

Postlude

Here are some of the highlights from the October stated meeting of Mission Presbytery:

- 252 members and guests heard presentations from the Rev. Dr. Jose Luis Casal, Director of World Mission (PCUSA); Charles and Melissa Johnson, mission co-workers in Zambia; and the Rev. Kathryn Threadgill, Associate for Vital Congregations (PCUSA).
- Four excellent workshops, which included:
 - Changing the Boundaries of Mid-Councils: From the Neighborhood to the World – Jose Luis Casal
 - The Nearly Childless Church – Malinda Spencer
 - Spanglish: Doing Ministry in Bilingual Settings – Marissa Galvan Valle
 - Vital Congregations and the Revitalizing Spirit – Kathryn Threadgill
- A lively and rich worship service, featuring Laura Neely preaching on our need to “Raise the Roof” and celebration of the Eucharist, officiated by Laura and Lemuel Garcia-Arroyo. The offering, designated for Charles and Melissa Johnson and their work in Malawi and Zambia, was \$3,450.45.
- Jennifer Mitchell, pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Karnes City, was successfully examined for ordination.
- Sarah de la Fuente, pastor for A-Tribe, a 1001 Worshipping Community in Austin, was successfully examined for ordination.
- Rebekah Tucker-Motley, Director of Spiritual Life, Pan American School, was successfully examined for ordination.
- The following new members of Presbytery were introduced: Kevin Boyd, pastor for Boerne St. Mark; Jane Petit, member-at-large; Brian Diebold, pastor for San Antonio Cross Roads; Ellen Williams, associate pastor for Austin Westminster, and Jack Lilley, Honorably Retired
- Ruling Elder Rita Livingston and Teaching Elder Peter Crouch introduced the details of applying for the Better Together Fund
- Teaching Elder Stacy Ikard provided an update from the John Knox Ranch Task Force. She noted that Teaching Elder Kathy Anderson has tendered her resignation, and that Christopher Holmes, member of Austin Shepherd of the Hills, will serve as

the new Executive Director beginning November 1. Teaching Elder Bill Clark, Austin Westminster, moved - and the Presbytery agreed unanimously - that the presbytery express deepest gratitude to Kathy Anderson for her seven years of faithful and dedicated service as director of John Knox Ranch.

- The revised Presbytery By-Laws and Manual of Operations were approved upon second reading.
- Many new members were elected to serve within the Presbytery beginning in 2018
- Inquirers Chelsea McCutchin and Karla Lara Maldonado were received with enthusiasm as Candidates for Minister of Word and Sacrament!
- A presentation from Teaching Elder John Roberts, Corpus Christi Grace, on the work Grace has done with the revitalization grant from CDE.
- The Pastoral Care Committee drew the name of the first recipient of their \$500 “R&R” gift: Charles Walden of Corpus Christi Jackson Woods!
- Corpus Christi First, along with their pastor, were dismissed to the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. Prayer was offered for both that congregation and for Mission Presbytery.
- 2018 minimum effective salaries were announced:
 - Full time Pastoral Calls \$42,424.12
 - Full time Certified Christian Educators \$27,411.54
 - Full time Associate Christian Educators \$27,411.54
- The Presbytery concurred with the request of Portland First to close effective June 2018; their last worship service will be held November 19 of this year.
- Ruling Elder Judy Ferguson, Kerrville First, was installed as Moderator; Teaching Elder Peter Crouch was introduced as Moderator-Elect; and Ruling Elder Anna Bohart, McAllen First, was thanked for her serve as this year’s Moderator.