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OF
TAMPA BAY**



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

Please Forward This Email

Over the past several weeks, I've had many people ask me to add them to the Presbytery distribution list, either for the eNews or the Regional Commission lists. This is great, because one of the foundational rules of modern communication is, "if I don't have your email address, I can't send you email."

There are two big problems I've run into however, that you might be able to help me with. (Yes, you get to help the Presbytery today!) First, I discovered that we do not, in fact, have an email list for each region; that makes adding you to your regional list challenging to say the least. Second, many of the folks requesting to be added to this list (the eNews) had previously unsubscribed, and because of that I'd been unable to add them back from our end.

The good news is that I'm pretty close to solving both problems; all I need is your help. You may have noticed a new icon on the Presbytery website:

CLICK HERE
TO SIGN UP FOR THE ENEWS!



This will allow anyone to add themselves to the eNews. Fortunately, it will also allow people who have previously unsubscribed to get back onto our list, and it will allow current subscribers (like you) to tell the Presbytery which region's news they'd like to receive. We will probably update this further in the future to include additional topics of interest, as well.

So you could really help us out by 1, forwarding this email to anyone in your church who you think should be on the Presbytery's list, or anyone you know of who's been having problems getting onto the list, and 2, going to the Presbytery's home page and letting us know which region you'd like to get news for by signing up again (this will update your regional preference).

Please watch this video for a demonstration, if you need one:



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:

Regional Commission Info:

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 and requests for excused absences to the Stated Clerk or Recording Clerk.

East Region Commission:

- Thursday, September 24th, 2015 at 7pm
- Google Directions: [First Presbyterian Church of Winter Haven](#).
- Agenda: [East Agenda](#)
- The discussion will be about [5 Peacemaking Affirmations](#). Please review

this document prior to the meeting and **bring a copy with you.**

West Region Commission:

- Saturday, September 26th, 2015 at 9am
- Google Directions: [St. Mark's Hudson](#).
- Agenda: [West Agenda](#)
- The discussion will be about [5 Peacemaking Affirmations](#). Please review this document prior to the meeting and **bring a copy with you.**

Called Meeting of Presbytery Summary

Please review this summary of the called meeting on the Presbytery website here, if you were unable to attend:

[September 19th, 2015 Called Meeting Summary](#)

\$10,000 Grant for New Initiatives

The Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Grant is being offered by the Presbyterian Mission Agency in order to encourage dreamers, risk-takers, pioneers and trailblazers.

This grant is designed to encourage the birth of new ventures through congregations and presbyteries rather than to support the expansion of existing programs within congregations. For the purpose of this grant, new is defined as an initiative that was created no earlier than January 1, 2014. This grant is not intended for new worshiping communities or new church developments.

Please note that the deadline for this grant is November 15th. If you are interested in applying, please download the application below and return it completed to the Presbytery Office. This grant will likely be offered in 2016 as well.

[DREAM Grant Application Form](#)

Presbyterian Women Regional Teas

The topic will be human trafficking, with a guest who is a trafficking survivor. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Pinellas South

Wednesday, October 21 2-4 pm
Westminster Suncoast
Dia Stoner
727-868-3515

Pasco
Thursday, October 22 2-4 pm
St. Mark, Hudson
Barbara Gardner
727-378-6657

Hillsborough
Saturday, October 24 2-4 pm
St. Andrew, New Tampa
Margaret Shaw
813-655-2795

For more info, please see [the flyer](#)

Closing Service for Keystone Presbyterian Church

Following an action at the September 19th Called Meeting of Presbytery, [Keystone](#) will be having its final service on Sunday October 4th at 11am. Please come and support the saints of this congregation for its final service. In true Presbyterian fashion, there will be a potluck following the service; if you'd like to join them for that, please bring a dish.

[Directions to Keystone Presbyterian Church](#)

Installation of Rev. Dr. Michael McCormack

Please join the Presbytery as we welcome a new colleague in ministry to [First Presbyterian Church of Brandon](#). Minister members in the Hillsborough Region are especially encouraged to attend and welcome Mike to the Presbytery. Reception to follow the installation service.

Details:

*Sunday, October 4, 2015
4:00pm - FPC, Brandon
121 Carver Ave, Brandon, FL 33510
813-689-4597*

Transportation Help for Beth-El

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is looking for transportation help. On October 16th we have the opportunity to transport up to 30 women from Beth-El to Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa for free mammograms. Then on November 23rd we need assistance bringing up to 60 kids to Beth-El for a special Advent workshop. Our existing bus can only fit 14 passengers at a time so we really need help! If a church has a bus we could use for those dates, or volunteers willing to help transport people, please call the mission and speak to Javier at 813-633-1548 ext. 228. ¡Gracias!

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.

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](#).

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