

# TAMPA BAY E-NEWS

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PRESBYTERY OF TAMPA BAY + 4704 KELLY RD + TAMPA FL 33615

## UPDATE AND NOTES FROM THE MAY MEETING

The May meeting of Tampa Bay Presbytery at First, Brandon, included the following decisions and discernments:

- Faith, Seminole, was dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church along with their two pastors, pending completion of necessary documents and the approved settlement
- Commissioned seven people to serve us at General Assembly and invited continued prayer for them: Nicole Abdnour, Adam Balic, Ella Banton, Joy Laughridge, Bill Trautwein, Carl vom Eigen, and Ivy Hussung (YAAD)
- Asked the AC for 4704 Kelly Road to meet with the congregation at Chapel in the Pines, and approved a special Presbytery meeting for Thursday, June 26, at First, Lakeland, to make a decision as a Presbytery
- Granted honorably retired status to the Reverend Cecelia Wilhite
- Approved candidate David Bonema for ordination to the ministry of word and sacrament and teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Agreed to a Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on August 28 and another on November 20
- Heard that the candidate for Presbytery Coach and Coordinator had withdrawn his name from consideration for the position



**Pentecost Sunday** is a Christian holy day commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus Christ. This year we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, June 8. Please read Acts 2:1-21.

## LEADERSHIP AND TRANSITIONS IN OUR LIFE TOGETHER

When the Presbytery learned that the candidate for Presbytery Coach and Consultant had withdrawn his name for consideration, at the same Stated Meeting, the Presbytery made a decision to appeal to the Reverend Dr. Nancy Kahaian for continued

service with the Presbytery. The Coordinating Team has met with Nancy Kahaian, and she has agreed to serve through Saturday, June 7, 2014, assisting in some significant matters in the Presbytery, including helping to create and implement a transitional plan with

the Coordinating Team for the next few months. The Coordinating Team will be meeting next week, and will communicate through next week's issue of the e-News regarding next steps in Tampa Bay Presbytery. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

### Special points of interest:

- Presbytery of Tampa Bay Dinner at General Assembly on Tuesday evening, June 17! Last chance to provide your firm RSVP due TOMORROW, Friday, May 16, to Ann Marie in the Presbytery office. Please email her at office@pbty.com. Details to be emailed to all confirmed participants.
- The Presbytery Office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of Memorial Day. Please take note.
- The e-News will be published through the second week of June. Then, please stay tuned for daily updates from Detroit from your TBP Commissioners and YAAD to General Assembly from June 14 through June 20.