



The Presbytery of Tampa Bay

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Roland Oliver Castro (8 February 1948 – 2 October 2014)

Today, shortly after midnight, the Reverend Dr. Roland Castro departed this life.

Roland had served the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Alfred from 24 September 1993 to 1 March 2013, when the Presbytery of Tampa Bay granted him Honorably Retired status.

Roland was born in Mexico City and his pre-school days were in Caracas, Venezuela. His primary and secondary education was in the Tampa Bay area, and he earned a BA from the University of South Florida in 1971. He earned an MDiv degree (1984) and a DMin degree (1994) from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Roland was ordained on 26 August 1984. He was granted Honorably Retired status on 1 March 2013, by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

The ministry of Reverend Castro in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay was as pastor of the Lake Alfred Presbyterian Church. After describing its lengthy process, the Pastor Nominating Committee wrote the congregation, “We felt ready to make our selection. Once again God was present; the choice we made was His. After eleven months of ‘wilderness wandering,’ the ‘promised land’ of enthusiastic consensus filled us with tears and great peace.”

Roland’s family, including Mardy and their two children, Molly and Adam, invite you to the Memorial Service, which will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 4 October 2014, at Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven (2110 Cypress Gardens Boulevard). The family prefers that anyone wishing to make a gift consider a contribution to New Church Development of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay or to Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

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Louis Charles Willard, Stated Clerk