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For the week of  
November 15, 2013

### Special items to read, pray for and share:

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is receiving donations for our neighbors in the Philippines affected by Typhoon Haiyan. Your donations may be sent directly to PDA, or sent to the Presbytery office to be passed through to PDA. Please be certain to memo all donations "Typhoon Haiyan."
- Fourth Annual Yard and Craft Sale at Village Presbyterian Church in Tampa on Saturday, November 23, 2013
- The Presbytery Office is CLOSED ON Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. Give thanks with a grateful heart!
- FPC, Bartow, is seeking a part-time Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Inquiries should be made to: info@fpcbartowfl.org.
- TBP hosts Board of Pensions seminars in January 2014!

## SUMMARY OF THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

We used an Open Space group process in which "space" was provided for people to gather around ministry topics for discussion, collaboration, networking, and information sharing.

Council had approved, at its November meeting, the designation of the offering contributed during this service for the support of homeless school children in each of the communities represented in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The collection was \$1,451.

### Actions taken:

- Approval of a process for electing, at the February 2014 Stated Meeting, Commissioners to the June 2014 General Assembly
- Approval of funding of continuing personnel and mission obligations at their current 2013 levels for the first quarter of 2014.
- Approval of a proposal from the Sales Evaluation Task Force that all net proceeds from the sale of church property in Tampa Bay Presbytery shall be (a) used for forming and strengthening worshipping communities, (b) apportioned to liquid Presbytery operating and debt reserves as determined by the Board of Trustees, and (c) invested according to an investment policy until used.

- Approval of proposals from the Transformation Team

That the **Resource Center** be closed as of December 31<sup>st</sup> and that its contents be sold for a suggested minimum of \$1.00 per piece (i.e., a piece being an individual DVD, not a whole set) according to the following tentative schedule:

- January 2014 – churches of 200 or fewer members
- February 2014 – churches of 201 to 400 members
- March 2014 – churches of 401 + members
- April 2014 – other presbyteries, users
- May 2014 – all remaining resources are distributed/discarded appropriately – and

That all proceeds would go to the Commission on Church Vitality, designating them for educational endeavors that would focus on maturing disciples in the Reformed Tradition.

That the Presbytery of Tampa Bay: (1) allow a draft of the **Standing Rules** document to be posted on January 3, 2014, on the Presbytery website as the first reading of that document, (2) send a link to that document in an email to the Presbytery's electronic newsletter distribution list, and (3) make available three opportu-

nities for discussion about the document in January.

That the Presbytery of Tampa Bay **dissolve the Transformation Team** effective immediately and direct any unfinished business, such as the handling of the Standing Rules document, to the oversight of the Presbytery Council.

- Granted, in separate motions from the Committee on Ministry,

**Honorably Retired** status to Rev. Carl vom Eigen, Tarpon Springs, effective February 1, 2014; Rev. Tom Greene, member at large, effective December 31, 2013; and Rev. Patricia "Susie" Cashion, Crystal Beach Community Church, effective December 1, 2013.

- Under **New Business**: That the term of the current members of the Class of 2013 of the of the Board of Trustees be extended through the first quarter of 2014, in order to provide appropriate continuity for transition into the new structure and operational plan of the Presbytery.

And we expressed appreciation for Leslee Kirkconnell and offered prayers for her as she prepares to move to North Carolina in December.