



Mission Link

Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery

Spring 2014

Moderator's Minute

As 2013 is nearly over, it is time to look back through this year and be reminded of all the blessings that have been bestowed on the women of Mission Presbytery and how you have helped to spread and share those blessings.

This has been a full year of PW activities. The responses from Mission Pledge requests began coming in during January. Through your generosity and caring hearts, the support for the work of PW has again made it possible to go above and beyond previous years.

As spring began, the excitement and expectation of the annual Spring Gathering at Mo-Ranch increased. As always, Wimberley Presbyterian did a very good job of making the weekend a memorable one with interesting workshops and fun entertainment. We all had a wonderful surprise to learn that our keynoter, Kathy Anderson from John Know Ranch, would be unable to serve because she had adopted a baby daughter. God, working in the wings, brought us another wonderful,

motivational speaker, Anne Beall. The generous worship offering helped senior students at Pan American School in Kingsville meet their expenses and receive their high school diplomas. The Hunger Boxes on the dining tables helped feed those who are hungry through the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

During July a large number of you journeyed to Houston to attend the PW Synod Gathering held at Grace Presbyterian. Mission Presbytery had the largest number of attendees of all Presbyteries. It was wonderful to see so many of you women joining in fellowship, learning, and worship with other Sisters in Christ from throughout Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana. Many new friendships were made and old friendships renewed. Thanks to our CT, we were able to keep everyone supplied with snacks.

The fall soon arrived and the Fall Cluster Gatherings began. Every cluster showcased the talents of their women.

The Horizon Bible Study overview was common thread woven through all of the Gatherings. Each Gathering was unique in their themes, workshops, etc. and worship. Many worthwhile organizations were recipients of the offerings given at each. All were well attended and at least one CT representative was present for each. Attending these Fall Gatherings will be one facet of being Moderator that I will truly miss.

As this year comes to a close, we once again begin looking forward to the 2014 Spring Gathering at Mo-Ranch, March 28-30, 2014. The registration information and the flyer for the Spring Gathering are included with this issue of *Mission Links*. The opening day and cost for registration remain the same, but please note the NEW mailing address so your forms are received in a timely manner. Share the information about the Spring Gathering and let's see if we can have a record number of attendees this coming year. Holy Trinity PC, San Antonio, is working hard on their plans to serve as our host church. Many great workshops are planned with new and repeat (by

request) subject matter. Be sure to include a photo of yourself with the registration form or email one to Mary Ann Hester Zink marywyomin@hotmail.com to be included in the "yearbook" they are preparing for each of us. In keeping with the theme "Make A New Friend", this will help us stay connected to the new friends we make at the Gathering.

Be proud of what you have done this year as each of you has worked as a Presbyterian Woman to renew and sustain God's creation and to spread the Good News of our awesome Savior.

As we look forward through Advent with Hope, Peace, Joy and Celebration to remembering Christ's birth, may each of you have a blessed and Merry CHRISTmas. Until next year, I remain your Sister in Christ.

Patti Nance,
Moderator



PW SPRING GATHERING AT MO RANCH

HOSTED BY HOLY TRINITY PW

MARCH 28 – 30, 2014

“MAKE A NEW FRIEND”

Keynote: Pastor Caryn Thurman

Music: Debbie Osborn

As part of our theme “MAKE A NEW FRIEND” we are asking everyone to email a recent picture of yourself that we will be using to make a year book. With your picture we will list your name and church. Each person will receive a book at registration and we hope you collect lots of signatures and phone numbers over the course of the retreat. Email pictures to marywyomin@hotmail.com.

If you do not want to email the picture please mail it to:

Mary Ann Hester Zink
15514 Walnut Creek Dr
San Antonio, TX 78247



Rituals for Families – Rev. Tracy Smith

Unto These Hills – Sherry Hardwick

Drama – Beverly Grounds

Tai Chi – Jennifer Bennett

Book Divas – Rosemarie Robertson (will be discussing the book “**Plainsong**” by Kent Haruf)

Making Wind Chimes or Fruit of the Spirit Bracelets – TBD – cost \$5.00

Bullying – Judy Renick

Spiritual Prayer – Consuelo Donahue

Tennis – Annie Marshall – bring your racket

Jitter Bug – Valerie Carter-Cole

Choir – Debbie Osborn

Walking Sticks – Jennifer Hester – cost \$ 10 – max 15 people per class

Tour of Mo Ranch – Mo Ranch Staff

Ropes course – Mo Ranch Staff – cost \$20.00

****Each ropes class must be done in groups of 8 people****

Horizon Bible Study – Sonja Dalglish

End of Life Decisions – Seguire

Insurance/Investments – Lorrell Wright

Don't forget to email your picture (head shot preferred) to marywyomin@hotmail.com for the free yearbook.

Rec'd: _____ # _____ @ Ck # _____ \$ _____

Presbyterian Women's Gathering
March 28 – 30, 2014
Registration Opens: January 15, 2014

Name _____ Roommates _____
AS YOU WANT IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME BADGE

Telephone _____ - _____

Address: _____
Number City State Zip Code

E-mail: _____ Church: _____
Name City

Medical Information

Allergies: Medication, Food, Insects, etc. Special Medical Conditions

Emergency Contact Information

Name Relationship Phone with Area Code

Primary Physician Phone with Area Code

By signing below, I give permission for medical treatment in the case of emergency:

Printed Name Signature Date

HOUSING COST ARE NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AND ARE DUE UPON ARRIVAL AT MO-RANCH!

No single rooms will be assigned. Housing will be assigned on two criteria:

- Receipt of **paid** registration beginning January 15, 2013
- On a first-to-register basis
- **NOTE:** Housing Choice: Please rank 1,2,3,4

Lower Loma Linda

_____ \$52.00 per person for the weekend

Wynne/Flato

_____2 @ room – cost per person = \$90.00 for the weekend

_____3 @ room – cost per person = \$65.00 for the weekend

_____4 @ room – cost per person = \$52.00 for the weekend

Pheasant Run

_____2 @ room – cost per person = \$80.00 for the weekend

_____3 @ room - cost per person = \$58.00 for the weekend

_____4 @ room – cost per person = \$47.00 for the weekend

_____ **DAYRATE:** \$25.00 per day **plus** the cost of meals

Costs - Payable Now:	
Registration -	60.00
Meals -	+ 45.00
Subtotal	105.00
	+ _____
Dish Towel: Qty _____ x \$8	= _____
High Elements Ropes Course -	
(More info on last page) _____ x \$20.00	= _____
Total	\$ _____
Make check payable to:	
PW of Mission Presbytery	
Mail to:	
Presbyterian Women PC(USA)	
P.O. Box 27051	
San Antonio, TX 78227	
Registrar – Martha G. Flores	
Cell # 210.621.7074	
Please include ph # with area code in your message.	

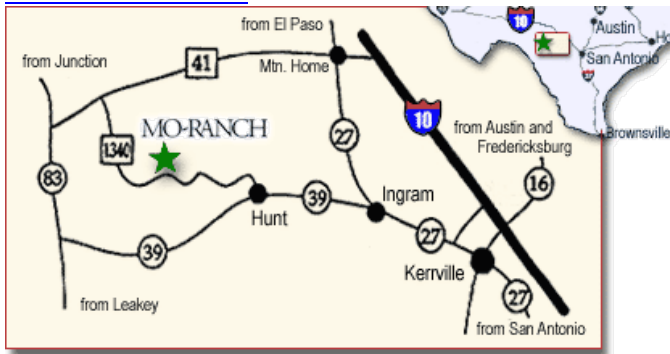
NO REFUNDS AFTER January 24, 2014

About Mo-Ranch

Mo-Ranch, the 475 acre conference and retreat center of the Synod of the Sun, is on the Guadalupe River in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

The mission of Mo-Ranch is to provide a special place and an enriching program in a living, learning, Christian environment to enable people to grow in God through Jesus Christ.

Complete driving directions, photos, and an interactive map can be found at www.moranch.com.



Mileage to Mo-Ranch from:
Kerrville 23 miles

High Elements Ropes Course - More of a personal, individual challenge. Wearing safety equipment, participants negotiate a series of ladders, poles, climbing towers, cables and ropes built 30-50 feet above the ground. Group support, empathy and encouragement are important components while the participant faces the important challenges of trust, goal setting, commitment, and pushing themselves beyond their comfort zone to achieve their own individual level of success

Saturday 1:30 – 4:30 - \$20 per person.

We must have a minimum of 8 participants signed up and paid by noon on Saturday.

Gathering Information:

Check-in: Opens at 4:00pm on Friday, March 28, 2014.

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

Registration Fee: New Mailing address:
Presbyterian Women
P.O. Box 27051
San Antonio, TX 78227

Please send the following to registrar Martha G. Flores beginning **January 15, 2014**

- Filled out registration form
- **\$105.00 Pmt. –Registration & Meals**
- Cost for Towel

YOUR HOUSING COST IS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR REGISTRATION FEE AND IS DUE UPON ARRIVAL AT MO-RANCH.

Make checks payable to:

**“PW of Mission Presbytery” with
“PW Gathering” in the memo section.**

Scholarships: Limited funds are available. First come, first served. To obtain information about a scholarship have your church moderator contact the PW Treasurer: Mary Adele Blackwell 361.277.3839 or email madele@stx.rr.com

For more information about the Gathering:
<http://missionpw.tripod.com/index.html>

What to bring: Bible, pen, jacket, casual clothing, walking shoes, alarm clock, drinking cup, umbrella, tennis racket and flashlight.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY, CLOSED-TOE
WALKING SHOES AND A FLASHLIGHT
ARE ESSENTIAL!**

**The Presbyterian
Women of Mission
Presbytery**

TIME TO SEND YOUR HISTORY

We're on the Web. Click on:
[Http://missionpw.tripod.com](http://missionpw.tripod.com)

Do you have a story to share? Has your PW group enjoyed fun events this year? Did you take any pictures?

Please send in your PW church histories to be included with the entirety of Mission Presbytery Presbyterian Women – sharing our stories with each other and preserving our memories for the future.

Not a lot of time? Even a church name and location helps with our memory preservation. A copy should be mailed to:

Lis Wise, Historian Presbyterian Women of Mission Presbytery,
7630 Wood Hollow Dr. Apt 280
Austin, TX 78731

Or sent as an email attachment to: liswise@yahoo.com



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