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Dear Commissioners,

We are going to Conroe for the first presbytery meeting of 2016! Join us on March 19 at 9:00 where we will begin our day with worship led by our Presbyterian Youth Connection Council. Our offering will go towards scholarships for youth of the presbytery to attend this summer's Triennium gatherings.

We welcome TE Jan Edmiston as our keynote speaker, all the way from Chicago, where she serves on the presbytery staff. Jan will be sharing her observations which are titled, "What Breaks God's Heart in Your Neighborhood?"

We will celebrate the retirement of two pastors in our presbytery – Sam Fabila from the Biyaya Church and Debbie Measells from First in Brazoria. We thank you both for your service to God and our presbytery, and for your many contributions to our witness in our communities.

Since this is a General Assembly year, we will commission our 8 commissioners, as well as vote on some overtures that will be recommended as business to this year's biannual gathering in Portland. Our commissioners are RE Regena Bass (Wharton, First), TE Kevin Boyd (Houston, St. Paul), RE Johnna Cormier (Port Neches, Trinity), RE Gary Denmon (Atascocita), TE Becky Downs (Houston, John Knox), TE Nora Fitch (Houston, St. Thomas), TE David Green (Conroe, First), and RE James Hooper (Houston, Pinecrest). Our Young Adult Advisory Delegate is Aaron Seay (Sugar Land, First).

Adding to the excitement of the day, Mike Cole, General Presbyter, will share his annual "State of the Presbytery" message. We will have additional learning opportunities about new worshipping communities, and how to save on our energy bills. It looks like it will be a good day!

Hope to see you on March 19!

*Lynn Hargrove*