



**Stated Mission Presbytery Meeting
October 16-17, 2026
Revised Docket**

Friday, October 16, 2026

Call to Order at 4:00 p.m.

Moderator Monica Smith

Quorum declared and opening prayer

Mission Presbytery approves the docket

Introduction of first-time Commissioners

Introduction of Corresponding Members

Welcome from the host church

Rev. Peter Jeong

Transitional General Presbyter

Bobby Musengwa

Fiscal Oversight (Reports A-A.2)

Bryan Stamper, Donald Anderson

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (Reports B-B.3)

Doug Dalglish

Learn Committee

Tom Tickner, Linda Bourianoff

Break

Youth Connection

Caitlin Supcoff

Puentes de Cristo

Lety Martinez

Connect Committee

Jo Ann Currie, Erica Knisely

Human Resources Committee

BK Gamble

The meeting is in recess until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

First Korean invites you to dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

A free-will offering will be available, 100% going to mission outreach.

Saturday, October 17, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Mission Presbytery reconvenes with worship

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Eunbee Ham, Madison Square, San Antonio

Offering: A ministry supported by First Korean: The PC (U.S.A.) works in partnership with the [Lesotho Evangelical Church in Southern Africa](https://bit.ly/4d8FVD9). One of the oldest protestant churches in Africa, the Lesotho church traces its origins to the establishment of a mission station at Morija in 1833 by the Paris Evangelical Mission Society. Today, the church has more than 100 parishes and hundreds of preaching points organized into 12 presbyteries. For more information, go here: <https://bit.ly/4d8FVD9>

Break

2026 General Assembly Commissioners' Report (Reports G-G.3)

Rev. Gini Norris-Lane, CRE Wendy Keach, RE Diane Williams,
Rev. Jacob Lee, RE Caitlin Supcoff, Rev. Josh Robinson

Ministry Vitality Task Force

Sheri Dittman, Brian Diebold

Commission on Ministry (Reports F-F.3)

Jon Watt

General Council

Sheri Dittman

Committee on Representation and Participation (Reports C-C.2) Judy Ferguson

Presbyterian Women

Liz Anzaldúa, Martha Hernandez

John Knox Ranch (Report D)

Rob Mueller

Disaster Preparedness and Assistance (Reports E-E.2) Lisa Ringler, Libby Janes

Stated Clerk's Report (Report H)

Laurie Palmer

Dissolve the Stated Clerk relationship between Laurie Palmer and Mission Presbytery as of 12/31/26.

Install Gordon Ringer as Moderator for Mission Presbytery

Motion to adjourn the meeting

2027 Mission Presbytery Meetings:

❖ March 5-6, 2027, FPC, Georgetown

❖ **June 18-19, 2027, location to be determined**

We ask you to prayerfully consider hosting the June meeting. It includes Youth at Presbytery.

❖ October 15-16, 2027, John Knox Ranch

**Synod of the Sun Partnership for Disaster Recovery (SPDR)
Report for the October 2026 Mission Presbytery Meeting
Prepared by Libby Janes, SPDR Director**

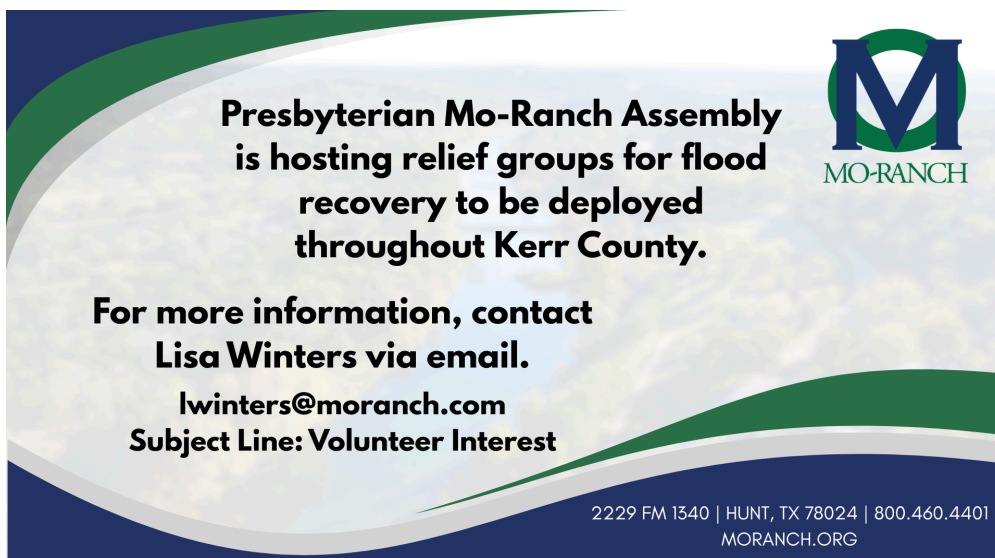
**A NEW Church Safety Plan Resource has been developed by SPDR!
Contact Libby Janes for more information!**

Mission Presbytery Disaster Response Team

- **Thank you, Ben Henderson** from University Presbyterian Church of San Antonio, for years of excellent leadership for the team!
Lisa Ringler from Cross Roads Presbyterian Church of San Antonio will be transitioning into the **committee chair** leadership position **for the Mission Presbytery Disaster Response Team.**
- **Thank you, Sandra Murray** from San Antonio, for years of service as the disaster team's Liaison to the Synod Partnership for Disaster Recovery (SPDR)!
Christine Chandler from the First Presbyterian Church of Kerrville will be transitioning into this **liaison role for SPDR.**
- Are you or a member of your church interested in joining the Mission Presbytery Disaster Response Team? Contact Lisa Ringler (lisa@ringler.com) to join our monthly meetings!
- The Mission Presbytery Disaster Response Team awarded **\$2,000 in relief funds to All Hands & Hearts, to supply mold remedy kits** for flood recovery efforts in Kerrville after the July 2026 floods.
- The Mission Presbytery DRT continues to operate a clean-up bucket supply inventory list. Buckets are being moved to the Rio Grande Valley area, where need is most frequent. If your church is interested in building and storing buckets, let us know!

Disaster Relief Opportunities:

- An unexpected wind storm occurred in San Antonio on August 28th. University Presbyterian Church of San Antonio suffered some damage. Please keep this community in your prayers in their recovery. Grant support continues to be explored.
- Please invite your churches to continue to pray for flood recovery in Uvalde and Kerrville.
- **Donation funds for flood recovery can be sent directly to FPC Kerrville or FPC Uvalde.** Recovery is a long process, and your church's support is greatly appreciated. Contact these churches directly, or SPDR Director/Rev. Libby Janes (libby.janes@synodsun.org) for more information on how your church can support recovery efforts.
- **Mo-Ranch is in the process of becoming an official PDA Site**, with Mo-Ranch hosting flood recovery volunteer groups at discounted rates, to then deploy out for volunteer needs in Kerrville, through a local coordinator. National Response Team visited with SPDR, Mo-Ranch, and Stephanie Hodges, the volunteer coordinator from Global Empowerment Mission, took place August 26-28th. This partnership and volunteer engagement is already active, and groups such as Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church of Austin have taken two service trips to Kerrville to support recovery efforts.
Contact Lisa Winters at Mo-Ranch (lwinters@moranch.com) to register your group for a service trip to Kerrville!



**Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly
is hosting relief groups for flood
recovery to be deployed
throughout Kerr County.**

**For more information, contact
Lisa Winters via email.**
lwinters@moranch.com
Subject Line: Volunteer Interest

MO-RANCH

2229 FM 1340 | HUNT, TX 78024 | 800.460.4401
MORANCH.ORG

Disaster Relief Grants & Deployments:

- PDA approved a **\$5,000 church repair grant** to Mission Presbytery for FPC Kerrville, in recovery from the July 2026 floods.
- The Synod of the Sun awarded a **\$5,000 church repair grant from the Synod of the Sun – David Robinson Fund** to Mission Presbytery for FPC Kerrville, in recovery from the July 2026 floods.
- Mission Presbytery is welcoming the deployment of the **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Emotional and Spiritual Care team** to conduct a pre-meeting care session before this October 2026 presbytery meeting.
- Planning is ongoing for **a series of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's Church Safety and Security programs to be held** around Mission Presbytery in the **Spring of 2027**. More information to come soon in the Mission Presbytery newsletter!

Respectfully submitted,

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Commission on Ministry (COM)
 Report for Mission Presbytery
 October 16-17, 2026

COM Motions:

1. **That Mission Presbytery (PCUSA) dismisses St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Schulenburg, TX, to the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians (ECO) as per the request of the congregation.**
 The final report of the Administrative Commission is in the packet.
2. **To approve the dissolution of the Administrative Commission for St. Paul's, Schulenburg.**
 We are thankful for Cheryl Homsher, Bonnie Wilkinson, Charley Kidder, and Bill Livingston for their thoughtful work on the Administrative Commission.
3. **To approve the request of Los Angeles Heights PC, SATX, for a waiver to session rotation per the Book of Order, G-2.0404, page 31: "...Election shall be to classes as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of only one class ending each year. The presbytery may, upon written request and by majority vote, grant a congregation a waiver of this limitation on terms."**
 Los Angeles Heights' letter is in the packet.
4. **To approve the request of Emmanuel PC, SATX, to install Frank Vasquez**
 Frank Vasquez has been serving the church as Stated Supply, part-time.
 The call is part-time.
 A $\frac{3}{4}$ majority is required to approve this motion.
5. Introductions of new ministers to Mission Presbytery.

Minister deaths

CRE Joe Pat Nance died on August 29, 2026. His memorial service was at The Presbyterian Church of Gonzales on September 22, 2026.

Rev. Miles White died on September 1, 2026. His memorial service was at Madison Square, SATX, on September 24, 2026.

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:

Dates in () is when COM took action.

Permission to labor within the bounds of Mission Presbytery

Rev. Kyle Walker, Grace Presbytery, to preach at Forest Hills, Helotes, for Glen

Sampayan's installation service on Sunday, August 30, 2026. (8/3/26)

Permission to labor outside the bounds of Mission Presbytery

- ❖ Rev. Bobby Musengwa, to officiate a wedding in Fayetteville, AR, on 10/8/26. (10/5/26)
- ❖ Rev. Morsan McSweeney to officiate a wedding in Arizona on 7/11/26. (8/3/26)
- ❖ Rev. Libby Janes to officiate Communion at Grace PC, Temple, TX. (8/3/26)

Permission to serve Communion

- ❖ CRE Karl Hays, Cross Roads, San Antonio/Windcrest, August 2, 2026 (8/3/26)
- ❖ CRE Rick Carlson, for the chapel service at Austin Seminary on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. (10/5/26)

Ministers transferred to other presbyteries

- ❖ Rev. Scott Nowack, Presbytery of Scioto Valley; FPC, Marysville, OH (8/3/26)
- ❖ Rev. Dave Dierksen, Washington Presbytery; Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Washington, NJ (10/5/26)
- ❖ Andrew Frazier, Presbytery of New Hope, Raleigh, NC (10/5/26)

Examinations

- ❖ Rev. Al Staggs, Pulpit Supply List (8/3/26)
- ❖ Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson, Chaplain, Presbyterian Pan American School (8/3/26)
- ❖ CRE Wendy Keach, Ruling Elder and Clerk of Session of Jackson Woods, Corpus Christi, to serve FPC, Kingsville part-time. (10/5/26)

Change within the presbytery

COM validated Rev. Charlie Hornes' chaplain position with Kerr County's Long-Term Recovery Group providing for emotional and spiritual needs. (8/3/26)

Interim Pastor Contract

Austin, FPC, and Doug Fritzsche

Salary	\$70,000	Auto	\$2,000
Housing	30,000	Cont Ed/Bks	3,000
BOP	12,000	Professional	1,000
½ SECA	7,650	(8/3/26)	

Administrative Commissions to install pastors

Helotes, Forest Hills, and Rev. Glen Sampayan; Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
 Rev. Monica Smith, Mission Presbytery Moderator, to preside over the AC and
 propound the constitutional questions to the pastor; Rev. Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo,
 charge the pastor and installation prayer; RE Lelia Arandela, Faith Community, CC;
 RE Edwin Arandela, Faith Community, CC; RE Cameron Carnes, Forest Hills,
 Helotes; Guests of the AC: RE Gary Mathews, Hope, Austin; REs David and
 Barbara Arthur, Faith, Austin; REs Pam Power and Cameron Carnes, Forest Hills,
 Helotes, to charge the congregation (8/3/26)

Lake Travis, Austin, and Tammy Carter

Rev. Jim Currie, moderator of the commission propound the constitutional questions to
 the pastor; Rev. Laurie Palmer; installation prayer; Rev. Laura Mendenhall, preach;
 CRE Mark Stoddard, propound constitutional questions for the congregation; RE
 Dorothy Rogers, charge to the pastor; RE Larry Foster, charge to the congregation

Presbyterian Pan American School, Kingsville, and Dori Hjalmarson

PPAS, September 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Daryl Johnson, Clerk of the AC; Rev. Kathy Escandell, Chair of the AC, propound
 the constitutional questions to the Chaplain; Rev. Lemuel Garcia, charge the Chaplain;
 RE Lita Simpson; RE Elisabeth Sinnett, charge PPAS; RE Liz Anzaldua; Guests of the
 AC: Dr. Joey King, President, PPAS, propound constitutional questions to PPAS; Rev.
 Bobby Musengwa, Transitional General Presbyter, Mission Presbytery, to preach.

Journey of faith

Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson

The tapestry of my call to ministry is embroidered with threads of listening, storytelling, and community-building across borders. I was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised mostly in rural New Mexico in a United Methodist tradition by parents who are lifelong Christians. My grandfather was a Presbyterian pastor who, in the 1950s moved from central Tennessee to Ganado, Arizona, to become a mission church pastor. Although he died when I was 4 years old, his legacy shaped my mother and extended family. My grandmother later became a church worker, running a pastoral spouse ministry program and doing Sanctuary work in Grand Canyon Presbytery in the 1980s and 1990s. My aunt, their daughter, is a retired Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastor who served almost her entire career as a mission co-worker in Central America, and my first overseas trip as a young teen, to visit my aunt and cousins, was my first taste of crossing borders and language barriers to make friends and build community. I was hooked.

I studied journalism in college and moved to Eastern Kentucky to become a newspaper editor and reporter. I had never been to Appalachia or lived east of the Mississippi before. I accepted the adventure as a kind of border crossing, and I joined a Presbyterian church attended by childhood friends of my grandmother's. During year-long Bible study at that church, I became friends with a retired pastor who began nudging me to consider attending seminary. I was ordained as a deacon at that church and accompanied the youth group on domestic and international mission service projects. As journalism changed and became economically troubled, I began to think seriously about a plan B for my profession. I loved journalism and the ability it gave me to listen closely to people and tell their stories in a loving and uplifting way. I loved that journalism had given me the ability to question power and voice injustice. It gave me entrée into cultures and worlds different from my own. I loved reading and writing. I visited San Francisco Theological Seminary, where my aunt and my retired pastor friend had attended. During SFTS's prospective student weekend, I stood in the middle of a grass labyrinth on the campus and prayed for discernment and some sense of whether I was called. I unexpectedly and distinctly felt the urge to pursue a master's of divinity. I wasn't used to feeling such an urge. I was used to provable facts and reasonable pro-con lists. So I had to take a step of faith in order to land somewhere without a roadmap and trust my feelings and reliance on God.

During seminary my pastoral internship, a bilingual congregation, and my experience in clinical pastoral education showed me that I was especially skilled and sensed a call to chaplaincy. My listening and story-telling skills helped me empathize with congregants and patients and build trust quickly. I found that I loved hearing and holding space for people who are feeling marginalized and struggling, whether in a changing church landscape or a hospital room. Although I loved preaching and teaching, I found that I was drawn more to the multi-disciplinary teamwork and interfaith and multicultural work of clinical chaplaincy. I was approved for ordination as a hospice chaplain in 2017, but then the chance to serve as a mission co-worker in

Honduras came up. I was ultimately ordained to the call to serve as a mission co-worker, facilitating theological education and leadership development with the Misión Evangélica Presbiteriana de Honduras.

I discovered a joy in teaching during my 7.5 years in Honduras. I worked with two Honduran women to run a program of continuing education for pastors and lay leaders in 30 congregations. The denomination valued pastoral training, but there is no seminary in Honduras, and most pastors have less than a high school diploma, so international study is largely off the table. My two colleagues and I worked to offer seminary courses developed by a Costa Rican university to offer training to those called to ministry in Honduras. One of my greatest joys came in accompanying a trio of rural women through the isolation and challenges of COVID, adapting classes to weekly Zoom meetings. For a year-and-a-half, we gathered weekly, three instructors in different cities and three students clustered around one cell phone to learn together about pastoral care, Christian education, preaching, Biblical exegesis, theology, Christology and all the rest. I was proud of our team for our creativity in adapting to be able to accompany our students through difficult, changing circumstances, and I was proud of our students for their perseverance and accomplishment.

A couple of years into my time in Honduras, my parents were visiting and spent some time at work with me. My father went with my pastoral mentor and denominational moderator, Pastor Juan, into the mountains to join some volunteers on a construction project, while I went to meetings with my mother and some other colleagues. My father told me later what he and Pastor Juan had talked about. “We love hermana Dori,” Juan had said. “Amamos a la hermana Dori porque ella come de todo.” “We love hermana Dori because she eats everything.” Not necessarily the compliment that a pastor most wishes to hear, to be honest. I believe Pastor Juan meant it literally, that I never turned my nose up at hospitality offered at the humblest of rural Honduran tables, at strange food or foreign customs. But I have taken that “come de todo” philosophy to heart and tried to integrate it into my way of being in pastoral ministry and in life. I try to have an adventurous spirit and attitude of learning wherever I go.

When my call in Honduras ended abruptly and painfully with the closure of the World Mission office in 2025, I had already been considering my next steps. I was interested in staying in that in-between space of international ministry, and I was also interested in returning to chaplaincy in a bilingual or multi-cultural setting on the U.S.-Mexico border. But the whiplash of change meant that I needed to take some time to heal and discern. Luckily, I was able to have a soft landing with my parents in Salt Lake City, Utah, and remain connected to my home presbytery of Santa Fe, where I had just started serving on CPM. I took about six months to cocoon, sabbath, and heal. Six months later I started attending church regularly again, my grandmother’s home church, and volunteering with different local ministries and advocacy groups. I started job hunting in the fall of 2025, and submitted papers to two congregations in the Southwest, but didn’t receive or sense a call. I learned of the opening at Presbyterian Pan American School from Lemuel Garcia, an alumnus and board member and pastor member of Mission Presbytery.

Almost a year-and-a-half after ending work in Honduras, I found myself feeling something I first felt back in the labyrinth at the SFTS campus: a sense of call. It feels exciting, trepidatious, and adventurous. I am thrilled to be close to the border and the Rio Grande Valley. I am grateful to be working in a thoroughly international and multi-lingual community. I am eager to have the opportunity to teach and preach regularly. And I am hopeful that I can build myself a new community here in South Texas.

Rev. Dori Kay Hjalmarson

Statement of Faith

I believe in Mother God our creator. I believe in Jesus the Christ, fully God who descended to earth to fully relate to human beings, who was crucified and resurrected in victory over death. I believe the Holy Spirit calls and equips all humanity us to follow Jesus in ministry of justice, mercy, humility, faith, hope, and love.

I believe the church is a community established by God and set apart to carry out ministries of justice, mercy and reconciliation on earth. I believe the church is guided by Scripture—the Hebrew and Greek testaments—in understanding itself and its relationship to the divine and to ministry. I believe that prayer, spiritual practice, corporate liturgy and ritual—particularly the Sacraments of the Lord’s Supper and Baptism—help humans remember and enact God’s call and ministry.

Journey of Faith: Wendy Keach

Throughout my life, God has been present—steady and faithful—even when I wasn’t paying attention. When I drifted from the faith, the Holy Spirit never gave up on me. Quietly and persistently, the Spirit kept nudging me back through unexpected people, places, and moments.

And every time I tried to say “no” to the call to ministry, I could almost hear God laugh—not out of mockery, but out of love. It was a patient, knowing chuckle: “Joke’s on you.” Before I knew it, I was leading a youth group, planning worship services, writing sermons for my church family, and enrolling in seminary courses. When God calls someone to do His work, there is no “no.” God always finds a way. Thy will be done.

Youth Experiences

Although my mom was not particularly religious, she made sure I was raised in Abiding Savior Lutheran Church. I was baptized as an infant, completed confirmation classes, and took my first communion right on schedule. When I wasn’t at my home church, I was often at Lexington Baptist with friends or attending Young Life gatherings. At the time, I will admit, I was more interested in the socializing than in the message I was supposed to be receiving.

Even when I left for Emory University, I found myself drawn to the church. I spent time with students in the Baptist Student Union and attended Sunday services at the nondenominational chapel on campus. Experiencing worship through many different cultural perspectives opened my eyes to the breadth and beauty of the Christian faith.

Finding My Niche

That need for church community never really left me, although it took time to find a denomination that reflected the ideals I had absorbed throughout my youth.

My childhood church had taught me the importance of faith and community, but I struggled with its boundaries around who could fully participate in worship and the sacraments. I was especially hurt when my fiancé’s ordained Methodist uncle was not allowed to participate in our wedding ceremony.

Later, my family joined my in-laws’ Methodist church. The congregation welcomed us with open arms, loved our two boys as if they were their own grandchildren, and gave us a wonderful church home. We loved our pastor, but changes in leadership eventually left me searching again for a place where I could grow spiritually.

Then, in 2006, my family found Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church during a Scout Sunday. Margaret Wheeler welcomed us with a JWPC coffee cup, and somehow, that very day, we knew we had found our church home. It may sound silly, but I believe the Holy Spirit led us there.

God knew that JWPC would love me through one of the most difficult seasons of my life, when divorce was a real possibility. God used this church to strengthen my faith and to help restore my marriage. He brought my husband, who had struggled with an addiction to pain medication, back to me and back to the church. Today, he is an ordained ruling elder and our acting treasurer.

Hearing the Call

God also knew that Jackson Woods would help guide me toward my true purpose.

I hesitated when I was asked to take over the high school Sunday School class. When I finally said yes, I was blessed with opportunities to sponsor our youth at Junior High Jubilee and Mid-Winters conferences at Mo-Ranch. Later, when our volunteer Youth Director left, I reluctantly stepped into that role as well.

Then came the invitation to become a ruling elder. I resisted, agreeing only when a shorter term became available after Mr. Winscott was called back to military service. Before long, I was ordained, serving on Session and doing lay reading during worship.

Apparently, God was getting tired of waiting for me to catch on.

When our church could no longer afford a full-time pastor, Sandy Pinaire and I began helping keep things moving. We developed liturgies, found guest preachers, and filled in wherever needed. When Sandy could not find someone to preach, she asked me.

Reluctantly, I said yes.

She would often tell me that I should go to seminary. I laughed and told her that wasn't for me. Then, later that same year, Sandy moved to Washington State. In 2023, I finally enrolled in seminary courses toward a Certificate in Ministry.

Looking back, I can see that God had been preparing me for this call all along. I simply took the long way around.

Saying Yes

I know I have been slow to answer God's call. I know I do not have all the answers. I am a sinner, an imperfect human being, and I will make mistakes.

But I do have this: a deep trust that God is faithful, that Christ is Lord, and that the Holy Spirit still speaks. I simply need to slow down long enough to listen.

I believe God has called me to serve the Church—not because I am extraordinary, but because God's grace is. I am humbled by the opportunity to serve, grateful for the people and churches God has used to shape my faith, and ready to say "yes"—this time with joy.

Thy will be done.

Statement of Faith: Wendy Keach

I believe in the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—one God in three persons, eternally bound together in love and reaching out to us in that same love. God is Creator, Sustainer, and Redeemer, whose fingerprints are evident throughout creation and whose grace continually meets us where we are

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh—fully human and fully divine. In Jesus, I see God's heart made visible: healing the broken, lifting up the outcast, challenging the powerful, and showing us what love really looks like. His life, death, and resurrection are not just historical facts—they are the very core of my hope. Because he lives, I have hope in new life and the promise that no sin, no failure, and not even death can separate us from God's love.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves in ways we can't always see or predict. The Spirit has been my comforter, my challenger, my companion—sometimes through scripture, sometimes through silence, sometimes through a stranger's kind word. It is the Spirit who calls us back to God when we stray and it is the Spirit that empowers us to serve with courage and humility.

I believe Scripture is the living Word of God—breathed out by the Spirit, written by human hands, and meant to shape our lives. In its pages, I encounter the story of God's covenant faithfulness, our human frailty, and Christ's redeeming grace.

I believe the Church is Christ's body on earth—not perfect, but called. We are a people gathered in grace and sent to serve others. The Church is where I have been nurtured, challenged, forgiven, and sent. It is where I've learned to trust the Spirit's leading, even when it's uncomfortable.

I believe the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are visible signs and seals of God's grace. In Baptism, we are claimed as God's children, welcomed into the covenant community, and called to new life in Christ. In the Lord's Supper, we remember and celebrate Christ's sacrifice, receive spiritual nourishment, and are united with believers of every time and place.

I believe that by God's grace, we are called to a life of gratitude, holiness, and service. We are to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. We are to seek justice, show mercy, and walk humbly with God. Though we fall short, God's mercy is new every morning, and the Spirit empowers us to grow in discipleship.

I believe God is faithful, Christ is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is still at work among us. I believe God calls ordinary people to extraordinary service through the abundance of divine grace. With humility, gratitude, and joy, I affirm my call to serve the Church and to participate in God's ongoing work in the world.

LOS ANGELES HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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September 21, 2026

REQUEST TO MISSION PRESBYTERY FOR WAIVER ON LIMITATION OF TERMS FOR THE SESSION OF LOS ANGELES HEIGHTS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The session is making a request to Mission Presbytery to waive the limitation on terms of service of the current session members and new session members that might be elected to fill positions in the future.

The current session has six members with one inactive at this time due to family hardships. The remaining church members are unable to serve for various reasons at this time. We would like to keep the session at six for now with the possibility of reducing the elder classes in the future. The two session members whose terms are expiring and who will have served for two terms at the end of the year have agreed to continue if re-elected.

We appreciate your consideration of this request.

Patsy Iverson
Clerk of Session

General Assembly Report
Commissioner Wendy Keach: Jackson Woods PC

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mission Presbytery for giving me the opportunity to serve as a Commissioner to the 227th General Assembly. While in Milwaukee, I not only had the chance to enjoy the culture and beauty of a state that was new to me, but, more importantly, I was able to meet people from many different backgrounds, cultures, and races who shared a common faith and love for the Presbyterian Church. What a joy it was to worship, learn, and serve alongside them! The experience reminded me of just how wonderfully diverse—and yet how deeply connected—we are as the body of Christ.

While at the 227th General Assembly, I had the privilege of serving on the Racial Justice Committee. The majority of the overtures before us were addressed thoughtfully, respectfully, and in an orderly manner. At times, however, we encountered moments of tension when differences in communication led to misunderstandings and, understandably, to some hurt feelings. Even in those difficult moments, I was reminded of the importance of listening carefully, extending grace, and seeking to understand one another as we work together toward greater racial justice within the church.

For Mission Presbytery, the most significant outcomes are the proposed new requirements for **anti-racism training at least every 36 months** for teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, certain church staff and leaders, and inquirers and candidates. Anti-racism formation would also become part of the preparation for inquirers and candidates for ordered ministry, while anti-racism training would be incorporated into preparation and ongoing certification for Commissioned Ruling Elders. The presbytery would also have responsibility for continuing education for certain church staff and certified persons. In addition, Mission Presbytery will have access to new PC(USA) anti-racism training resources and may be eligible for need-based assistance to obtain high-quality training.

Diane Williams
1st Presbyterian Church Elgin
Ruling Elder Commissioner
General Assembly 2026

Committee on Theological Education and Ordination

The moderators were knowledgeable and well organized. Any member of the committee could make a motion, and everyone voted. It was democracy in action, and that carried forward to General Assembly. It was interesting to see the evolution of the overtures from what was before the committee to what was sent forward to General Assembly.

Not being familiar with theological education and ordination, it was a good learning experience as to how seminaries work and what is required to be ordained.

General Assembly

At General Assembly I was very impressed with all the leadership and with the commissioners. Everyone participating was respectful of those leading and of other commissioners.

The PCUSA app really helped keep everything organized. We used the app for everything. We could read the overtures we were discussing. Motions showed immediately with the changes to the text. We voted using the app, and results showed on the app.

What I was most pleased to see was the real effort to include everyone and to consider the impact of overtures on different groups within the PCUSA (different genders, cultures, race, immigrant status, etc.)

I came away from General Assembly with the feeling the PCUSA is really working to live into a future where we are all one body.

It was an amazing experience, and I'm glad I was able to participate.



Report from the 227th General Assembly (2026)

Rev. Dr. Josh Robinson, Teaching Elder Commissioner, Mission Presbytery Moderator, Reformed Identity in the United States Committee

I had the privilege of representing Mission Presbytery at the 227th General Assembly in Milwaukee, gathered under the theme "Persevering Toward Wholeness." I served in two roles: as one of your commissioners, and as moderator of the Reformed Identity in the United States (RUS) Committee.

Moderating the Reformed Identity in the United States (RUS) Committee

Moderating placed me in the middle of a wider community of Christians from across the country. The work was exhausting, careful, and discerning. I came away convinced that *Robert's Rules* is not something to tolerate. Used faithfully, it is a pastoral tool. It gives every voice a fair hearing and helps us seek the *peace, unity, and purity* of the church together.

Our committee received fourteen items of business, along with the minutes of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. Among our actions, the committee:

- Approved a proposed *Book of Order* amendment repudiating Christian nationalism, now before the presbyteries, and a social witness policy standing against white Christian nationalism.
- Approved "The Algorithm and the Almighty," a social witness policy on artificial intelligence through a Reformed lens.
- Approved a call to move from repudiation to repair regarding the Doctrine of Discovery.
- Approved actions on human trafficking, internal displacement, immigrant detention and enforcement, and congressional checks on executive power.
- Referred the overture to reinstate the Office of Theology and Worship, asking Presbyterian Life and Witness to report back to the 228th Assembly.
- Disapproved, with comment, an overture commemorating the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution.

What surprised and delighted me most was our Young Adult Advisory Delegates came ready to engage the AI policy, far more prepared than I anticipated. They offered substantial revisions and spoke with conviction, urging the church to approach AI with great caution.

Serving as a Mission Presbytery Commissioner

As a self-proclaimed "Presby-nerd," I found plenary rewarding and, at times, frustrating. Our delegation sat front and center in the hall, and I loved watching the process up close. I also saw moments when our systems proved too rigid, or when procedure was used to claim power or a platform, and conversations dragged on longer than they needed to.



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The Assembly elected the Rev. Marta Pumroy-Cordero and the Rev. Dr. Kristopher D. Schondelmeyer as Co-Moderators. Commissioners approved 26 proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*, which now come to presbyteries for a vote, and chose San Juan, Puerto Rico, as the site of the 228th General Assembly in 2028.

Time with my fellow commissioners from Mission Presbytery enriched my appreciation for our shared labor in this vineyard. I am excited about where God is leading our denomination, and I give thanks that the Holy Spirit is alive and well in our lives. Thank you for the honor of serving on your behalf.

Rev. Jacob Keunhyung Lee

First Korean Presbyterian Church of McAllen
Mission Presbytery
227th General Assembly Commissioner

Written Report — Oral Presentation Approximately 2 Minutes**1. What I Served — Dignity, Inclusion, and Justice**

I had the privilege of serving on the **Gender and Sexuality Justice Committee (GEN)** at the 227th General Assembly.

Our committee dealt with difficult and deeply personal issues related to gender, sexuality, human dignity, inclusion, and justice. For me, three words summarize the heart of our work:

Dignity · Inclusion · Justice

Our task was not simply to debate different positions, but to discern how the church can faithfully respond to people whose lives are deeply affected by questions of gender and sexuality while seeking justice and honoring human dignity.

2. What I Learned — Faith, Discernment, and Participation

My experience included a week of online committee meetings followed by the in-person General Assembly. I learned a great deal through both experiences.

I was deeply impressed by the theological, ecclesial, and social experience accumulated over many years within the Presbyterian Church, and by its continuing commitment to seek God's justice. I saw a church willing to listen, engage difficult questions, and continue discerning together.

At the same time, I returned with an important theological question:

How can our policies and actions remain deeply rooted in what we confess about God, Jesus Christ, and the gospel?

For me, the relationship can be expressed this way:

Confession → Discernment → Policy → Practice

Because the issues before our committee were complex and sensitive, my daughter accompanied me as my interpreter. Interpretation was not simply about understanding English. It became part of faithful discernment—helping me listen carefully, understand accurately, and participate responsibly.

That experience taught me something very practical:

Inclusion is more than invitation. Inclusion must become participation.

3. What I Bring Home — From General Assembly to Mission Presbytery

I bring this lesson home to our local church and to Mission Presbytery.

At First Korean Presbyterian Church of McAllen, Korean-, English-, and Spanish-speaking people from different racial and cultural backgrounds are learning to worship together as one community. We are developing a multilingual worship system so that people are not simply present in the same building, but can listen, worship, serve, and participate together.

For me, this is one practical fruit of what I experienced at General Assembly: **creating spaces where differences do not become barriers to participation.**

Perhaps the question I bring back to Mission Presbytery is not simply:

“Who is welcome?”

but rather:

“How can everyone truly participate?”

How can we continue building churches and ministries where differences in language, culture, race, gender, and background do not become barriers to full participation in the life of the church?

I am deeply grateful to Mission Presbytery for giving me the opportunity to serve as a commissioner. This experience helped me appreciate more deeply both the rich Presbyterian tradition we have received and our continuing responsibility to discern faithfully together.

Thank you.

General Council Minutes for October 16-17, 2026, presbytery meeting
 Saturday, September 19, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Zoom meeting

Present: Sheri Dittman, Kevin Jones, Kathy Escandell, Tom Tickner, Linda Bourianoff, Rob Mueller, Sandy Nicholson, Jo Ann Currie, Lori Black, BK Gamble, Gordon Ringler, Monica Smith, Lisa Ringler, Ben Henderson, Doug Dalglish, Josh Robinson
 Staff: Bobby Musengwa, Caitlin Supcoff, Laurie Palmer

Sheri Dittman, General Council Chair, called the meeting to order and declared a quorum was present. Nine (9) is a quorum for GC. Kevin Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Introduction of new Task Force chairs: Sheri/Brian Dielbold, Ministry Vitality; Josh Robinson/Emily Owen, New Ministries

Minutes

Edits have been submitted and made since sending the minutes out on September 9, 2026. **There was a motion and a second to approve these minutes:**

- ❖ Minutes of Mission Presbytery: March 6-7, 2026; June 12-13, 2026
- ❖ Minutes of General Council: January 10, 2026; May 2, 2026

The motion was approved.

Transitional General Presbyter, Bobby Musengwa

- ❖ The Ministry Vitality and New Ministries Task Forces are up and running. The New Ministries Task Force met this past week at John Knox Ranch.
- ❖ Staff evaluations have been completed. The Human Resources Committee took the Mission Presbytery staff out for lunch.
- ❖ Bobby was at Austin Seminary this past week for a training conference called "Houses for Hope." The Lilly Endowment funds this project. It was an ecumenical gathering of regional leaders. Houses of Hope strives to bring vitality to small congregations. Rev. Carlos Baladez is a coach and Bobby will work with him.
- ❖ Bobby has been preaching in many different churches.

Stated Clerk, Laurie Palmer

- ❖ The October 16-17, 2026, presbytery meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- ❖ One pre-presbytery workshop will begin at 2:00 p.m. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will offer *Resilience for Faith Leaders*. The PDA leaders will have brief time on the docket near the beginning of the meeting.
- ❖ First Korean, host church for the presbytery meeting, is offering supper on Friday night, 10/16.

- ❖ General Assembly Commissioners will give a report at this meeting, after worship on Saturday.
 - ❖ Puentes de Cristo, Lety Martinez, will have a report at the meeting.
 - ❖ Gordon Ringler will be installed as Moderator at the end of the meeting.
 - ❖ ***We need a location for the June 2027 presbytery meeting: ideas?***
 - ❖ A BIG thank you to Sheri for moderating the GC for two years after Dan accepted a call and moved to Tulsa, OK.

Transitional Stated Clerk nominating committee

Chair: TE Erica Knisely; RE Andy Anzaldúa, TE Allen Mosiman

From Erica Knisely: *The Transitional Stated Clerk nominating committee has received applications for the position and is moving forward with in-person interviews in October.*

Moderator-elect, Gordon Ringler

Worship:

- ❖ Offering Recipient proposal: This is a ministry supported by First Korean, SATX—A Bible College construction project in Lesotho, Africa.
<https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/life-witness/ministry-areas/global-ecumenical-partnerships/where-we-partner/africa/lesotho>
A motion was made and seconded to approve this offering recipient. The motion was approved.
- ❖ Rev. Eubee Ham, Madison Square, SATX, will preach in worship on Saturday.

Commission, Committee, Task Force reports

Commission on Ministry, Kathy Escandell: report in packet, time on docket
 COM's report will be on Saturday at this meeting to accommodate a minister in the report who has a wedding on Friday.

Trustees, Kevin Jones: No time needed on the docket

Fiscal Oversight, Sandy Nicholson

- ❖ Sandy presented the 2027 Budget to the General Council. **On behalf of Fiscal Oversight, she moved its approval. After discussion, the motion was approved.**
- ❖ **Sandy made this motion: Fiscal Oversight recommends to General Council that beginning in 2028, it initiates a presbytery per capita that covers church giving to Mission Presbytery and the General Assembly per capita.**

- **After discussion an amendment was made by Rob Mueller: Replace “that beginning in 2028ff” with “Fiscal Oversight explores and presents a plan for a Mission Presbytery Per Capita that covers both General Assembly Per Capita and Mission Presbytery churches’ benevolence.” The plan would come to the General Council for review. The motion to approve the amendment was seconded and after discussion was approved.**
- **Sheri called for a motion to approve the motion as amended: Fiscal Oversight recommends to the General Council that Fiscal Oversight explores and presents a plan for a Mission Presbytery Per Capita that covers both General Assembly Per Capita and Mission Presbytery churches’ benevolence. There was a second. The motion was approved.**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Doug Dalglish

CPM will have a report in the packet and time on the docket.

Committee on Representation and Participation, Judy Ferguson

CORP will have a report in the packet, time on the docket, and CORP brochures available at the meeting.

Learn Committee, Linda Bourianoff, Tom Tickner

Learn will have time on the docket

Connect Committee, Jo Ann Currie

- ❖ Connect will have display tables for books, and time on the docket.
- ❖ The PresbyReads book discussions have been well-received. There will be two more, one in San Antonio and one in the Hill Country. “Theo of Golden” by Allen Levi is the current book. Connect is beginning to think about the next book choice.
- ❖ Budget: Through Connect, \$1,000 is available for each Region annually. The only requirement to receive it is that the entire Region must be invited to whatever it is used for.
- ❖ Connect will host time with the Certified Ruling Elders Friday night of the presbytery meeting. They’ll have dinner together at the church.

Human Resources Committee, BK Gamble

- ❖ HRC will need time on the docket.
- ❖ HRC met with Bobby in August and the review went well. We appreciate Bobby’s leadership.

- ❖ HRC took the staff to lunch on 09/10/26.

John Knox Ranch, Rob Mueller

- ❖ JKR will have a report in the packet and time on the docket.
- ❖ Summer camp was great! JKR continues to nurture relationships with kids as they mature—from campers, to junior camp counselors to camp counselors, and to further ministry.
- ❖ Henry is having a good sabbatical and Rob resists reaching out to him during it.

Presbyterian Women, Lori Black

- ❖ Undetermined if PW will need docket time, but will have a flyer or two in the packet.
- ❖ PW is starting the new year of Zoom Bible study (Horizons) and Lori is seeking leaders for that. They meet once a month on Zoom.
- ❖ The spring gathering will be at Mo Ranch on March 5-6, 2027. They'd like to be able to meet on a weekend that is not a presbytery meeting weekend, and will keep working on that.
- ❖ Fall gatherings have been taking place in the Regions and have been very good.

Disaster Preparedness and Assistance TF, Ben Henderson, Lisa Ringler

- ❖ Ben announced that Lisa Ringer will take over chairing PDA for Mission Presbytery.
- ❖ PDATF's focus has been on the second round of Kerr County flooding. Grants have been secured to help churches, specifically, FPC, Kerrville, and FPC, Uvalde.
- ❖ PDATF continues to look for storage space for the various resources they have for disaster response.
- ❖ PDATF would like to grow in number, to have members from every Region. It meets on the second Monday of each month via Zoom from 3:00-4:30 p.m.

New Ministries TF, Josh Robinson

- ❖ Does not need time on the docket.
- ❖ had an overnight meeting at John Knox Ranch from 10/16-17. They had 100% attendance, "a phenomenally diverse group." They spent some of their time thinking about what new ministries look like: relational, collaborative, does not have to be a new congregation though one could evolve from it
- ❖ seeks more members, specifically Ruling Elders
- ❖ has committed to quarterly in-person meetings, and Zoom meetings when needed.

Ministry Vitality TF, Sheri Dittman

- ❖ will need time on the docket.
- ❖ is developing a survey for Mission Presbytery members to fill out.
- ❖ is “excited and scratching our heads” about ministry vitality; they are considering what “vitality” looks like; they are exploring what other presbyteries are doing
- ❖ meets via Zoom, and will have an in-person meeting at Cross Roads, SATX, at 2:00 p.m. on 10/16/26.

General Council will have a report at the meeting.

Due dates for presbytery packet reports

SEPTEMBER 28:	Report deadline for the October presbytery mtg
OCTOBER 1:	Packet is released for the presbytery meeting
OCTOBER 6:	Deadline for the Addendum packet
OCTOBER 8:	Addendum released

Next Presbytery and General Council Meetings

Please put these dates on your calendars

Presbytery mtg: October 16-17, 2026, First Korean, San Antonio
2027:

General Council: January 16, 2027, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Presbytery mtg: March 5-6, 2027, FPC, Georgetown, presbytery meeting

General Council, May 1, 2027, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Presbytery mtg: June 18-19, 2027, Location to be determined

General Council: September 11, 2027, 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Presbytery mtg: October 15-16, 2027, John Knox Ranch

Stated Clerk's Report
Rev. Laurie Palmer

One motion to approve the excused absences for this presbytery meeting.

My last day will be December 31, 2026.

I plan to check email and calls during the holidays (yes, it's slow then) all the way through December 31, 2026.

Point of personal privilege:

"I thank God for you."

This is said many different ways throughout the whole of the Old and New Testaments.
And so I do give thanks for you.

I give thanks to the Moderators I've been honored to work with: Stacy Ikard, Carlos Baladez, Nancy McCranie, Fred Gamble, Sheri Dittman, Dan Milford, and Monica Smith. I decided to retire when I saw that Gordon Ringler was up. (Gordon knows I'm kidding).

I've worked with other extraordinary chairs and members of commissions and committees, too many to list here. And if I tried, I know without a doubt I'd inadvertently leave someone off. What an amazing presbytery full of talented people who love Christ and the Body of Christ.

What a joy it has been to work on staff with Mission Presbytery!

Thank you, Melody, Jeanne, Caitlin, Henry, Bobby, and Sallie.

Melody, Jeanne, and I especially bonded when we were between Sallie and Bobby.

(Caitlin wasn't working in the office then. You know where Henry works.)

We thought that our maniacal plan to take over Mission Presbytery was almost complete, but then Bobby was called. Rats.

Coming back to where I once worked in the same position (2000-2004), has been a huge blessing in my life. I've enjoyed seeing the people I loved at the turn of the century and having worked alongside you then and now. In an early Zoom meeting with Fiscal Oversight, Carl Spinner, God rest his soul, asked me, "Do I know you???"

When I lived in Tampa, I wondered if I'd ever see the Hill Country again--would I take that beautiful drive to JKR or Mo-Ranch again? Praise be!

I was co-pastor of St. Andrew, San Antonio, from 1996-2004. What a pleasure it's been to see and interact with Michelle Vettters and Doug Dalglish who've also served St. A.

I am grateful for the support I received from MP when my twin brother was in the end of a long terminal illness. I made two trips up to Wisconsin where he lived. He very nearly died before my first presbytery meeting, and Sallie said to go if I needed to even if I couldn't be at the meeting. I almost did, but didn't need to after all. Brian died the summer of 2024 and I was able to be with him. I will ever be grateful for that time, no matter how difficult.

When I've asked for prayers for g'daughter Maeve who has Down Syndrome (No pity. It's not to be pitied), but also leukemia, you responded with your stories of kids and grandchildren with DS, and prayed for her and her parents. Thank you.

I want to tell you about my family because it colors how I see the life of the church.

My former husband, Blake, came out gay nearly 20 years ago. I was not in shock, but it was incredibly painful, the split of our family. But here's the deal. He was and is a GREAT dad. We worked together for nearly 12 years—it worked because we were so different.

We decided from the beginning of his coming out that we were not going to be jerks to each other. That we'd work together on our new relationship so that when the kids and theirs and we with our possible eventual spouses were in a room together, all would be well. We're family. It's worked. Not only has it gone well, it's been fun. Has it always been easy? Nope. Blake knows that I love Jim, his husband. I told him that if anything happens to their marriage, I'm taking Jim.

Our son is African American. Obviously, his two sons are. I learned about racism in a whole new way, even having grown up in Baton Rouge. He thinks he is "all that" in our blended family—with five shared children, he's the only son. Wayde is the guy who can work a room. (Houston)

Our daughter is homemade. Maddie is married to the most extraordinary young man who was born in Mexico and brought over the border when his parents were in their late teens and he was in diapers. He's a Dreamer, a DACA recipient. He has a green card, hard fought over the last ten years. Our family is on tender hooks with ICE being ICE. No kidding, and what an understatement. You work not to think about *that* possibility and are grateful for every day he goes home after a good day at his vocation, at which he excels. Still learning about racism. Their daughter is almost 10. (Allen, TX)

I married Ed 15 years ago. He's a geek, a term of endearment in our house. He's not only a geek, he's the geek's geek. He retired at the end of last year after 40 years with the same company. With him, I have three bonus daughters.

Lauren (I kid that they named her after me) is the oldest and has been through the wringer with addiction. She is fortunate to have come out on the other side and is thriving. She's married to Rick. (Pensacola)

Ashlee is married to Kate and they are Maeve's moms. Their care of their daughter is **crazy amazing**, balancing the reality of a vulnerable child with a very serious illness. Maeve's in remission now, but is still on chemo. (Long Island)

Liz is married to Brandon and they have two kids. Their son reminds me of Ed when he was a kid, because I knew him at that age. We grew up in the same neighborhood. Their son is a sensitive boy, their daughter is a hippie. (N. CA.)

I'm grateful for what all of my kids have taught me and keep teaching me.
And I'm grateful that all five kids LOVE each other so much.

My great-great nephew is transgender. (I always, always, always knew he was a boy).

Maddie says, "Mom, all other families are so boring!"

I've always been Presbyterian, first in the southern branch, then PCUSA, I've seen stuff over the years, wonderful and terrible. So have you.

If any of our kids have a spiritual life, it's Lauren, because of her road to recovery—but she doesn't have a traditional Christian faith. She's a seeker. I get that. I've always been one too. None of the kids is invested in the life of the church.

Wayde and Maddie saw the worst of the church when their dad came out. I saw it too but I also personally experienced some breathtakingly beautiful things.

Both Ashlee and Kate were reared in the Catholic Church, but they are dubious as to its acceptance of them.

Politically speaking, the last ten years in the church have been difficult—I was a church pastor then. The reality of unrelenting nasty and mean rhetoric from the highest levels of government (I can roll video for days for show and tell) has divided American citizens, families, and in the Church writ large.

I'm mad and sad when I hear a pastor has preached the Beatitudes and is criticized "for being too political." Jesus' very death was politically and religiously motivated—others before us didn't like the Beatitudes either, and they took action into their own hands. Balance this with the acceptance of Christian White Nationalism with its loud and proud beliefs, and it leaves me....

Exhausted.

Mentally, physically, spiritually.

It's especially so when the rhetoric is aimed at people I know and love, family and friends.

Wait.

It's exhausting when the rhetoric is aimed at people. Period.

My *immediate* family is made up of divorced and married people,
gay and lesbian people,

a transgender person,
people with disabilities,
neurodivergent people,
people in recovery;
believers and unbelievers;
Black, White, Mexican, biracial people;
Republicans, Democrats, Independents;
conservative, liberal, and moderate people,
and a 9-year-old flower child.

There is plenty about my family that says, “not in my church.” You and I all know this to be true.
But there are deep pockets of love to be found and love wins. Love wins.

As we move forward and grow as the Body of Christ, which is God’s witness to a broken and hurting world, may our arms grow miraculously long to hold all of humanity in its diverse, quirky, lovely way—even if we disagree with a part of it. Some think we’re not-so-keen either.

Let us not be tempted to make God in our image, but rather, that we may see God in all of God’s mysterious and wonderful ways in the human family God created good.

May we not be tempted to ask Jesus to follow us. How many times have I acted like Jesus should follow me? That I know best in this situation, in this time, in this slice of the cosmos?
Spoiler: that doesn’t work. I am thankful for grace.

I am ever thankful for you.

When I have missed the mark, I ask for your forgiveness.
When some of my decisions have been less wise, I am sorry.
But mainly, I am just grateful for your support and love and walking with me in this ministry.
We ARE better together.
I love you so very much.
Peace be to you.
Laurie

You who calls Yourself “I AM,”
Thank You,
Thank You,
Thank You.

Amen.

If you have read this far, in the words of Josh Robinson, “You’re a peach.”
Bless you.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S
SPRING GATHERING
MARCH 5-7, 2027 @ MO-RANCH**

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
REV. CONSUELO DONAHUE**

**HOSTED BY: NORTHWOOD & COVENANT
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Psalm 139:14

**I praise you because I am fearfully and
wonderfully made; your works are
wonderful, I know that full well.**

BFF SPECIAL

registration fee
waived

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

Check out: No later than 11:00am Sunday

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

What to bring: Bible, pen, jacket, casual clothing, walking shoes, refillable drinking cup, chargers, and rain gear.

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- **FINDING OUR ROOTS (GENEALOGY)**
- **NURTURING YOUR SPIRIT THROUGH GROWING NATIVE PLANTS**
- **GIVE A MOUSE A HOUSE - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**
- **"WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR?" - MR. ROGERS**
- **SHELTER IN THE STORM: NURTURING CHILDREN OF TRAUMA**
- **STORIES TOLD IN CLOTH - HISTORY & QUILTING**
- **LISTENING & TELLING: PASSING DOWN OUR STORIES**
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Event: PW Mission Presbytery Spring Gathering
Dates: March 5 - 7, 2027

Priority Lodging deadline is December 30, 2026. Priority will be given in Wynne/Flato and Pheasant Run. After this date housing will be determined by what is available, as all rooms will be open to the public.

You have the option to purchase all meals (2 dinner, 2 breakfast, 1 lunch) or whatever combination you prefer.

Please note: Mo-Ranch will only be taking reservations (with a debit/credit card); you will be given a room number upon arrival and not at the time of the reservation.



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This is a limited offer, so step lively and get registered before December 30, 2026.

PW REGISTRATION FEE
\$65

* HOUSING and MEAL COSTS ARE **NOT** INCLUDED
IN YOUR PW REGISTRATION FEE AND ARE DUE
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Click below to print your PW registration forms, then mail them in.

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Presbyterian Women's Gathering: March 5 – 7, 2027

Registration Closes March 1, 2027

Name: _____

As you want it to appear on your name badge

Phone: _____ Home _____ Cell _____

Address: _____
Number City State Zip Code

Email: _____
Please print clearly. This is for confirmations and informational purposes.

Church: _____
Name City

Are you bringing a BFF? Name _____ Are you a BFF? ☐ Yes ☐ No
{Complete the BFF (Bring a Friend/First-Timer Free) Application}

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

PW Registration Fee: \$65

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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

2027 PW Spring Gathering

Bring a Friend/First-Timer Free (BFF) Application

BFF Recipient's Name _____

Address _____

Street City State Zip

Email _____ Phone _____

Name of the friend who invited you _____

Church _____ City _____

"BFF Special" - bring a friend/first-timer for free! (Registration fee, \$65, waived.)

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Use this application to apply for the Spring Gathering "BFF Special" and attach to the

2027 Spring Gathering Registration Form. If granted the Mission Presbytery PW

Registration fee (\$65) will be waived.

Send both documents to: PWMPCT Treasurer, Melanie Petru

Mail to: Melanie Petru
PWMPCT Treasurer
108 CR 333
Shiner, TX 77984

Email: pwmpct@gmail.com

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Church PW Moderator _____

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We are encouraging churches to bring their younger women, ages 15-25, and have sponsorships available. Registration forms should be completed and accompany the sponsorship request form.

Sponsorships: Limited funds are available. First come – first served. Maximum of two (2) regular sponsorships and two (2) young woman sponsorships (ages 15-25) per church. Use this application to apply for the Spring Gathering Registration Sponsorship and attach to the 2027 Spring Gathering Registration Form. Sponsorships are \$65 each (which covers the registration fee).



You are cordially invited to attend a

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The Board of Pensions
and
Mission Presbytery

Tuesday, October 27, 2026
11:30 a.m.

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