

Synod Assembly + IMAGINE

Fall Assembly | November 5th & 6th

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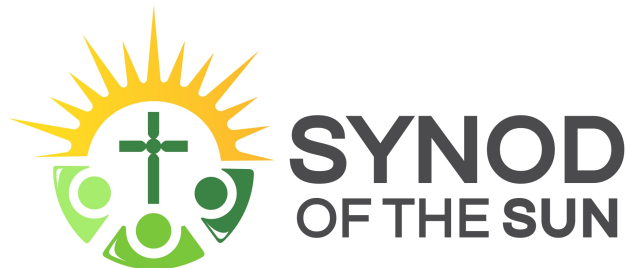
Metairie Ridge Presbyterian Church

St. Charles Ave. Presbyterian Church

New Orleans, LA

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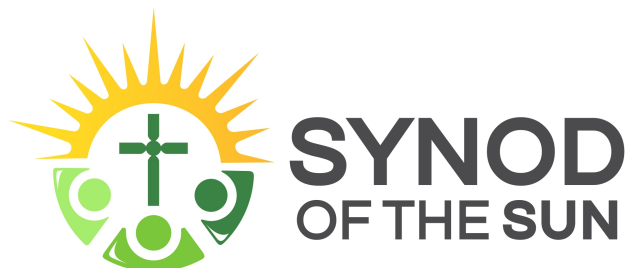


Proposed Agenda - Tuesday, November 5th

Welcome, Introductions, Opening Prayer	Moderator, Ben Davidson
Acknowledgement of Land & People	Isabel S. Rivera-Velez
Roll Call & Declaration of Quorum	Ben Davidson
Seating of Corresponding Members & Visitors	Ben Davidson
Adoption of Agenda	Ben Davidson
Approval of Spring Stated Assembly Minutes	Ben Davidson
Synod Leader/Stated Clerk Report	Synod Leader/Stated Clerk, Rev. Mitch Miller
Synod Moderator Report	Ben Davidson
Coordinating Team Report	CT Moderator, Rev. Seth Saathoff
Personnel Committee Report	David Watson
Committee on Representation	Minwoo Kim
Empowering Committee	Isabel S. Rivera-Velez
Connecting Committee	David Watson
Equipping Committee	Kristy Rodgers
BREAK	
Dinner	
Gathering Around the Table	
Opening Worship & Installation	GA Co-Moderator Tony Larson, preaching

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Proposed Agenda - Wednesday, November 6th

Morning Prayers	Mitch Miller
Call to Order	Ben Davidson
Grants and Scholarship Commission Report	Lisa Almon
SPDR Report	Ben Davidson
Oklahoma Tri-Presbyteries Report	Tim Blodgett
BREAK	
Nominations	Ben Davidson
TPF Update	Rick Young
Approval of 2025 Budget	Bill Wiles
Signing of Covenant Agreements	David Watson
Installation of 2025 Moderator	
2025 Vision and Initiatives	Sharon Curry
Lunch	
Workshops	
Closing the Assembly	
Closing Prayer	Rev. Seth Saathoff



**SYNOD
OF THE SUN**

**Covenant Agreement:
Austin College**

A Joint Covenant Partnership Between The Synod of the Sun and Austin College

The Synod of the Sun is a mid-council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with historic ties to Austin College which dates to 1849. As an agency that serves congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas, Austin College now seeks to renew its covenant partnership with the Synod of the Sun. The Synod of the Sun serves Christ by connecting, equipping, and empowering Presbyterians for Christ's mission within and beyond the Synod's bounds of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas. Providing leadership development, grants and scholarships, and communications services because we believe when we work together across boundaries, we make visible the Good News and find wholeness as the body of Christ. In our common calling, we impact lives together.

Austin College is a private, residential, co-educational college and is dedicated to educating undergraduate students in liberal arts and science while also offering select pre-professional programs and a graduate teacher program. Founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1849, Austin College continues its relationship with the church and its commitment to a heritage that values personal growth, justice, community, and service. An Austin College education emphasizes academic excellence, intellectual and personal integrity, and participation in community life.

Mutual Understanding and Commitments

A. Mutual Understanding and Support

Both the Synod and Austin College will demonstrate mutual understanding and support for each other.

Continuing communication between the college and the Synod should be maintained and encouraged.

B. The Role of Austin College

In the spirit of collaboration, the College will advise the Synod of comprehensive campaigns, inviting its participation.

C. The Role of the Synod

As part of the formal approval of this Covenant, the Synod authorizes clergy representatives of Austin College to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in accordance with the *Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as part of the Religious Life Program of the college (see especially W-2.4012b).

The Synod will encourage the use of students, personnel, and facilities of Austin College to carry out the mission and work of the Synod.

The Synod will interpret and advocate the role and programs of Austin College through the Synod and General Assembly-related foundations and publications and will facilitate connections between Austin College and other Synod covenant partners.

The Synod shall continue to support Austin College, its faculty, students and administration with its prayers.

Formal Approval

This document contains all the terms of the covenant relationship between the Synod of the Sun and Austin College. By formal action, the trustees of Austin College and the Synod of the Sun adopt this covenant and pledge themselves to carry out its provisions.

The original covenant was approved by the Austin College Board of Trustees on November 11-12, 1982; by the General Council of the Synod of Red River and Sun, on November 20, 1982; and officially confirmed at the Meeting of the Synod of the Sun on June 28, 1983. The sixth revision was prepared by the Covenant Review Team, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on February 23, 2018. This agreement shall be reviewed by Synod and Austin College in September 2028 and shall be renewed in 2029.

The Synod of the Sun and Austin College embrace this joint covenant partnership and agree to mutually support one another's ministries. By signing this covenant partnership, the Synod of the Sun agrees to pray for, advocate on behalf of, and support Austin College as it seeks to respond to the biblical admonition in Isaiah 51:1 "Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. "The Synod affirms the mission of Austin College and encourages each of its member congregations to pray, advocate, and support Austin College's ministry.

The Synod will provide opportunities for Austin College to share its ministry at Synod gatherings and through its print and electronic communications. By signing this covenant partnership, Austin College agrees to maintain a visible presence in the life of the Synod of the Sun, including their member presbyteries.

This agreement in 2024 is not a legal partnership and the Synod agrees that Austin College may establish and maintain mission partnerships with other agencies and denominations. The Synod and Austin College agree to renew this covenant partnership in 2028.

Synod of the Sun, PC(U.S.A.)

Date: _____ November 7, 2024 _____

By: _____

Rev. Mitch Miller, Synod Leader/Stated
Clerk

Austin College

Date: _____ May 17, 2024 _____

By: _____

Steven O'Day, President, Austin College