



PRESBYTERY OF NEW COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

Growing congregations that passionately engage their community to make disciples.

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The Year of “Making Disciples” Draws to a Close

We will gather at the Indian reservation in Livingston for the upcoming Presbytery meeting on November 15. Our theme this year has been “Making Disciples” which is the third part of the mission statement of the presbytery: “Growing congregations which passionately engage their communities to make disciples.” The Ecclesiastical Affairs Committee (meeting planners) have worked hard to bring meetings which are interesting and engaging around this theme.

Here are some highlights for the upcoming meeting. We will be hearing from TE Jeff Smith, pastor at St. Andrew’s, Houston. Under Jeff’s leadership, the congregation has taken this commitment seriously, with the “7 Marks of Discipleship” being prominent in their life together. Many, including Jeff, have been on the “Faithwalking” journey, which has been life changing for all who have participated.

We will vote on amending The Book of Confessions to include the “Confession of Belhar”. Study materials are available on the PC(USA) website. TE Greg Han, now at Interfaith Ministries, will present information about the confession and its potential impact for us today. Other business includes a first reading of the newly revised “Gracious Reconciliation and Dismissal Procedure” which has included suggestions from across the presbytery. The vote on these revisions will be at the March, 2015 meeting. There is also a new policy from the Committee on Ministry regarding ethics for Teaching Elders while in the discernment process outlined in the GRDP. Information can be found in the presbytery packet online at www.pbyofnewcovenant.org.

We have the privilege of hearing a candidating sermon from Laureen Suba, who has been called to be the Executive Director of United Campus Ministries of Greater Houston. She hopes to complete her examination which would lead to her ordination to the office of Teaching Elder.

We will celebrate the success of the several mission trips to Peru, the ministry of Camp Cho-Yeh, and C.U.P.S. Additional celebrations will include “Powerful Tools for Pastoral Caregivers” and the Presbyterian Mission Agency Special Offerings. Here’s hoping for a joy-filled day as we get together in Livingston. ***Due to the distance from many locations in the presbytery, we will begin 30 minutes later than our regular time. Registration will open at 9:00 with the meeting convening at 9:30!!***

Lynn

Lynn R. Hargrove
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Note to commissioners: The building for the meeting is adjacent to the church, which is located approximately 17 miles east of Livingston on Highway 190. WI-FI IS NOT AVAILABLE – please plan accordingly!



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To the Minister-Members and Elder Commissioners to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant:

On-ti-chu-ka! Greetings and Welcome! The Staff, Session, and Congregation of the Indian Presbyterian Church on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation are delighted to host the Stated Presbytery Meeting on Saturday, November 15, 2014. We also welcome you to the Piney Woods of East Texas. We have recently celebrated our 130th Birthday! Our Church was chartered October 27, 1884.

As in other Presbytery Meetings, Registration begins **30 minutes before the meeting begins**, and there is an orientation for new commissioners. **15 minutes before the meeting begins**. A map with directions to the church and the Special Events Center next door (where the meeting will be) is attached to this invitation.

Childcare will be provided for children who are five years old or younger. Reservations are necessary for those requesting childcare. Unfortunately Childcare cannot be provided for children who are sick or require special care. Parents must bring a sack lunch, snacks, diapers, bottles, etc. Parents should pick up their children promptly after the Presbytery Meeting. Please call the church office **no later than one week prior to the meeting** to indicate number and age of child/children for whom you are making reservations.

Reservations for lunch are not required. Lunch tickets for 275 people will be made available on a “first come, first served” basis. However, our Church is nestled between the towns of Livingston and Woodville, on Hwy 190. So, the nearest restaurants are found in those towns. There are two small cafes within two-three miles from our Church.

A floor plan of the Church and Special Events Center will be included in the Addendum. Those needing overnight accommodations may contact these hotels:

Best Western Livingston Inn & Suites 335 Hwy 59 Loop S Livingston, Texas 77351 (936) 327-8500	Hampton Inn 1510 Hwy 59 S Loop Livingston, Texas 77351 (936) 327-2300	Holiday Inn Express Hotel Suites 120 South Point Lane Livingston, Texas 77351 (936) 327-9600
La Quinta Inns & Suites 402 Hwy 59 S Loop S Livingston, Texas 77351 (936) 328-5299	Super 8 117 Hwy 59 S Loop Livingston, Texas 77351 (936) 327-2451	If you prefer tent camping, RV Camping, or Cabins, these are available at Lake Tom-Big-Bee on the Reservation. Call Katie Daniel (936) 563-1100

Parking is available in front of the Special Events Center as well as a drop-off area.

Please let the Presbytery Staff know of any equipment, meeting rooms, or display area desired. They will coordinate with us in making provisions. You must arrange for display area ahead of time by completing a Display Request form. Please call Lynn Hargrove. (713) 525-2585, ext. 210 or email her at lhargrove@pbyofcovenant.org.

The Presbytery Packet will be available online and mailed to those churches and ministers without e-mail. It is the responsibility of each commissioner and minister to access this Packet and bring it to the meeting. Unfortunately the Special Events Center does not have WiFi.

We are looking forward to seeing you!

Peace,

Elder Debra L. Battise-Kleinman, CRE