



# PRESBYTERY OF NEW COVENANT

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*Call to the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant  
November 19, 2016 First Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, TX  
“Looking Forward, Looking Back”*

Pasadena, here we come for the November 19 meeting of the Presbytery of New Covenant. Landon Whitsitt is getting excited about being with us as our keynote speaker. Since his term as Vice Moderator of the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, Landon has been on the national stage of our denomination. He serves as the executive of the Synod of Mid America, where he challenges churches across the nation to grow through his Theocademy series, teaching us about what it means to be Presbyterian, what it means to be a ruling elder, and confirmation for our youth. The newest topic is “Love an Other” which stars one of the co-moderators of the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly, T. Denise Anderson. You can get to know Landon through his v-log which is found on YouTube. Landon will help us look forward into the future of our denomination.

We will look forward as we help to shape the denomination as we vote on amendments to the Book of Order, the constitution of the PCUSA, and offer an overture for the next General Assembly. We will look forward as we prepare a candidate for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We will look forward as we hear about some of what we will be doing in 2017.

As we look back, we will celebrate the retirement of two long time members of the Presbytery of New Covenant. One is Ben Stewart who has served as a chaplain at the Port of Houston for 20 years. The other is our general presbyter, Mike Cole, who has served in this role for the past 13 years. Previously he served as moderator of the presbytery, and on COM and other committees. Mike’s vision helped to begin the Jewish-Presbyterian dialogue group, the Muslim Presbyterian dialogue group and the recently formed Racial Reconciliation Team. Let us celebrate the contributions of Mike and Ben as we look back!

Looking back ... looking forward! We look different than we did just four years ago with the departures of several of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And we will learn together what it means to live into “We are New Covenant!” as we begin our next steps as a presbytery.

Hope to see you in Pasadena on November 19!

*Lynn Hargrove*  
Stated and Recording Clerk