



## TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERY E-NEWS

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### GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS FROM TAMPA BAY

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay is receiving applications from those who wish to serve as an Elder Commissioner, Minister Commissioner, or Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 221st General Assembly.

The 221st General Assembly will be held June 14-21, 2014, in Detroit, Michigan.

Please find application forms and process on the presbytery website:

[www.presbyteryoftampabay.com](http://www.presbyteryoftampabay.com).

All applications from potential commissioners are due in the Presbytery office by Tuesday, January 7,



2014. As part of the discernment process, the

Nominating Committee will review all applications and place names into nomination for election at the February 8, 2014, Stated Meeting of the Presbytery to be hosted at Grace PC, Spring Hill.

All expenses for GA Commissioners are underwritten by per capita.

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay elects three Elder Commissioners and three Minister Commissioners to the General Assembly of the PC (USA). It also elects one YAAD to the General Assembly. Please pray for the process.

### TRANSITION NEWS FOR THE RESOURCE CENTER

**Thank you** to those who have returned resources that you have checked out. I will be contacting everyone else who still has resources so that we can have all outstanding items in the inventory for the January sales.

We are doing everything possible to have a process that is fair and responsible to the churches of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay who have given over the past decades to allow the presbytery to have some amazing books, DVDs, CD and, yes, VHS tapes for all

of us to use.

To that end, only those who are staff and members of churches with 200 or fewer members will be invited to purchase resources in January. We will be open Thursdays, on **January 9, 16, and 23** and **Saturday, January 25**. Hours will be **9:00-1:00**. (Churches with 201-400 members will be invited to come by in February; churches with 401+ members will come in March; other entities [other denominations and presbyteries] will have access to the remaining resources in April.)

Items purchased will be re-

corded as belonging to the individuals who purchase them as well as their church so that others will know where they can find and borrow these resources in the future as we encourage member churches to do what they learned in kindergarten – share.

**Remember – December 17<sup>th</sup> is the requested return date (no later than) for all resources.**

In Grace,

*Sue Moore*

Interim Resource Center Coordinator

Prayerful petitions and special points of interest

for Tampa Bay

Presbyterians:

- *Remember our friend and colleague Tim Black (First-Brandon) and his wife Kelly as they travel to China to welcome their newly adopted daughter.*
- *Reverend Roland Castro, Honorably Retired, recently underwent foot surgery and would appreciate your prayers for healing.*
- *Reverend Vicki ByRoade at First, Dunedin, is also recovering from surgery and grateful for the prayers and supportive community of others.*
- *The Tampa Bay e-News will be published and circulated the December Thursdays of 12 and 19. The e-News reappears on Thursday, January 2, 2014.*
- *Please note carefully: The Presbytery Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 through Thursday, December 26. The Presbytery Office will also close at 12:30PM on Tuesday, December 31 and re-open on Thursday, January 2 at 8:30AM. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!*
- *Nancy Kahaian, Transitional Presbyter, will be out of the office beginning Monday, December 23 and return to the office on Thursday, January 2, 2014.*
- *The Presbytery of Tampa Bay closes its 2013 Fiscal Year on Friday, January 10, 2014. All receipts to be credited to 2013 giving, must be received in the Presbytery office by 1/10/2014*



## TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERY HOSTS BOARD OF PENSIONS SEMINARS IN JANUARY 2014

### *“Getting in Shape Fiscally: A Financial Planning Seminar”*

January 27, 2014 at the Presbytery Office in Tampa, Florida from 8:30AM-5:00PM

How fiscally fit are you? This free one-day seminar is for plan members, seminarians, and their guests. Attend and learn about: money danger signals; how to build budget; clergy tax and terms of call basics; saving and investing; estate planning basics.

### *“Growing Into Tomorrow....Today: A Retirement Planning Seminar”*

January 28-29, 2014 at Florida Presbyterian Homes in Lakeland, Florida from

8:30AM-5:00PM each day

Planning for retirement can be challenging. Attend and learn: key questions for discernment; assess your finances; discuss healthcare and housing options; creates next steps in life balance.

### *“Post Retirement Seminar”*

January 30, 2014 at the Presbytery Office in Tampa, Florida from 9:00AM-4:00PM

Retirement planning doesn't end when you retire. Attend and learn about: one's vocation in retirement; Pension Plan and Medicare update; post-employment financial management.

Addition information on all three seminars can be found at the Presbytery website: [www.presbyteryoftampabay.com](http://www.presbyteryoftampabay.com). There is a seating limit for each seminar, and all registrations are due by Friday, January 3, 2014. Questions? Call Ann Marie at 813-868-4800



## REGARDING SEVENTH DAY PRAYER AND STANDING RULES

A complete draft first reading, of the Standing Rules will be posted on the Presbytery website on Friday, January 3, 2014, after 4:00PM. Following this first reading, feedback and insight opportunities will be hosted throughout the presbytery and an RSVP is necessary:

**“Standing Rules Seminars”** will be hosted in January and February 2014. RSVPs are requested for each participant at

**“The season of Advent is a time of preparation, and we are reminded during these weeks how much we need a Savior.”**

each seminar. RSVP to the Presbytery office at 813-868-4800. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, January 7 from 10:30AM-12NOON at Trinity, Clearwater (includes lunch)

Wednesday, January 15 from 12NOON-1:30PM at the Presbytery Office (includes lunch)

Thursday, January 23 from 11:00AM-

12:30PM at First, Lakeland (includes lunch)

Saturday, February 1 from 10:00AM-11:30AM at the Presbytery Office (includes coffee and delicious treats)

### **Seventh Day Prayers Schedule 2014**

- January at Trinity PC, Clearwater
- February at Bayshore PC, Tampa
- March at the Presbytery Office
- April at McLeod Memorial PC, Bartow

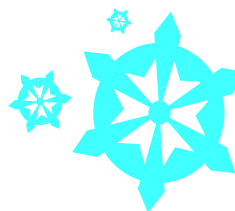
## NEWS AND NOTES FROM AROUND THE PRESBYTERY

**The New Directions Orchestra** will delight with a holiday concert in Mauldin Hall at First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, on Saturday, December 14 at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

**Here We Go A-Caroling** is a special giving opportunity to “deliver sunshine” offered by Forest Hills PC, Tampa on Sunday, December 15 at 4PM. After caroling, everyone returns to Larrick Hall to cele-

brate with homemade chili and perhaps some ice cream and a cookie or two!

**Certain Congregations in the Presbytery received a direct mailing from Missio Dei,** a unique new church development of the



**Presbytery Office closes at 12noon on Thursday, December 19 for the Staff Christmas Party**

Presbytery. As you may know, when you give mission dollars to the Presbytery, you provide financial support to all of our new church developments, including Missio Dei in St. Petersburg. Currently, Missio Dei receives thousands of dollars of grant support from Tampa Bay Presbytery and the General Assembly of the PCUSA. This particular mailing occurred without advance Presbytery knowledge or involvement, and hopefully this provides some clarity from the TBP perspective.