



Presbytery of Tampa Bay
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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 for Jesus Christ.*

**Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
Thursday, July 23, 2015**

McLeod Presbyterian Church, Bartow, FL

***If you need a table for a display, papers to be distributed, or an excused absence,
email statedclerk@pbtj.com.
Stay tuned for more details.***

Big Tent is fast approaching!

Big Tent 2015 will be assembling at the University of Tennessee campus in Knoxville, Tennessee, with joyful worship at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30. Over the following days there will be more worship, Bible study, and workshops, and a generous opportunity to reclaim the energy and spirit of discipleship. For information: <http://www.pcusa.org/news/2015/6/24/pcusa-leadership-promoting-values-big-tent-2015/>

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale

is hosting a Young People's Concert. We wish to invite you to join with us as we celebrate the gifts of the youth in the Hillsborough Region of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Please invite the youth of your congregation to come and share their talents, whether they sing, dance, or play an instrument. It will be a fun way for youth, their families, and friends to end the summer and look toward a new school year. A dinner will be provided before the concert. Please bring instruments and music.

Date: August 16, 2015; Dinner: 6:00 p.m., Concert: 7:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, 710 Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511
(813) 654-3699

Please R.S.V.P. on or before Thursday, August 13, 2015. We look forward to a fun and talent filled evening!

Evangelism and Church Growth Conference

Evangelism and Church Growth (PCUSA) is hosting a 1001 Conference August 10 – 13, 2015 at the Tradewinds Island Grand, St Pete Beach, FL. Also joining us is the Hispanic Continuing Ed program, The Brazilian leadership training and the African Immigrant leadership transformation program. Many excellent leaders will teach a variety of courses. A good thing right in our own backyard!

For more information, go here:

<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/evangelism-church-growth/pursued-grace/>
http://www.presbyterianmission.org/site_media/media/uploads/evangelism/pdf/pursued-by-grace-conference-booklet.pdf

The 2015-2017 Book of Order is ready to order. Click here:

<http://store.pcusa.org/Communications?search=Book+of+Order+2015-2017>

So you want to be a GA Delegate?

The Nominating and Representation Committee is accepting applications for delegates to represent the Presbytery of Tampa Bay at the 2016 General Assembly. Applications may be downloaded from the Presbytery website, www.presbyteryoftampabay.com. Look under "Good Stuff" for the 2016 GA Commissioner and YAD Application.

Applications are due at the Presbytery office by September 15, 2015. Instructions for submitting a complete application are included on the application. Delegate Nominees will be presented at the November meeting of the Presbytery.

The 222nd General Assembly (2016) will be held in Portland, Oregon - June 18 - 25, 2016. Information about General Assembly activities may be found here:

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

Healthy Boundaries Training

The Commission on Ministry is again sponsoring Healthy Boundary Training for Clergy on Thursday, August 6 and Tuesday, September 29 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Both will be held at the Presbytery office located at 4704 Kelly Road, Tampa.

All Teaching Elders who are currently serving churches or are considering a call to a church in this presbytery are required to have this training. The training was last held in summer of 2013. ***Any Teaching Elders who began their ordained ministries in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay since that time will need to sign up for one of the two days offered this year.***

Barbara Kranendonk will again facilitate the Faith Trust Institute's program called "Healthy Boundaries: A Course for Clergy." Please email to Patrice@pbty.com when you will attend. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry may also invite candidates seeking a call, as well as some possible candidates for Commissioned Ruling Elders about to receive a call.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Every summer Beth-El Farmworker Ministry reaches out to its mission partners in the collection of back to school supplies. From pencils and paper to backpacks and new shoes, every year Beth-El helps over 500 returning students with much needed school supplies. To learn how your congregation can help or to receive a complete list of needed supplies, please contact Beth-El Farmworker Ministry at 813-633-1548 or email: info@beth-el.info. Gracias!