

TAMPA BAY E-NEWS

Possibilities for reflection and prayer and other opportunities for thinking and doing good:

- As we embark on the grand opportunity of a new year, please consider how you will choose to become more like Christ in 2014. In relation to our growing intimacy with God, let us cultivate gratitude in all circumstances. This is one of the most important expressions of life in Christ (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18) Even in our most distressing and difficult experiences—indeed, precisely within them—we can learn to thank God for all that is given to us. Practicing gratitude honors God and serves our spiritual growth.
- Please continue to pray for the transition process in the life of the Presbytery and for leaders to continue to develop mature, Christ-centered relationships.
- Prayers are appreciated for Reverend David Shelor and his recent nuptials. Congratulations!
- The Presbytery office will be closed on Monday, January 20 in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr Holiday.
- There will be an important Presbytery Council meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 9:30AM at the Presbytery office.
- “I won’t desert you or leave you. Be brave and strong.” (Joshua 1:5-6)

2014 DATES TO REMEMBER FOR TAMPA BAY PRESBYTERIANS

Friday, January 3

Last day to register for Board of Pensions (BOP) Seminars in Tampa Bay Presbytery. For more info please contact Ann Marie at 813-868-4800 ASAP.

Friday, January 3 after 4:00PM

The first reading of the Presbytery Bylaws-Standing Rules is posted on the [website](#).

Saturday, January 4

The RSVP due date for the Seventh Day Prayer gathering at Trinity PC, Clearwater on Tuesday, January 7 at 12NOON. This is also the due date to RSVP for the Bylaws-Standing Rules Conversation from 10:30AM-12NOON on Tuesday, January 7 at Trinity PC, Clearwater.

Monday, January 6

The twelfth day of Christmas and also the deadline for the special rate at Hampton Inn, Lakeland for the BOP seminar.



Tuesday, January 7

Applications to serve as a GA Commissioner and/or YAAD due in the Presbytery office. Also, we pray together at 12NOON at Trinity PC, Clearwater.

Thursday, January 9

First day of Resource Center sales open to small churches only. For more information, please contact Sue Moore in the Presbytery office, 813-

868-4800 or sue@pbty.com

Friday, January 10

The fiscal year 2013 closes for the Presbytery. All per capita and other giving from churches to be credited to 2013 receipts must be received in the Presbytery office by this date. We are grateful for continued per capita giving for 2013 since we have a serious deficit at this time. Thank you.

NEW YEAR'S CHORES FOR THE COS

Each clerk of session in the presbytery is responsible for preparing four annual statistical and information documents:

- [Session Annual Statistical Report](#) (2013): Online submission
- [Clerk's Annual Questionnaire](#) for Year Ending December 31, 2013:

Online or attachment

- [Information Form for Presbytery - 2014](#) (church staff): Paper or attachment
- [Members of Session Serving in 2014](#): Paper or attachment

The Presbytery is offering two workshops to provide assistance in the preparation and submission of these reports. The first of these will

be at the Presbytery office on Saturday, January 11th, from 9:30 - 11 AM. The second will be an online version of the same workshop, on Monday evening, January 27th, from 7:30 - 9 PM. If you wish to participate in either of these workshops, please call (813-868-4800, ext. 11) or write by Friday, January 3, 2014.