

**East Region of the Tampa Bay Presbytery  
McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church, Bartow, FL  
Stated Meeting, August 25, 2016  
7-9:00 PM**

A warm welcome was offered by Regional Convener Rev. Mike Loudon and the meeting opened at 7:03PM as a quorum was established. An inspiring time of worship was led by Rev. Dick Huggins.

Stated Clerk Dave Baker reported the move of the Presbytery office and new address as of September 1.

Rev. John Reiter's report included the major capital campaign at Cedar Kirk to fund the expansion and updating of the facilities, the Traveling Day Camp, and 2 upcoming events in the fall.

Rev. Dick Huggins offered a brief overview of the 10 years he has served McLeod PC as stated supply pastor. Worship attendance had doubled under his leadership in a town that is "over churchd and under attended". This church has vision and a future and is "not afraid to try".

Hank Belusa, RE from St. Andrew's PC in New Tampa, announced an opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Haiti with the Foundation for Peace in January. Individual churches can also arrange mission trips through the Foundation.

FPC Auburndale will have a book sale each Sunday in October.

"The best pumpkin patch in Polk County" will be located again this year on the grounds of Presbyterian Church in the Highlands.

Gene Huckabay gave a summer update on the Commission on Preparation for Ministry. Inquirers and candidates under care continue to move forward through the process.

Ann Wortman, chair of the Commission on Ministry, introduced new Presbytery member Rev. Dru Tyler (HR), and Commissioned Ruling Elder Andy Staley, who is now serving FPC Lake Alfred as pastor. FPC Dade City is preparing to begin the process of seeking a pastor to serve a designated term of 3 years.

Zac McGowen, chair of the Commission on Church Vitality, gave December 15<sup>th</sup> as the deadline to submit applications for grant money this year as the fund balance is \$7-8,000.

Stated Clerk Dave Baker and Rev. Paul Suich gave a summary explaining the changes to the Standing Rules for the Presbytery that included questions from the floor.

The motion to adjourn was seconded and carried unanimously per voice vote. The meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:00PM.

Presbytery Coach and Coordinator Patrice Hatley and Rev. Kathleen Dain of Beth-El were unable to attend.

Rev. Barbara Booth-Jarmon was excused from the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Peg Roy  
Recording Clerk for the East Region