



e-News from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay

4704 Kelly Road, Tampa, Florida 33615

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The Mission of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is to identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

Dear Friends, You are planning special Holy Week services. If you'll send me what you're doing, I'll create an eNews devoted just to Holy Week services and events. I am not researching church websites for your events, but if you'd like an announcement from the presbytery office with your events included, I'm glad to send one out if you'll let me know. Please have this information to me by March 23 (new deadline), statedclerk@pbty.com. Thank you, Laurie Palmer, Temporary Stated Clerk

REGIONAL MEETINGS

East Region: Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m. with lunch at First Presbyterian Church, Dade City; 37412 Church Ave, Dade City, FL 33525

Hillsborough Region: Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m., Bel Mar Presbyterian Church, Tampa; 4003 South Manhattan Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611

West Region: Saturday, April 25 at 8:45 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Safety Harbor; 255 5th Ave., Safety Harbor, FL 34695

TAKE NOTE:

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay is beginning to live into the model we voted on based on the Transformation Team's report. Each congregation will send Commissioners to the Regional Meeting. Churches elect and send the number of Commissioners they're allotted now to these meetings. We will register Commissioners (voice and vote) and Visitors (voice, no vote).

Our tasks will be focused around the work of the Regions' Commission on Ministry, Commission on Church Vitality, and Commission on Preparation for Ministry. We will worship together, then go into a meeting where, if applicable, Inquirers moving to Candidacy will be presented, Candidates moving to ordination will preach and be examined, Teaching Elders who are retiring will be honored, a written Treasurer's report will be available, and so forth.

FYI: Full (Including all three Regions) Stated Presbytery Meetings will include worship, receiving the reports from the Region Meetings; and when applicable, election of Moderator, Vice Moderator, GA Commissioners; vote on Proposed Amendments in the years we are called upon to do that, vote on the Nominations and Representation Report, and the like. *The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is July 23 at McLeod Presbyterian Church, Bartow.*

TEACHING AND RULING ELDERS: PLEASE COMMUNICATE THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR SESSIONS AND CONGREGATIONS.

ALSO, LET THE TEMPORARY STATED CLERK KNOW WHO NEEDS TO BE ON THE ENEWS MAILING LIST. statedclerk@pbty.com

**COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)
AND COMMISSIONED LAY ELDERS (CRE)**

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS - The Commission on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) will be meeting with anyone who has been preparing to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE - formerly known as a Commissioned Lay Pastor - CLP). If you have been working toward this commissioning, please contact Sue Moore, CPM moderator, at jadeandsue@yahoo.com to acknowledge your interest, and plan to attend the next CPM meeting on **April 16th at 11:00** at the presbytery office. Potential candidates are asked to bring proof of classes completed. A draft document of requirements for CREs will be sent to all who may be candidates so additional preparation may be considered prior to the April 16th meeting.

Cedarkirk: The Shepherd's Sabbath

Cedarkirk once again graciously offers ***The Shepherd's Sabbath*** from April 6-8, 2015. All church professionals and their families are invited to enjoy a time of Sabbath in the beauty of God's creation. Be our guest for the **free** three-day event of rest and relaxation following Holy Week and Easter Sunday. A flexible schedule gives you plenty of time to hike, study, reflect, and/or worship. Whether you come for a day or join us for the entire time, we are excited to host you at camp and provide you with a space for rest and recreation. It begins on Monday, April 6 at 11:00 a.m. and concludes on April 8 at 2:00 p.m. ***Private bedrooms and all meals are provided.*** To make your reservation contact the Cedarkirk office at 813.685.4224 x2 or info@cedarkirk.org. Thank you, Cedarkirk!

Job Opening: Executive Director, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is a non-profit organization that provides encouragement and assistance to farmworkers and their extended families through open opportunities for worship, participation in Christian education programs, and secular programs with various partners in service.

In addition, a thriving Presbyterian worshipping community conducts Sunday worship and Sunday school for a primarily Hispanic congregation on the campus.

Executive Director is the primary spokesperson for Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; develops the financial resources needed to achieve the goals of Beth-El Farmworker Ministry; manages the physical campus resources, personnel resources and financial resources of Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.

For more information about Beth-El go to Beth-El.co. To see the full job description go to the presbytery's website and find it under "Good Stuff."

Submit cover letter and resume to BethElsearch15@gmail.com

Job Opening: Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Tampa Bay

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay is in the midst of a Stated Clerk search. This is a full-time position which will include both the Stated Clerk administration piece as well as communication responsibilities. The Ministry Information Form is available on the Presbytery website. Go to www.presbyteryoftampabay.com. You'll find it on the homepage under "Good Stuff."

Florida Presbyterian Homes

Florida Presbyterian Homes (FPH), Lakeland will host an educational event in their chapel on Thursday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. to introduce the Texas Presbyterian Foundation. They are approved to issue Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA's) in the state of Florida. CGA's are a powerful tool that allow donors to create a guaranteed stream of income for life with tax benefits that begin immediately, while at the same time leaving a legacy to their favorite charity for tomorrow.

The International Mission Partnership Committee...

is sponsoring mission trip to Honduras scheduled for July 25, 2015 to August 1, 2015. If you are interested in participating or would like more information please call Betty Wajdowicz at 727-596-4740, Gene Aspy at 863-299-2846 or Margaret Shaw at 813-655-2795.

Church on the Bayou and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

In April 2014 severe storms caused extensive damage and flooding to property owners in the Florida panhandle. Almost a year later the FEMA dollars have finally arrived and the work of reconstruction can begin. Pastor Kathy Dain and the Church on the Bayou of Tarpon Springs are organizing a mission trip to Pensacola from May 31 to June 4 to help in the recovery process. Church on the Bayou is looking for mission partners who would like to participate in the trip. The work will involve light to moderate construction and there is room for up to 12 volunteers. For more information please call Kathy Dain at 727-937-3795 or email her at pastorkdain@churchonthebayou.org.