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Tampa Bay Presbytery e-News

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REGIONAL COMMISSIONS UP AND AT 'EM



The East Regional Commission enjoyed fabulous prayers and presence (70% of its congregations represented) at its meeting this past Saturday. "Orange" was the theme for our friends in the East, with most finding such trees in their backyard. We are to be the people who bear the fruit of the Spirit, yes?

The personality of each Regional Commission is unique, and folks are coming together to do ministry together. And, the West Regional Commission is starting a Facebook page in the near future. Please speak with Patrice Hatley (East), John Fullerton (West), and Celie Wilhite (Hillsborough) about ideas for current networking and future collaborations in the life of each Regional Commission.

Special points for prayer and participation:

- **The International Mission Partnership Committee** plans to send a container to the Presbytery of Honduras in 2014. Donations must be delivered to: Plantain Products Co., 5821 E. Causeway Blvd., Tampa, FL (between Hwy 41 and Hwy 301 in east Tampa). Deliveries can be made Monday to Friday between 8:30AM and 3:30PM by May 28, 2014. For more information, please email Margaret Shaw at mpshaw46@aol.com.
- **FLAPDAN Spring Meeting** will be hosted on Monday, April 28 2014, from 9:30AM-3:00PM in Gainesville. Please RSVP by calling Kathy Broyard, FLAPDAN Executive Director at 941-483-0675.

SEVENTH DAY PRAYER

In April, the Presbytery will gather again for "On the Seventh Day Prayer" on Monday, April 7, at 12noon at McLeod Memorial Presbyterian Church. The church is located at 695 W. Stuart Street in Bartow, Florida.

The entire Presbytery is invited to come together and pray. The courtesy of your RSVP is appreciated

for preparations, including the luncheon meal. Please contact Ann Marie in the Presbytery office at 813-868-4800 to make your RSVP by Friday, April 4.

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

*O Divine Master, Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;*

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

- **Holy Week Services are being hosted in a variety of formats throughout the Presbytery.** Please remember to check out the website of your neighboring Presbyterian congregations and pay attention to reviewing their worship schedule and calendar of events.
- "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love...." Psalm 103:8

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RISE, O CHURCH

Montreat Worship Conferences are scheduled for June 15-21 and June 22-28. For more information, please check out www.montreat.org.

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RESOURCE CENTER AND LOOKING AHEAD

The Final Day of Sales in the Resource Center is this Saturday, April 5 from 9:00AM-1:00PM. The sale is open to anyone who would like to purchase books, DVDs, VHS tapes, manual, kits, and more. Pass the word along to friends, libraries, retirement centers, and others who might be interested in these resources. They are still \$1.00 per item. Checks and cash only, please.

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The Presbytery is selling shelving in the Resource Center and other assorted odds and ends. Proceeds are used for future educational mission programming in the Presbytery. Contact Ann Marie at 813-868-4800 for more info.

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During Holy Week, the Presbytery Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 18. Please note carefully.

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The first week of May 2014 is a busy one for Presbyterians in Tampa Bay. On Wednesday, May 7, we have the opportunity to gather for "On The Seventh Day Prayer" at Westminster Communities-Shores in St. Petersburg. On Thursday, May 8, we will gather for the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay at First PC, Brandon. On Friday, May 9, the Tampa Bay Rays are hosting a "Presbyterian Day" for the Rays versus the Cleveland Indians at

Tropicana Field. (The Rays are contacting each congregation individually.) There are plenty of opportunities to build relationships among good Presbyterian folk in early May 2014!

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First PC, Winter Haven is planning a trip to Honduras in June 2014, and the International Mission Partnership is planning a trip to Honduras in July 2014. If you'd like more information about joining in this ministry, please contact Betty Wajdowicz at ewajd@tampabay.rr.com.

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More information on the container for the Honduras, please check out next week's edition of the e-News!

NECROLOGY FORMS ARE DUE TO THE PRESBYTERY OFFICE BY THURSDAY, APRIL 10!

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay Necrology for 2013 will be included during the worship service at the Stated Meeting on May 8 at First PC, Brandon