



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.

Growing in Grace & Gratitude: Christian Education Curriculum workshop

On Sunday, May 3rd, Candace Hill from Louisville, KY will offer a workshop on the new PCUSA curriculum. The workshop will be held at Gulfport Presbyterian Church, 5313 27th Ave S, Gulfport, FL 33707. **Call the church by April 26 to make a reservation: (727) 321-8086.** Please make a reservation so that Candace will have enough resources for everyone.

This is a description from Candace Hill: *God's grace and our response of gratitude are the foundation of the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum coming fall 2015. This workshop will explore grace and gratitude as the theological hallmark of Presbyterian tradition and showcase the importance of nurturing children through an invitation to discipleship that inspires children to learn and practice hospitality, generosity, and love. God's grace and our gratitude are the heartbeat of our faith, life, and worship—a promising theme for Presbyterian identity and the future of the PC(USA).*

Ordination Service

Paul Suich will be ordained a Teaching Elder at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, on April 26, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. All are invited for this time of worship and for fellowship afterwards. Minister members are especially encouraged to attend to welcome your new colleague in ministry.

175 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, FL, 33801

At Cedarkirk--Generations Together: Ministry Development from the Church's Core

Join us at Cedarkirk on Tuesday, April 28, from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. for a webinar and conversation about reclaiming intergenerational love and friendship as the core of the Body of Christ. Participants will view the webinar and then engage in conversation, hosted and convened by Evelyn McMullen. <http://vibrantfaith.org/training/webinars/>

Notify Evelyn McMullen at evelyn@cedarkirk.org of your interest. If you can't come to Cedarkirk that afternoon you can register for the webinar on your own (\$20) and call or Skype in for the conversation.

Also note: On May 2nd, from 1:00-5:00 pm, Cedarkirk will offer an Open House. Contact the camp for more information: website: www.cedarkirk.org; email: camps@cedarkirk.org; or phone: 813-685-4224, extension 2.

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, Dunedin

Volunteers are needed for our Car Care Ministry outreach in New Port Richey this Saturday, April 18 from 8:00-1:00 pm. All volunteers are welcome. Both men and women can help process papers, visit with new people, hand out goodie bags, pray

with those who need it, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Christ through St. Andrews.

If you can help, please contact Ray Sticher at 727-710-1649 or call the church office at 727-734-5493.

Westminster Shores: “Where 2 or 3” Pastor Lunch Series:
“Religious Identities and Generational Differences

Thursday, April 30, noon-1:30 p.m., 125 56th Ave S, St. Petersburg.

Featured presenters are the Rev. Doug McMahon, Director of the Center for Spiritual Life and Chaplain, Eckerd College; and the Rev. Libby Shannon Associate Director, Center for Spiritual Life and Associate Chaplain, Eckerd College.

How do different generations—particularly Millennials— understand spiritual life? What does each generation have to offer one another? Experts in college students and Millennials, Doug and Libby will explore with us these questions and their place in our rapidly changing religious landscape. Our conversations will suggest new opportunities and helpful ways forward as we seek to promote diversity and understanding across religious and generational differences.

Please make a reservation for this luncheon event by April 23. Email the Rev. Jan Banker, Chaplain, Westminster Shores at jbanker@wservices.org, or call at 727-866-6712.

Regional Meetings: NEXT WEEK

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; ***Please bring finger breakfast food to share with each other.***

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@pbtty.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.*

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!

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.