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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

One of the great things about being the Church is the chance we have to learn from each other about how we're each doing ministry in our communities. Some of our churches are doing some really exciting things!

To be our best for God, we need to be in community with each other, strengthening each other and getting to know each other. It's in that spirit that I encourage you to take 3 minutes and hear about the great things happening at [First Presbyterian Church, Port Richey](#).

They have been growing again after some tough years; find out how in part 3 of our 368 part series, "Better Know a Presbyter" with Rev. Jeff Guild:



As always, if you've got a resource, tip, praise or just a really interesting story you want to share, please, let me know!

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

Disaster Preparedness

Although Ericka was a bit less dramatic than at first feared, we are still near the peak of Hurricane season, and there are other potential problems that may arise for us. Since an ounce of preparation is worth a pound of problem solving, we'd encourage your church to join the Presbytery of Tampa Bay's Disaster Preparedness network if it hasn't already (2/3rds of our churches have not):

[Click here to see if your church is "prepared"](#)

[Click here for the application form to join the network](#)

Invitation from Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa

[KPC of Tampa](#) would like to invite the Presbytery to share in their joy as they install and ordain 5 Deacons and 10 Kwonsas (women's senior deacons). The service will be at 4pm Sunday September 13th in the church sanctuary.



FISHing @ Cedarkirk Registration Deadline!

Cedarkirk is offering a new retreat targeting leaders and volunteers in Christian Education and family ministry, Friday, Oct. 9 at 7:30 p.m. to Saturday Oct. 10 at 4:00 p.m. \$50 for Friday & Saturday; \$25 Saturday only. Register on the [Cedarkirk website](#) or call Karin: 813-685-4224

More info:

[Flyer](#)

Job Opportunity:

Part time Children's Ministry Director at Palm Harbor Presbyterian Church. For position description and more info, [please read more here](#).

Session Minutes Review:

Every year churches are required to have their session minutes reviewed for certain constitutionally required items. The review of 2014's minutes will be taking place during each of the Regional Commission meetings coming up in September. For more information, please check your mailbox, or [view the mailing online](#).

Regional Commission 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 Thursday, September 24th, 2015 at 7pm at [First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven](#). The discussion will be about [5 Peacemaking Affirmations](#) that Presbyteries have been requested by the GA to discuss for the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. The GA is attempting to better reflect the diversity of opinions in its Presbyteries on the issue of war.

Hillsborough Region Commission:

The next meeting of the Hillsborough Region Commission will be Saturday, September 19th, 2015 at 9:30am at [St. Andrew New Tampa](#). The discussion will be about [5 Peacemaking Affirmations](#) that Presbyteries have been requested by the GA to discuss for the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy. The GA is attempting to better reflect the diversity of opinions in its Presbyteries on the issue of war.

West Region Commission:

The next meeting of the West Region Commission will be Saturday, 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.

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