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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 most enthusiastically supported ministries in our Presbytery is the [Beth-El Farmworker's Ministry](#). Beth-El does necessary and at times, ground breaking work supporting and advocating for migrant farm workers in our area, and has been a joint mission of Peace River Presbytery, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for decades.

Beth-El recently hired a new Executive Director, Kathy Dain. In this very special episode of "Better Know", get to know Presbyter Kathy Dain, as well as learning about the good work going on at Beth-El and how your church can get involved:



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
Presbytery of Tampa Bay



News from Around the Presbytery:

Called Meeting of Presbytery

The Coordinating Team of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay has called a special

Presbytery meeting to be held on Saturday September 19th at 9:00am at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church. This meeting will take place just before the Hillsborough Regional Commission slated to begin at 9:30am in the same location.

The purposes of the meeting are as follows:

- 1) To vote on a recommendation by the Coordinating Team to close Keystone Presbyterian Church of Odessa.
- 2) To approve creation of an Administrative Commission to take original jurisdiction from the Keystone session.

Please make every effort to be present at this meeting, particularly if you are already coming to the Hillsborough Regional Commission meeting. Registration for both meetings will begin at 8:30am.

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church:
[5338 Primrose Lake Cir, Tampa, FL 33647](https://www.google.com/maps/place/5338+Primrose+Lake+Cir,+Tampa,+FL+33647)

Free Lunch!

Yes, there is such a thing as a free lunch. On Tuesday Sept. 29th from noon to 1:30pm at [Westminster Shores in St Pete](#), listen to Rev. Brad Rice as he speaks in this first of a 3 part lunch series "Where is my Congregation's GPS?" dedicated to helping local pastors better navigate the differences in worship and congregational life of their churches. They will be using Corrine Ware's book, *Discovering Your Spiritual Type* as a guide. A paperback or digital copy of this book will be given as a gift to all attendees. Registration deadline is September 21st; please RSVP Rev. Jan Banker with lunch choice (see flyer for details): jbanker@wservices.org.

More info:

[Flyer](#)

Mission Giving Opportunity in Honduras

Can you imagine walking one and one-half hours each way over a rocky, up and down mountain trail three times a week to conduct services in a Presbyterian Church? That is exactly what a pastor in Honduras does as he serves the church in a remote Honduran village. Churches in Honduras are unable to support their pastors, so they all must have another occupation. This particular pastor is a farmer. If he had a horse, his travel would be much easier. However, \$250.00 for a horse is far more than he can afford. If anyone would like to assist this pastor and pay for a horse, please call Betty Wajdowicz, 727-596-4740 or The Rev. Ramiro Ros - 813-513-1398. Instructions will be provided on the way

to donate the money through the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. Many thanks to everyone who has helped to support our work in Honduras in so many different ways.

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 celebrate their 39th anniversary and 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 with reception to follow.



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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