting beginning Friday morning. This time the room will be just below the sanctuary. May all our prayers undergird our work and worship.

I look forward to seeing you. Try to remember to bring your own cup or water bottle. Call me if you can't find a place to stay, we have several beds at Poiema.

Wishing you Christ's peace,
Barbara McCarty, Moderator '09

Elder Hilary Shuford
Executive Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Miles H. White
Stated Clerk

Elder Susan Penrod
Associate Presbyter, Christian Education

Elder Ruben P. Armendariz
Church Development Consultant

Elder Lita Simpson
Youth Ministries

Rev. Sam Riccobene
Camp Director

**ELDER COMMISSIONER
REGISTRATION FORM**

Return this completed form to the presbytery office by Friday, October 16, 2009

Return via e-mail missionpby@missionpby.org or fax 210-826-0917

CHURCH / CITY: _____
Please Print

Printed Name: _____

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CHILD CARE REPLY FORM
For the Mission Presbytery Meeting

In order to provide quality childcare for **PRE-SCHOOLERS** at University Presbyterian Church, Austin on October 23 & 24, 2009, we must know the name/s and ages of children by **October 16, 2009**.

ALSO: If you register for childcare and you must cancel it, please notify the Presbytery Office. The cost of professional childcare workers is significant.

Name of Parent _____ Cell # with Area code _____

Church and City _____

Names of child _____	Age of Child _____	Allergies _____
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Please bring

- **Your own meals for children**
- **Personal items, diapers, wipes, change of clothes and shoes**

REQUEST FOR SIGNER FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED

If you are hearing impaired and need a signer at the Presbytery Meeting, please use this form to register. This service will be provided if reservations are received by October 16, 2009.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Church: _____

Return this form to:

Mission Presbytery
Attn: Martha G. Flores
7201 Broadway, Suite 303
San Antonio, Texas 78209

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Austin Hotels in The University of Texas / University Presbyterian Church Area

HOTEL	MILES FROM UT	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Courtyard by Marriott	1.72	5660 N. IH-35 78751	1-800-454-6835
Doubletree Guest Suites	0.99	303 W. 15th St. 78701	512-478-7000
Extended Stay America	1.58	600 Guadalupe St. 78799	512-457-9994
Holiday Inn Town Lake	1.33	20 N. IH-35 78701	512-472-8211 1-800-315-2605
La Quinta Inn Austin Capitol	1.26	300 E. 11th St. 78701	1-800-531-5900
Residence Inn Austin Downtown	1.74	300 E. 4th St. 78701	512-472-5553 1-866-816-8697
Rodeway Inn	1	2900 IH-35 78705	512-477-6395
Sheraton Austin	1.36	701 E. 11th St. 78701	512-478-1111 1-866-716-8134
Super 8 Austin	1.25	1201 N. IH-35 78702	512-472-8331
Super 8 Downtown	1.78	5526 N. IH-35 78751	512-451-7001