



### ***Our Mission:***

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

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## **Better Know a Presbyterian!**

You may have noticed that the eNews looks a little different this week. I've changed the way the newsletter is organized and added some other "techy" changes in the background. Hopefully this is an improvement for most of you, particularly those of you who read your email on a phone or tablet. Please let me know what you think!

Of course the real star of the show is content: identifying and strengthening our leaders! On the identification side, I'd like to introduce you to one of our newer pastors, Rev. Deb Belusa, of First Presbyterian Church, Lake Alfred. Take 2 minutes and 50 seconds to get to know her!



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

### Presbytery Meeting Reminders

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Presbytery meeting at [Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church](#) in Tampa, November 19th from 4pm to 8pm! Parking will almost certainly be an issue, so please plan to leave early and car pool, then watch this space for more details closer to the meeting!

For those of you who *really* like to plan ahead, the Presbytery meetings for 2016 will be held on February 27th and November 17th at Beth-El and First Lakeland, respectively.

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### Celebrate Denise McLeod's Ordination

Join your fellow Presbyters at [Trinity Presbyterian Church in St. Pete](#) on Sunday November 8th, 2015 at 4pm to participate in Denise's ordination! There will be a small reception afterwards. Minister members from the West region are especially encouraged to attend.

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## 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

## Mission Opportunities

### Drought in Honduras

Our brothers and sisters in Honduras need our help! The drought in the south and central sections of Honduras has been severe; some of our Presbyterian families are subsisting on tortillas and green mangos. Pray for the Lord to help them and provide rain.

If you'd like to be part of the solution directly, please donate to Honduras Hunger Relief. \$16 will supply a family with food. Five hundred Presbyterian families are affected by the drought, and 100% of the money received will be used to buy food distributed by the Presbyterian Women of Honduras.

Make checks out to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and send them directly to the Presbytery office. Please remember to put "Honduras Hunger Relief" in the memo section of the check. Thank you.

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## Beth-El Food Pantry In Need!

Beth-El's Food Pantry has an immediate need for canned goods, rice and pinto beans. Their regular deliveries have been down, and the pantry is practically bare. If you can help, please call the mission at 813-633-1548.

!Gracias!

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## Cedarkirk Youth Retreat

Calling all youth groups! On November 13th-15th, Cedarkirk is offering a new youth event called Fusion designed for both middle school and high school groups. Rev. Loli Reiter will be our keynote speaker and preacher as we explore how we can live boldly for God. You can find out more and even register your group at

[www.cedarkirk.org/programs/youthretreat/](http://www.cedarkirk.org/programs/youthretreat/).



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## Adopt a Family from Beth-El

If you're looking for Christmas mission projects and ways to support Beth-El, I recommend you take a moment to learn more about the "Adopt a Family" program there. Here's the link:

Beth-El Info

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## Missionary Report Mid-Week Opportunity

Looking for a speaker for a Wednesday Night program? Michael and Rachel Weller are co-workers in Ethiopia. Michael is the Presbyterian Liaison for the Horn of Africa and has to visit North and South Sudan in February. Rachel is responsible for organizing clinics in the Gambella Province of Ethiopia.

Rachel will be speaking at Church in the Meadows on February 21 at the morning service, then on February 22 at Florida Presbyterian Homes at 3pm and on

February 28 at McLeod Presbyterian Church in Bartow at the morning service.

Rachel would be willing to speak to any group on the free days. For more information or to book Rachel, please contact Dottie Cushman: [dhcushman@verizon.net](mailto:dhcushman@verizon.net), 863-802-0369.

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## \$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.

Grant Info

# Job Opportunities

## First PC Inverness Job Openings:

### Part-Time Directory of Youth Ministry

Are you passionate about serving Jesus Christ? Do you have experience leading and sharing your Christian faith with middle school and high school youth? Do you have the talents, creativity and commitment to develop, coordinate, and schedule youth activities and ministries? Do you want to be a part of a loving, welcoming, dynamic and exciting church?

### Part-Time Director of Christian Education

Are you passionate about serving Jesus Christ? Do you have experience developing, implementing, and supervising programs of Christian education which can nurture the faith of persons of all ages, from preschool through

adulthood? Do you want to be a part of a loving, welcoming, dynamic and exciting church?

If one of these positions is appealing to you, the First Presbyterian Church of Inverness would love to hear from you! For more information and/or to apply, contact Pastor Ron Pfeifer at (352) 637-0770. The First Presbyterian Church of Inverness is an equal opportunity employer.

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## Employment Opportunities at Cedarkirk

Cedarkirk is currently seeking to fill a variety of positions (part-time kitchen and housekeeping roles and a full-time Capital Campaign Director). Please visit [www.cedarkirk.org/who-we-are/employment/](http://www.cedarkirk.org/who-we-are/employment/) for more information.

Job Info

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## 2 Musical Job Openings at St. Mark's in Hudson:

SMPC is looking for a part-time organist and part-time director of music. Send inquiries to: [hiring@stmarksfl.org](mailto: hiring@stmarksfl.org). For detailed position descriptions, see below:

Job Info

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Business Name | Email Address | Phone number | Website

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