



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.

CALLED PRESBYTERY MEETING

The Coordinating Team of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay has called a special Presbytery meeting for Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Presbytery office, 4704 Kelly Road, Tampa, 33615.

The purposes of the meeting are as follows:

- 1) To hear and respond to the report of the Administrative Commission working with Westminster Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, FL to dissolve the church.
- 2) To hear a report from Nominations and vote on its nominees to Commissions or Committees in the presbytery.

Please make every effort to be present at this meeting. Registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the front desk of the office as you walk in the front doors.

SOMETHING FOR PASTORS

From Patrice Hatley to Teaching Elders: You are invited to participate in Holy Conversation along with Presbytery pastor peers on Wednesday morning, May 20. It will be a time for prayers, devotions, and conversation about the challenges you as pastors are facing in this time of denominational change. All Teaching Elders are welcome, but especially those serving congregations seeking clarity and guidance in these matters. Please gather at the Presbytery office at 9:30am on Wednesday May 20. No RSVP is needed, just feel free to come and be fully present.

SAVE THE DATE! CELEBRATION DINNER FOR DAVE MOORE

Friday, June 12, 5:30 p.m.: Celebration dinner for Dave Moore, retiring Director of the Beth-El Farmworker Mission. This even will take place at the Beth-El Mission in Wimauma. **RSVP BY SATURDAY, MAY 9** to David Childs at flyfisher170@msn.com David will also receive any videos or pictures you have. Questions? 813-545-6879.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR FACE TO FACE

The Church Leadership Connection (CLC) a ministry of the Office of the General Assembly will host two Face to Face Events in 2015. We hope you will consider participating in the event that is most convenient for you. Each event will include call seeker's training, networking opportunities, vocational coaching, one-on-one PIF views, and other educational opportunities for call seekers and calling organizations. All call seekers (teaching elders, candidates, ruling elders, and other lay professionals) may participate.

June 25-27, 2015: The Worship and Music Conference, Montreat, NC

Lodging arrangements can be made with Montreat College at <http://www.montreat.edu/about-us/summer-housing/>. The college provides reason rates for single and double occupancy with meals.

July 9-11, 2015: Face to Face at the Renaissance Hotel, Charlotte, NC

Lodging arrangements can be made with the Renaissance Charlotte Suites Hotel, Coliseum Centre Dr. or other hotels in the area.

Who Should Attend? Search committees, mid council staff, teaching elders, candidates and other church professionals have an opportunity to move beyond the written words of Personal Information Forms (PIF) and Ministry Information Forms (MIF) to meet and talk directly with one another about the possibility of ministry together.

Why Would I Want to Attend? Face-to-Face is an opportunity to connect with a number of folks in one place over several days, and an opportunity to be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit leading you to places and people you may have never imagined.

Register at <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/clc/>

There is no cost to participate in Face to Face.

For more information contact: SanDawna Gaulman Ashley at clcstaff@pcusa.org

News from Mission Co-workers Michael and Rachel Weller

Dottie Cushman, a good Presbyterian servant in our presbytery, is friends with Michael and Rachel Weller who are Mission Co-workers in Ethiopia. Please follow this link to their most recent communication:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/letter-rachel-weller-2015-03/>

The Wellers are in the Presbyterian Yearbook of Prayer on May 16.

Of interest in one email sent to Dottie, was this: "This week we received some sobering news from the head of the World Mission department of the PCUSA, Hunter Farrell. Once again, we are facing a serious financial shortfall. If things do not change some missionaries will have to end service sooner than expected. You can read more about it here: <https://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/4/15/presbyterian-world-mission-faces-potential-funding/>

If there's one thing Presbyterians can come together for it is to do God's work in the world, as he has required of us. Take some time to pray and to understand where God is leading you, your church, and Presbyterians together."

The Wellers will be in this presbytery in February 2016. If you have an interest to hear about their work, do invite them to your church for a presentation. Contact Dottie at dhcushman@verizon.net.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF NEPAL

There IS something we can do. Please follow this link to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance page to learn what the PCUSA is doing in Nepal and how we can help them.
<http://pda.pcusa.org/situation/nepal-earthquake-april-2015/>

When you get to the PDA site, you will learn about the latest news, and how you may give, act, and pray. Please share this with your congregations.



Information for Big Tent can be found at
<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/big-tent/>
Live missionally:
Be inspired...become equipped....get connected!

CLIP IN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AT CEDARKIRK THIS SUMMER

Join us for an awesome week this summer and find out how the Holy Spirit empowers you to make a difference in the world!

Our summer theme, CLIP IN, will help campers understand how the Holy Spirit strengthens us, guides us, teaches us, and inspires us to better ourselves and the world. Each day of camp, in small-group Bible studies and evening worships, we will explore how we can truly engage the Holy Spirit and live boldly for God, our lives producing good fruit as we serve others and work to build communities built around peace, forgiveness, and love. Visit www.cedarkirk.org for program dates, details, and registration.

