

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

The staff, session and congregation of Northwoods Presbyterian Church are delighted to host the Stated Meeting of the presbytery on November 18, 2017. We all have been directly affected by Hurricane Harvey. Many in our New Covenant family suffered incredible losses in the floods, and it will be months before they can return to their homes. We also have seen congregations and communities rally together to help people in need. I have been pretty focused on our congregation and need to hear how other sisters and brothers in our presbytery are doing.

Registration begins 30 minutes before the meeting opens, and there is an orientation for new commissioners 20 minutes before the meeting begins. A map with directions to the church and a floorplan of the church facility are attached to this invitation. Nearby hotels and restaurants are also attached.

Reservations are necessary for those requesting child care for those children who are five years and younger. Child care cannot be provided for children who are sick or require special care. Parents must provide a sack lunch, snacks, plenty of diapers and wet wipes, formula/baby food, a change of clothes, and any favorite toys/books/electronic devices. We will provide goldfish/animal crackers, water/lemonade, entertainment and crafts. 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(ren) for whom you are making reservations.**

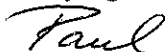
Reservations for lunch are not required. Lunch tickets will cost \$8 and we will be sold until 10:00 a.m. to allow for time to set up.

Please let the presbytery staff know of any equipment, meeting rooms, or display space desired. They will coordinate with us in making provisions. Please contact Lynn Hargrove to arrange display space at least one week prior to the meeting. (lhargrove@pbyofnewcovenant.org)

The packet for this meeting will be posted two week prior to the meeting on the presbytery website (www.pbyofnewcovenant.org) and will be mailed to those churches and ministers without email. The addendum will be posted no later than 4 days prior to the meeting. It is the responsibility of each commissioner to access this information and bring it to the meeting.

I am looking forward to seeing you on November 18 – to worship, sing, pray, and laugh together.

Praying for more grace and peace,



Dr. Paul Nazarian