



***e-News* from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

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New and New Year Events in the Presbytery

Last Saturday

Rev. Virgiliana and Brandon Pickering welcomed with joy, their baby daughter Henrietta Sojourner Pickering! She will be called 'Hattie.' Merry Christmas, Hattie, Virgie, and Brandon.

Looking ahead to the New Year

Sunday, 4 January 2015

Our newest member congregation, Springwater Church of Brandon, will be celebrating its tenth anniversary as a fellowship and its *first services for the ordination and installation of elders and deacons*: 5 p.m. [***Please note corrected time.***]

First, Brandon (121 Carver Avenue, Brandon 33510)

Thursday, 8 January 2015, 5 p.m.

*The Vice Moderator of our PCUSA General Assembly
is coming to Tampa Bay Presbytery.*

Special Worship Service, Q and A., and refreshments at Hope, Winter Haven
(2110 Cypress Gardens Blvd., Winter Haven 33884)

Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia is the youngest pastor to serve in this important capacity. She was elected by an overwhelming majority at last summer's General Assembly meeting in Detroit. Rev. Abazia is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hill, Queens NY, a congregation that has over 25 different nationalities. She graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with the Watermulder Award for Church Leadership.

Saturdays, 24 and 31 January 2015

Cokesbury's VBS Showcase previews for Tampa Bay. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

24th: Skycrest UMC (92045 Drew Street, Clearwater 33765)

31st: South Shore UMC (11525 Big Bend Road, Riverview 33579)

RSVP Lionel Trujillo (727 216 6208 or [email](#)).

Job Opportunity: Cherokee Retreat Center Director of Marketing and Fund Development.

Cherokee Retreat Center is [Cherokee Presbytery](#) of Northwest Georgia's Summer Camp and year round retreating facility. Cherokee Retreat Center and Camp It is located on 100 acres of beautiful forested land with more than two miles of Lake Allatoona shoreline. [Job Description](#). There is a 15 January 2015 application deadline.

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