

# TAMPA BAY E-NEWS

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

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEGINS SATURDAY

Beginning June 14th, your evening email inbox will receive a delivery of an update from the 221st General Assembly in Detroit from one of your representatives from Tampa Bay Presbytery.

Please remember to continue to pray for our General Assembly Commissioners from Tampa Bay Presbytery:

### Ruling Elders

Adam Balic -Tims Memorial, Lutz  
Ella Banton—Westminster, Lakeland  
Bill Trautwein- Trinity, Clearwater

### Teaching Elders

Nicole Abdnour -Palma Ceia, Tampa  
Joy Laughridge—St. Andrews, Dunedin  
Carl vom Eigen -Honorably Retired

Young Adult Advisory Delegate  
Ivy Hussung - First, St Pete

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) meets biennially in even-numbered years. It consists of commissioners elected by each of its 173 presbyteries. The GA is full of activities: business sessions, committee meetings, an exhibit hall, daily worship services, and mission tours sponsored by the Committee on Local Arrangements.

The assembly acts on hundreds of items of business, which it receives through the reports and recommendations of various assembly entities and through overtures from synods and presbyteries.

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



*The Presbytery Coach and Coordinator Nominating Committee, recently renewed with additional elected members, will begin again to search for a new Presbytery Coach and Coordinator for Tampa Bay Presbytery. The Chair of the Committee is Reverend Mike Loudon from First, Lakeland. He will be providing updates to the Presbytery regarding the process for new staff. Please pray for all!*

## PARABLE OF THE TALENTS

You may remember that last year a considerable amount of money was provided to congregations in Tampa Bay Presbytery in the form of Evangelism Grants. Soon and very soon, the Commission on Church Vitality will contact those same congrega-

tions to hear what has happened with the money granted to your congregation and how that has positively impacted your spiritual and transformational growth as a congregation. It is our contemporary form of accountability as we learned in the Parable of the Tal-

ents (Matthew 25), understanding that there is an outcome of faithful service. How have you used what has been entrusted to you to share the gospel with others who have not met Jesus Christ? Please watch for an email and postcard regarding reporting on your talents.

### Special points of interest:

- Stay tuned for daily updates from Detroit from your TBP Commissioners and YAAD to General Assembly from June 14 through June 20. *The e-News will be distributed again on Thursday, June 26.*
- There is another Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay scheduled for Thursday, June 26, beginning at 9:30AM First PC, Lakeland. Please note that papers will be posted for this special meeting on Thursday, June 19, 2014, after 4:00PM. Thank you.
- The Presbytery Office is open from 8:30AM-2:00PM, Monday through Friday.

