

TAMPA BAY E-NEWS

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Trust in the Lord with all your heart ...
Proverbs 3:5a

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION DUE SOON

The Commission on Ministry (COM) is sponsoring three COM Officer Training Events within the bounds of Tampa Bay Presbytery.

On Friday, October 25 the COM Officer Training Event will be hosted at Trinity PC, Clearwater, from 8:30AM through 12:15PM.

A second offering will be hosted by Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church on Friday, October 25 from 11:30AM through 4:00PM.

On Saturday, October 26 the First Presbyterian Church of Bartow hosts the final event from 8:30AM through 12:15PM.

Each COM Officer Training Event includes prayers, plenary, workshops and lunch. A

registration form can be found at www.presbyteryoftampabay.org.

The featured speaker for the COM Officer Training Events is the Reverend Dr. Steve Eason, pastor of Myers Park Presbyterian Church in North Carolina, and author of *Making Disciples, Making Leaders: A Manual for Developing Church Officers*.

His book offers a model for selecting and training church officers that is grounded in spiritual discernment and development. The training plan is designed to build up the church leaders spiritually and to set their work in the context of discipleship, as well as to teach them some



of the fundamentals of the rules of governance of the denomination.

Everyone is welcome to attend one or all three of the events. Costs and other details can be found on the [registration form](#).

It is hoped that many Presbyterians will take advantage of this October opportunity to learn, to fellowship, and to be strengthened in leadership abilities for service in the church.

TWO WEEKS TO RSVP

On Monday, October 7 the Presbytery will gather again for prayer at First Presbyterian Church in Crystal River.

First Presbyterian Church in Crystal River is one of two Presbyterian congregations in Citrus County. They are good neighbors and reach out in mission in many

meaningful ways in their community, including a generous food pantry ministry along with a solid commitment to Habitat for Humanity in the county.

"On the Seventh Day Prayer" gathers at First PC, Crystal River at 12noon for lunch and then praying together for the Presbytery, our nation, and the world.

The courtesy of your RSVP is much appreciated by Thursday, October 3 to Ann Marie in the Presbytery office. 813-868-4800 or an email to her at office@pbty.com.

Let's show our gratitude for the invitation to Crystal River and be present on Monday, October 7.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers:

- Nancy Kahaian, Transitional Presbyterian, will be out of town from September 18 through September 24 for a few days of vacation and a few days of Synod of South Atlantic Executive Forum meeting
- Website Developer as he constructs a new TBP website to premier in a matter of weeks
- Hope, Winter Haven and First, Brandon as they search for interim pastors
- Dennis Reid, who recently announced his resignation from Trinity PC and also for the Trinity PC, Clearwater congregation
- For our congregations, who earnestly seek to serve and love their neighbors
- For those who stand in need of prayer around the world

PCUSA INFO TO KNOW..... NOW!

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How often have you wondered, where are the young adults in the PC(USA)? Wonder no longer. The *2014 Presbyterian Mission Yearbook for Prayer and Study* is devoted to the theme of young adults in the church.

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[INFO FROM THE BOARD OF PENSIONS FOR OUR CONGREGATIONS](#)

The above information is for **all employers**, including churches that have one or more employees that receive a W-2. It's Federal law. It does not matter if they give medical benefits or not. In other words, the Patient Protection and Affordable Car Act (ACA, or federal healthcare reform) comes with "to dos" for health plans and individuals—and requirements for employees.

As an employer, you must notify your employees of the availability of state health insurance marketplaces (also called exchanges) by October 1, 2013. You must send the notice even if you are enrolled in the Board of Pensions, or have fewer than 50 employees or have only one employee or any or all of your employees are part time.

[FLAP DAN PROGRAM AT CEDARKIRK](#)

"Workshop on Responding to Human-Caused Disasters in Congregation and Community" sponsored by PDA to be held at Cedarkirk on Monday, October 1 from 10AM-3PM. Reservations are required, so please RSVP to fla.pdan@pcusa.org by Friday, September 27.



[WORSHIP BAND FROM ST ANDREWS DUNEDIN LEADS WORSHIP AT PCUSA EVANGELISM CONFERENCE ON ST PETE BEACH](#)

Dozens of TBP Presbyters gathered this week at St Pete Beach for the Evangelism Conference. May the gospel be demonstrated through us!

TBP RESOURCE CENTER UPDATE

We are here to serve your resource needs as we move through transformation. In the past, churches paid a fee to receive resources shipped to them. You have noticed we did not charge a fee this year, since mission dollars you give are already dedicated to Resource Center support.

And beginning October 1 we are changing how requested resources will be distributed. We will be happy to ship to you via UPS or USPS and will include an invoice for the shipping fee. We love to welcome you to the Re-

source Center, so if you are able to come and pick up your requests, there will be no fee. Leslee will also see if there is anyone from your church or region who may be coming to the Office who might be willing to carry resources for you. That might mean picking up at another church, but that

would save the shipping fee. Anytime a staff member is out in the presbytery, we are also willing to deliver resources, which

might mean to your church or a nearby one, but saving the shipping costs. Return shipments have always been the responsibility of the borrowers, so no change is needed there.

Come visit us in person or on-line. Web-OPac will soon be back up with our new website. Leslee Kirkconnell is also willing to suggest resources and assemble a package for you. Call (813-868-4800) or email her, leslee@pbty.com.

The Resource Center Subcommittee of the Transformation Team/Regional Reps continues to dialogue with the Education Committee regarding "next steps" for the Resource Center.

The Presbytery Office is open from 8:30AM-4:30PM Monday through Friday. When the office is closed for holidays and other reasons, it will be noted in the weekly e-news.

RULING ELDERS RESPOND TO ONLINE LEARNING

One of the initiatives of the new presbytery design is to encourage learning and strength among the leaders of the presbytery.

Currently, there is an established learning community among minister members of the presbytery. And, in light of this new initiative, other clergy are beginning to invite and gather others for the purpose of

learning, acknowledging that we are students and teachers of each other. One of the hallmarks of quality leadership is that it values learning, growing, becoming stronger and more resilient.

Ruling Elders—how about you? If you are a Ruling Elder who would like to be part of a new initiative to create an ONLINE LEARNING COMMUNITY, please contact

Transitional Presbyter Nancy Kahaian at nancy@pbty.com. This online learning community will be composed of a Ruling Elders Cohort Group, so if the Holy Spirit is moving you to learn and grow with colleagues, email today!

Many email responses have been received and Ruling Elders are asked to email Nancy by September 30. Thanks!