



e-News from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

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A Potpourri: Clark Simmons, *Cedarkirk*. Lakeview Presbyterian,
Florida PDA Network (FLAPDAN),
and *The Art and Science of Preaching...*

For Teaching Elders and church treasurers: Clark Simmons in person on the pension dues increase. Three venues in one day: Thursday, 9 October 2014. 9-11 a.m. at Auburndale, First (East); 2-4 p.m. at the Presbytery office (Hillsborough); and 7-9 p.m. in the West Region at Clearwater, Peace Memorial. You may, of course, attend any of the three presentations ... or all three if repetition helps! *Please advise Ann Marie at the Presbytery office (813-868-4800) if you plan to attend any or all or two of these events.*

THE LATEST IN FLORIDA DISASTER RESPONSE:

Flash Flooding in the Panhandle

PREPAREDNESS: Formed in 2004 right after Hurricanes Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jean, the **Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN)** has worked diligently to create and implement disaster communication and response protocols for presbyteries, build and support networks statewide and in local communities, and provide opportunities for disaster training in presbyteries and churches.

RESPONSE: FLAPDAN has worked closely with the **Presbytery of Florida** staff and impacted churches and communities.

RECOVERY: FLAPDAN continues to work with the state and local VOADs (Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), long-term recovery organizations, ecumenical and community partners, and the county and state emergency managers in the Panhandle recovery efforts.

MITIGATION: It has been ten years since the four hurricanes crossed the state that summer of 2004. Not *if*, but *when* the next storm hits, be assured that FLAPDAN plans are in place.

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Cedarkirk invites all adults ages 55 and up to our annual Senior Adult Retreat on Tuesday, October 14th from 10 AM to 3 PM. Highlights of the event include an inspirational speaker, a home-cooked lunch and a music program. There will also be plenty of time for fellowship with friends and relaxing on the porch. The cost for the day is \$15 per person. For more details or to register, please contact the Cedarkirk office at info@cedarkirk.org or [813\) 685-4224 ext. 1](tel:8136854224).

The Confirmation Project seeks to learn the extent to which *confirmation and equivalent practices (CEP)* in five Protestant denominations in the United States are effective for strengthening discipleship in youth. Strengthening discipleship includes nurturing faith in Jesus Christ and facilitating youth encounters with Christian traditions (Scripture, creeds, confessions, and practices) to support lifelong Christian vocation.

The five denominations in this project include: the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the United Methodist Church. This project is funded by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and seeks to provide ministry leaders within the Christian church examples of strategies and practices that are effective in helping young Christians grow as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Churches in the PC(USA) will receive an e-mail link to our confirmation survey on October 1, 2014. By taking the time to fill out the survey, you can help us better understand the depth, breadth, and effectiveness of confirmation and equivalent practices in the PC(USA). We look forward to learning from you and your ministry! To learn more, visit our website at www.theconfirmationproject.com

The Art and Science of Preaching

Preaching is both a discipline and Holy Spirit-driven, creative experience. This conference will explore preaching deeply rooted in Scripture and that comes out of the overflow of the preacher's intimacy with God. Also included will be engaging methods for missional preaching which helps the preacher find their voice in an ever-increasing multi-ethnic and multicultural reality. [Get the brochure.](#)

[Preaching Pastors' Retreat at Zephr Cove, NM, sponsored by Sacramento Presbytery]

Another World Is Possible: 20 Years - Responding to Changing Needs with Nicaragua's poor: [\[27 September 2014 with Lakeview Presbyterian\]](#)

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