



Dear Friends of Mission Presbytery,

Grace and peace be with you, in the name of Jesus Christ!

I hope you are making plans to attend the Mission Presbytery meeting on March 6-7, 2026, at First Presbyterian Church in Cuero. This is the first time we've ever gathered in Cuero, and we will be blessed by their excitement, planning, and gifts of hospitality.

We will welcome our own Rev. Lemuel Garcia Arroyo, the Central Region Stewardship Officer of the Stewardship Funds and Development area of the PC(USA), as well as the Rev. Wilson Kennedy, the Associate Director of Annual Giving, in the Stewardship Funds and Development area of the denomination. They will present a workshop to address new developments in special offerings. Rev. Kennedy will preach at Saturday morning's worship service as well.

Be sure to stay for the BBQ dinner Friday evening. FPC Cuero has a beautiful outdoor "Church without Walls" pavilion, so pray for good weather for the dinner!

I invite you to be in prayer for the meeting: for the uplifting of our spirits, for communion with siblings in faith, for communal discernment and mutual respect, for safe travel. We pray for the Spirit's leading, so that we may tend this piece of Christ's church well and faithfully.

I look forward to being with you!

Gratefully,

Monica Smith

Moderator



# First Presbyterian Church

P.O. Box 472; 302 N. McLeod Street  
Cuero, Texas 77954

[www.cuerofpc.org](http://www.cuerofpc.org)

Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd, Pastor

Greetings, great folks of Mission Presbytery!

It is our pleasure to be hosting the next meeting of Mission Presbytery March 6-7, 2026. We will also be joined by the other churches of the Victoria Cluster who will be co-hosting with us. Here are some important things to know as you plan your visit:

While we do not have a dedicated parking lot, you will find plenty of parking on the streets surrounding our church. If you are not able to find a space directly in front of the church it is recommended to park on the courthouse square directly behind the church. Should you need assistance getting to the meeting, watch for one of the golf carts and we will be happy to give you a lift.

Be sure you plan to stay for dinner on Friday night. The amazing members of Cross Roads cooked up a great BBQ feast. Well, to quote Bachman Turner Overdrive, you ain't seen nothing yet! Stay for great food, music, and fellowship.

If you have never been to Cuero, you really might want to come a little early or stay a little late. Cuero is a quaint country town with a genuine western heritage and lots of beautiful restored Victorian homes. You might also want to take in some of our fascinating museums. Cuero is named for the Spanish word for "leather." In fact, The Chisholm Trail started here. The amazing story of the old west is preserved in the Chisholm Trail Heritage Museum. Another fun stop is the Pharmacy and Medical Museum of Texas, one of our original drug stores from 1889 with many of the original fixtures and medicines on display. It is an unforgettable experience and admission is free. Should you have any questions or if we can be of any help, don't hesitate to call the church office.

Looking forward to seeing you here in Cuero!

Grace and Peace,

Kevin Boyd

*"Rooted and Growing in Christ since 1849"*



*You're Invited To*



# **BBQ DINNER**

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**Friday, March 6** @ 6:00 p.m.  
*following the Presbytery meeting*

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 **First PC-Cuero, Outdoor Pavillion**

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*Compliments of First Presbyterian Church, Cuero*

## **RESTAURANTS**

1. Maya's Mexican Restaurant- 1909 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954
2. Rosie's Mexican Restaurant- 202 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954
3. Taqueria Jalisco-603 S. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954
4. La Plazita- 206 W. Main St. Cuero, TX 77954
5. La Bella Tavola- 213 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954
6. Bahnhof Café- 213 W. Main St. Cuero, TX 77954
7. Cuero Seafood & Grill- 901 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954
8. The EVthing- 501 Broadway St. Cuero, TX 77954
9. Smolik's BBQ-523 S. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954

## **HOTELS**

1. Holiday Inn Express-3371 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954                      ph.  
361-275-5700
2. Hotel Texas Cuero-2400 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954                      ph.  
361-524-5224
3. Fairfield by Marriott- 212 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954                      ph.  
361-275-5200
4. Baymont by Wyndham- 308 Park Heights Dr. Cuero, TX 77954                      ph.  
361-524-5186
5. Fairbridge Inn & Suites- 2127 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954                      ph.  
361-524-5850

## **MUSEUMS**

1. Chisolm Trail Heritage Museum- 302 N. Esplanade St. Cuero, TX 77954  
10:00 AM-4:30 PM
2. Pharmacy & Medical Museum of Texas- 114 E. Main St. Cuero, TX 77954  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
3. Cuero Heritage Museum- 124 E. Church St. Cuero, TX 77954  
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
4. DeWitt County Hist. Museum- 312 E. Broadway St. Cuero, TX 77954  
Friday 10:00 AM-12:00 PM & 1:00 PM-4:00 PM; Closed Saturday

**Austin, TX**  
to **302 N McLeod St**

 **1 hr 45 min** (100.63 miles)

via US-183 and TX-130-TOLL

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 **Start**  
Austin, TX

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 Head toward W 5th St on Congress Ave.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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 Turn left onto E 3rd St.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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 Turn right onto San Jacinto Blvd.  
Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Turn left onto E 1st St (TX-343-LOOP).  
Go for 0.3 mi.

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 Turn right onto N IH-35 Svc Rd SB.  
Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Take left ramp onto I-35 S (Purple Heart Trl).  
Go for 2.7 mi.

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 Take exit 230 toward Bastrop/Airport onto TX-71 E.  
Go for 7.9 mi.

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 Take the exit toward TX-45-TOLL S/Bastrop/TX-130-TOLL S/San Antonio onto TX-71 E (Highway 71 E).  
Go for 0.9 mi.

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 Turn right and take ramp onto TX-45-TOLL S/TX-130-TOLL S.  
Go for 7.6 mi.

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 Continue on TX-45-TOLL W.  
Go for 0.4 mi.

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 Continue on TX-130-TOLL S toward Lockhart/San Antonio.  
Go for 12.6 mi.

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 Take exit 470 toward Lockhart onto US-183 S (N Colorado St).

Go for 17.1 mi.

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 Turn left onto E Pierce St (US-90/US-183).

Go for 50.2 mi.

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 Turn left onto E Broadway St (US-87).

Go for 0.2 mi.

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 Turn right onto N McLeod St.

Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Turn right onto E Courthouse St.

Go for 79 ft.

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 End at  
302 N McLeod St  
Cuero, Texas 77954-2911

**Corpus Christi, TX**  
to 302 N McLeod St

 **1 hr 43 min** (100.63 miles)

via US-183 and FM-136

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 **Start**  
Corpus Christi, TX

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 Head toward N Alameda St on Leopard St (TX-407).  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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 Turn left onto Josephine St.  
Go for 381 ft.

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 Turn right onto Mestina St.  
Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Turn right onto N Brownlee Blvd.  
Go for 374 ft.

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 Continue on Antelope St.  
Go for 187 ft.

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 Keep left onto Antelope St.  
Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Take left ramp onto TX-286 N (Crosstown Expy).  
Go for 0.4 mi.

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 Continue on US-181 N.  
Go for 9.9 mi.

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 Continue on TX-35 N.  
Go for 1.5 mi.

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 Take the exit toward FM-136 onto Hwy 35.  
Go for 0.9 mi.

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 Turn left onto FM-136.  
Go for 4.4 mi.

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 Continue on FM 136 (FM-136).

Go for 13.4 mi.

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 Continue on Texas Tropical Trl (FM-2678).

Go for 9.6 mi.

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 Turn left onto FM-774.

Go for 0.9 mi.

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 Continue on E Empresario St (FM-774).

Go for 0.6 mi.

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 Turn right onto S Alamo St (US-77).

Go for 1.3 mi.

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 Turn left onto N Alamo St (US-183).

Go for 56.9 mi.

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 Turn right onto Courthouse St.

Go for 0.2 mi.

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 End at  
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Cuero, Texas 77954-2911

**McAllen, TX**  
to **302 N McLeod St**

 **3 hr 33 min** (230.95 miles)

via US-281 and TX-359

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 **Start**  
**McAllen, TX**

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 Head toward Ebony Ave W on N 10th St (TX-336).  
Go for 0.7 mi.

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 Turn right onto W Pecan Blvd (FM-495).  
Go for 1.6 mi.

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 Continue on W Ferguson Ave (FM-495).  
Go for 1.2 mi.

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 Continue on FM-495.  
Go for 331 ft.

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 Turn left onto N Cage Blvd.  
Go for 0.6 mi.

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 Take left ramp onto I-69C N (N Cage Blvd) toward US-281 N.  
Go for 12.6 mi.

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 Continue on US-281 N.  
Go for 44.3 mi.

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 Keep left onto S Highway 281 (US-281 N).  
Go for 21.4 mi.

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 Keep right onto US-281 N.  
Go for 28.7 mi.

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 Take left ramp onto US-281 N (N Hwy 281 Byp) toward US-281-BYP N.  
Go for 8.7 mi.

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 Turn right onto W FM 2044 (FM-2044).  
Go for 4.7 mi.

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↩ Turn left onto State Highway 359 (TX-359).  
Go for 20.4 mi.

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↑ Continue on N State Highway 359 (TX-359).  
Go for 0.4 mi.

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↪ Turn right toward Mary St.  
Go for 413 ft.

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↑ Continue on Mary St.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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↩ Turn left onto Loop 459 (TX-459-SPUR).  
Go for 79 ft.

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↑↗ Keep right onto Loop 459 (TX-459-SPUR).  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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↑ Continue on N State Highway 359 (TX-359).  
Go for 1.0 mi.

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↑ Continue on Highway 359 (TX-359 E).  
Go for 12.5 mi.

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↗↗ Keep left toward State Highway 359/TX-359.  
Go for 161 ft.

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↩ Turn left onto State Highway 181 S (US-181).  
Go for 11.8 mi.

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↑ Take the exit toward George West/US-59/Gollad onto US-181 N.  
Go for 0.4 mi.

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↪ Turn right onto Highway 59 E (US-59).  
Go for 27.9 mi.

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↩ Turn left onto N Jefferson St (US-183).  
Go for 31.1 mi.

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↪ Turn right onto Courthouse St.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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📍 End at

302 N McLeod St  
Cuero, Texas 77954-2911

**San Antonio, TX**  
to **302 N McLeod St**

 **1 hr 39 min** (89.95 miles)

via US-87

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 **Start**  
San Antonio, TX

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 Head south on S Flores St.  
Go for 0.3 mi.

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 Turn right onto W Cesar E Chavez Blvd.  
Go for 0.3 mi.

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 Take ramp onto I-10 W/I-35 N (Purple Heart Trl).  
Go for 0.4 mi.

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 Continue on I-35 N (Purple Heart Trl) toward Austin/Corpus Christi/I-37/Johnson City/US-281.  
Go for 0.2 mi.

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 Keep left onto I-35 N (Purple Heart Trl) toward Austin.  
Go for 5.7 mi.

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 Take exit 162 onto I-410 S.  
Go for 3.5 mi.

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 Take exit 35 toward Rigsby Ave/US-87/Victoria onto SE I-410-LOOP.  
Go for 1.3 mi.

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 Turn left onto Rigsby Ave (US-87 S) toward Victoria.  
Go for 73.6 mi.

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 Turn left onto State Highway 72 W (FM-3402).  
Go for 3.0 mi.

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 Continue on W Heaton St (FM-3402).  
Go for 0.9 mi.

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 Turn left onto S Esplanade St (US-87/US-183).  
Go for 0.6 mi.

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 Turn right onto Courthouse St.

Go for 0.2 mi.

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End at

302 N McLeod St

Cuero, Texas 77954-2911

Victoria, TX  
to 302 N McLeod St

 **28 min** (27.57 miles)

via US-87

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 Start  
Victoria, TX

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 Head toward E Nueces St on N Main St (US-87).  
Go for 27.4 mi.

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 Turn left onto N McLeod St.  
Go for 0.1 mi.

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 Turn right onto E Courthouse St.  
Go for 79 ft.

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 End at  
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Cuero, Texas 77954-2911

# SUMMER CAMP 2026



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## SCHEDULE

### DAY CAMP Ages 4 - 8 \$320 per session

Session 1 - **June 8 - 12**

Session 2 - **June 15 - 19**

Session 3 - **June 22 - 26**

Session 4 - **June 29 - July 3**

Session 5 - **July 13 - 17**

Session 6 - **July 20 - 24**

Session 7 - **July 27 - 31**

Session 8 - **Aug 3 - Aug 7**

### 2<sup>ND</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MINI CAMP \$330 per session

Session 1 - **June 6 - June 9**

Session 2 - **June 30 - July 3**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RESIDENT CAMP

1 week - **June 14 - 19** \$615

1 week - **July 26 - 31** \$615

1 week - **Aug 2 - Aug 7** \$615

### 6<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE RESIDENT CAMP

**5<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup>** 9 day - **June 21 - 29** \$825

1 week - **June 14 - 19** \$615

2 week - **July 12 - 24** \$995

1 week - **July 26 - 31** \$615

### ADVENTURE CAMP Rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

Camping out on our nature preserve learning  
outdoor cooking, hiking, fire building, etc.

1 week - **July 26-31** \$655

### LEADERS IN TRAINING Rising 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

9 day - **June 21 - 29** \$825

2 week - **July 12 - 24** \$995

### COLORADO ADVENTURE Rising 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

A week long backpacking trip in  
the Colorado Rocky Mountains.

**Jun 14 - 19** \$1,175

Cost includes airfare!

### FAMILY CAMP

**Spring, March 20 - 22**

**Fall, August 21 - 23**

Screen Cabin **\$75/person**

Duplex Cabin **\$125/person**

Casitas **\$175/person**

2026

# Better Together Fund Grants

Due April 15

## Applications Now Open

Applications for the 2026 Better Together Fund Grants are now available. Scan the QR code below and complete the form by April 15. Applicants will be notified by early May.



Better Together Fund grants are an opportunity for two or more Mission Presbytery congregations and additional ministries to receive funding for a new collaborative project to help connect, learn, and serve within Mission Presbytery.

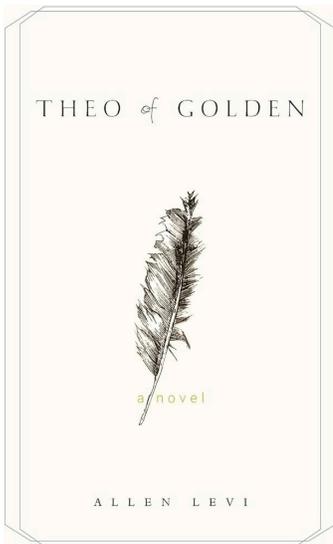


# Mission

# PresbyteREADs

## *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi

### Something New from the Connect Committee



### Read a good book lately?

We have, and we're inviting everyone in Mission Presbytery to join the conversation this spring for our very first PresbyteREADS!

The book we're inviting you to read is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi, where stories are told, friendships are born, and lives are changed.

### How will PresbyteREADS work?

Purchase or check out a copy of the book from your library and read it on your own. Then sometime after Easter, connect with others via Zoom, in-person regional gatherings, and MORE, to share your experience, insights, and inspiration! Details will follow about how and when Mission Presbytery will connect.



Sign up using this QR code to be notified as soon as gathering details are available.



## **Mission Presbytery Pulpit Supply Guidelines and List**

The Pulpit Supply List assists congregations in finding an individual to temporarily fill the pulpit for worship services. Pulpit Supply is intended as a Sunday-by-Sunday temporary relationship for up to three weeks.

### **What is the purpose of this list?**

The individuals listed in this list have been approved by Mission Presbytery's Commission on Ministry. Utilizing ministers from the Pulpit Supply list does not require COM permission. While it is strongly encouraged that congregations utilize the approved Pulpit Supply List, sessions may also invite ministers of other denominations, or a member of their own congregation to lead in worship occasionally with Session approval.

### **Who May Serve Communion?**

Only PC(USA) Ministers of Word & Sacrament, Ruling Elders authorized by the Presbytery to serve communion, and Ministers from our "full communion partners" may serve communion. Other ecumenical partner ministers may administer the sacraments only with approval of the COM. The PC(USA) is currently in full communion with the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, the Moravian-Reformed Church, the Reformed Church in America, and the United Church of Christ.

### **Compensation**

Supplying the pulpit involves a significant amount of preparation time by the supply preacher. Compensation for a supply preacher should be *at least* \$150 for one service and an additional \$50 for two services, plus mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate.

Congregations *should discuss ahead of time* if any additional compensation is required, and if they would like for this individual to engage in any non-traditional roles during their supply, such as helping with a live stream or providing other services.

Congregations should also provide an IRS Form 1099 if the amount paid exceeds \$600.

### **How Long Can a Supply Last?**

A congregation may ordinarily ask for someone to fill a pulpit supply position for up to three times. If a congregation would prefer a longer-term pulpit-supply arrangement, they should explore a Stated supply contract.

# INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PULPIT SUPPLY LIST?

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



A pulpit supply list is a curated, official list maintained by the presbytery featuring qualified ministers and lay leaders available to preach when a regular pastor is absent, ill, or during a pastoral vacancy.

**CHURCHES: CALL 210-826-3296 TO REQUEST A COPY**

# REGIONAL GRANTS



**THE CONNECT COMMITTEE OF  
MISSION PRESBYTERY IS EXCITED  
TO OFFER A**

**\$1000 GRANT**

**TO EACH REGION IN THE  
PRESBYTERY.**

The grant money is available on a first come first serve basis. The only requirements for the grant are that it be used for a gathering that fosters connection and fellowship among congregations in the region and that everyone in the region is invited (e.g., it cannot be a youth-only event).

**To claim the grant for your region,  
fill out this form. A member of the  
Connect Committee will respond to  
let you know if your proposal meets  
the requirements and if the grant is  
still available for your region.**

