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**PRESBYTERY
OF
TAMPA BAY**



Our Mission:
*To identify and strengthen leaders
so that every congregation makes
new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.*

Better Know a Presbyter

Our mission as the Presbytery of Tampa Bay is both to strengthen and identify leaders, so that our congregations are making more and stronger disciples for Christ. I think it's rather clear what we mean by "strengthen" (train, support, pray for) our leaders, but what about identifying them? Don't we already keep rolls of teaching and ruling elders?

I think having the identification of leaders as part of our vision implies that in order to strengthen one another effectively, we need to get to know each other, particularly our brothers and sisters in Christ serving in our home regions.

To this end, I'd like to introduce our first edition of "Better Know a Presbyter" (if you get that reference, don't tell Comedy Central), where we'll have an opportunity to identify leaders in our midst so that we can pray for and get to know one another, as if we were, you know, the Church. Please take 1 minute and 36 seconds to get to know a little bit about Rev. Ron Pfeifer of First Inverness:



This video was taken just after Ron's excellent installation service. Presbytery events like this are a primary way to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ, so I hope that you'll attend when you have the chance. For those of you who didn't, please [check out our Facebook page](#) for pictures of the Installation.

Are there questions you'd like to see answered in the eNews? Is there a tip or resource you've been longing to share? Let me know!

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications
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News from Around the Presbytery:

Regional Meeting Info:

The dates and places for our Regional Presbytery Commission Meetings have been set! Please note that these meetings are not optional. We're having fewer Presbytery meetings each year and transitioning Presbytery business to these Commissions. Additionally, these are currently the primary way we have of getting to know others in our regions. Churches should send Ruling Elder Commissioners as well as Teaching Elders.

East Region Commission:

The next meeting of the East Region Commission will be September 24th, 2015 at 7pm at [First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven](#).

Hillsborough Region Commission:

The next meeting of the Hillsborough Region Commission will be September 19th, 2015 at 9am at [St. Andrew New Tampa](#).

West Region Commission:

The next meeting of the West Region Commission will be September 26th, 2015 at 9am at [St. Mark's Hudson](#). We'll be examining Denise McLeod for ordination, and honoring David Hosick at his retirement.

Website Feedback:

Is there information you'd like to see on the Presbytery website? Let me know! Our current site should now be up to date, but what other info would you like to see there? Email statedclerk@pnty.com to share your ideas!

New Grants Available for Redevelopment From CCV:

The Presbytery Commission on Church Vitality (CCV) is excited to announce grants available to Presbytery churches for the purpose of redevelopment. These grants are for any church that feel as if it is in a season of redevelopment, and wants a jump-start for doing new things. As part of the grant process, the session of the applying church works in partnership with a local coach to determine what is most needed for the church to recapture its vision. Please [download the application](#) for more details.

Outreach Opportunity at Rio 2016 Olympic Games:

Many local churches in Rio see the Olympics as an opportunity for outreach to the half a million plus people who will be visiting their city in 2016. To this end, nine Presbyterian churches in Brazil would like to partner with PC(USA) churches to bring the Gospel to the Games over a week long outreach opportunity in August of 2016. If you think your church may be interested in sending people to Rio to partner with these churches, please find more [details in this document](#).

GA Commissioners Needed:

The Nominating and Representation Committee is accepting applications for delegates to represent the Presbytery of Tampa Bay at the 2016 General Assembly! The 222nd General Assembly will be in Portland, Oregon from June 18th to 25th, 2016. Applications, due September 15, 2015, may be [downloaded from the Presbytery website](#). Instructions for submitting a complete application are included on the application; delegate Nominees will be presented at the November meeting of the Presbytery.

Information about General Assembly activities may be found [at this link](#).

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