



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.

The peace of Christ be with you. We pray that this has been a beautiful Easter week for you and yours. We thank God for the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for the newness of life He gives.

We hold in our prayers with sympathetic hearts the Rev. Jody McKewen and his family in the death of his mother. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones." Psalm 116:15

Opportunities

From Rev. Doug McMahon, Director of the Center for Spiritual Life and Chaplain, Eckerd College:

Dear friends, this summer 30 rising high school juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to participate in a week-long residential program, "Becoming Human in a Connected World," at Eckerd College's campus in St. Petersburg. Taught by tenured and tenure-track Eckerd faculty, the pre-college program is being underwritten by a generous grant from the Florida Humanities Council. The total tuition cost per student for the week is \$420 which includes housing, meals, field trips, entrance fees, program supplies, use of college recreational facilities, and snacks. Need-based scholarships are available. Looking to be considerate of summer travel and jobs, the program will take place early in the summer, June 7-12. Interested students must apply by April 24. For more information and to apply online, visit www.eckerd.edu/summerhumanities. If you have any questions, please write to summerconferences@eckerd.edu or call (727) 864-8058.

Presbytery of Tampa Bay and the Tampa Bay Rays!

Presbyterian Night at the ballpark is Friday, May 8. We play TEXAS! First pitch is at 7:10 p.m., doors open at 5:10 p.m. Lower level tickets are \$25, a \$50 value, and this includes a Rays hat that we can pick up at the Redemption Center. Deadline to order tickets is Sunday, April 26, 2015.

Churches, we order directly from the Rays. If you need an order form, please email Bob Windheim at bwindheim@raysbaseball.com, or call him at 727-825-3220. Don't forget to order an extra ticket or two for the Beth El Farmworkers!

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). ***If you cannot be at the meeting, send your excuse to statedclerk@pbt.com, and it will be noted for your Region.***

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.*