

**A Covenant Partnership Between  
The Synod of the Sun, PC(USA),  
and Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly**

The Synod of the Sun ("Synod") is a Mid-Council of the Presbyterian Church (USA) with historic ties to Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly ("Mo-Ranch"). As the Synod of the Sun, we believe when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the Body of Christ. The role of the Synod is to connect, equip and empower its member presbyteries and Covenant Partners throughout Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served the Presbyterian community in covenant relationship with the Synod, providing a conference center, church camp, and a meeting place for religious education and worship. The mission of Mo-Ranch is to foster growth in God through Jesus Christ by sharing our unique living, learning, Christian environment. The purpose for which Mo-Ranch is formed includes the establishment and maintenance of a center of religious worship, and the advancement of the cause of Christian education by providing leadership, program, and facilities for conferences, religious worship, lectures, and Bible study.

This covenant is an agreement between the Synod and Mo-Ranch to affirm a present and historic relationship in which there is mutuality of purpose. To fulfill its role in relation to the Synod, Mo-Ranch operates under the sole direction of its Board of Trustees, the members of which are elected by the Board in accordance with the requirements in the Operating Manual of Mo-Ranch. The Board is responsible for Mo-Ranch and, as Trustees, the Board carries forward and cares for the "trust" on behalf of the Synod.

The Board of Mo-Ranch covenants to provide leadership and facilities for church conferences, worship, and events, and to be sensitive to the needs of the Presbyterian congregations and presbyteries of the Synod, as well as to the Synod as an entity of ministry. Mo-Ranch, through its Board and President, will strive to provide programming and leadership that upholds the historic and present focus of the Reformed tradition.

Through this covenant relationship, the Synod provides an important affiliative link between Mo-Ranch and the Presbyterian Church (USA), and recognizes Mo-Ranch as an institution of the Church. The Synod further covenants to encourage the use and financial support of Mo-Ranch by Presbyterian individuals, churches, and institutions, and recognizes Mo-Ranch as a place where ecumenical programs with multiple denominations and/or interfaith endeavors may happen.

Therefore, by this instrument, the Synod and Mo-Ranch enter a Covenant Relationship to join together in God's work. This Covenant Relationship will be renewed every five (5) years, and it may be reviewed at any time at the request of either party.

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Synod Leader and Stated Clerk

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Martha Richardson, Board of Trustees Chair  
Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly

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