



Our Mission:

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

Better Know a Presbyter

We'll be getting to "Better Know" one half of a clergy couple this week: Rev. Bill Cooley. Bill and his wife Jean have faithfully served our Presbytery in a variety of capacities for many years, and are now pastoring [Lakeview Presbyterian Church](#) in St. Petersburg. Bill also offers training in a great marital and per-marital counseling tool called PREPARE/ENRICH.

Take a few minutes and get to know Bill!



I hope that if you have a joy, concern, resource or mission opportunity to share, you'll let me know!

In Christ,

Rev. Dave Baker,

Stated Clerk and Director of Communications

Presbytery of Tampa Bay



News From Around the Presbytery

Regional Commission Summaries

Find the Summary reports of each of our Regional Commissions below!

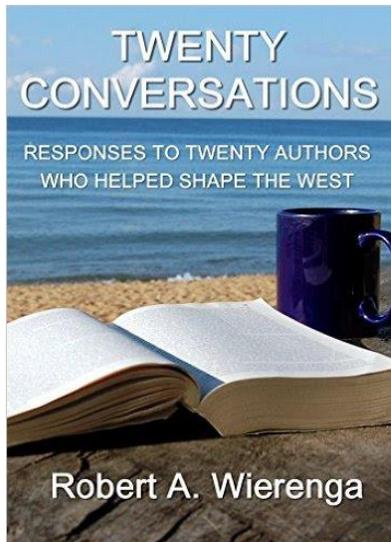
- [East Region Summary](#)
- [Hillsborough Region Summary](#)
- [West Region Summary](#)

Installation Services

There are two installation services coming up in our Presbytery.

First, you're invited to celebrate the beginning of a new ministry at [Northwest Presbyterian Church of St Petersburg](#). There will be a worship service and reception there for Rev. George "Chip" Tolleson on Sunday June 5th starting at 5:30pm. Teaching Elders in the West Region especially are encouraged to come and show support for their colleague in ministry.

Second, you're invited to celebrate the ordination of Meghann Pabst, chaplain of Palma Ceia Presbyterian Preschool, at [Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center](#). There will be a worship service and reception there for Meghann on Saturday June 18th starting at 10:30am. Teaching Elders in the Hillsborough Region especially are encouraged to come and show support for their colleague in ministry.



Twenty Conversations by Robert Wierenga

The pastor of Lake Seminole Presbytery Church just published a book! Here are a few details:

The experience of raising three children taught me two things: my kids know way more than me when it comes to electronic devices and social media. On the other hand, they have little knowledge of the poets, playwrights, authors, and novelists whose works have shaped Western culture and values. This deficiency prompted me to select twenty writers who helped shape my worldview.

I selected a key passage from each one and then responded to it. The result is the book, [Twenty Conversations](#), that was self-published in March. I submitted it to Kindle Direct Publishing and this week it also became available as an eBook on Amazon. The print edition is available for \$12 at www.PayPal.me/WierengaConsulting and the eBook is available for \$2.99 at [Amazon](#). For the sale of every print edition book, \$3 is donated to [Lake Seminole Presbyterian Church](#) to help fund outreach.



Pastor Jack Taylor and the saints in Ft Meade.
May 15, 2016 Pentecost Sunday.



For more info:

[Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

Buy at [the PC\(USA\) Store](#)

**A Word from the Trustees:
Whose house is it anyway?**

For many, our church property is as important and meaningful as our own home. It is the place where we saw our first child baptized, took our vows, or bore witness to the resurrection as a loved one enters the Church Triumphant. It is our shelter throughout all life's moments and a witness of our Christian faith. But whose house is it?

Frequently questions arise during the course of a congregation as to property ownership. This might come by way of an outside vendor seeking to rent part of the church property or a congregation seeking to mortgage, sell, or expand its holdings. However, most congregations are unaware that such agreements most often require prior approval by the Presbytery's Board of Trustees. This is because the property of congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is held in trust[G-4.0203] This means that the Church and the Presbytery are effectively co-owners of the property.

The practical impact of this is explained in the Book of Order here:

G-4.0206 - Selling, encumbering, or Leasing Church Property

a. Selling or encumbering Congregational Property

A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the Presbytery transmitted through the Session of the Congregation

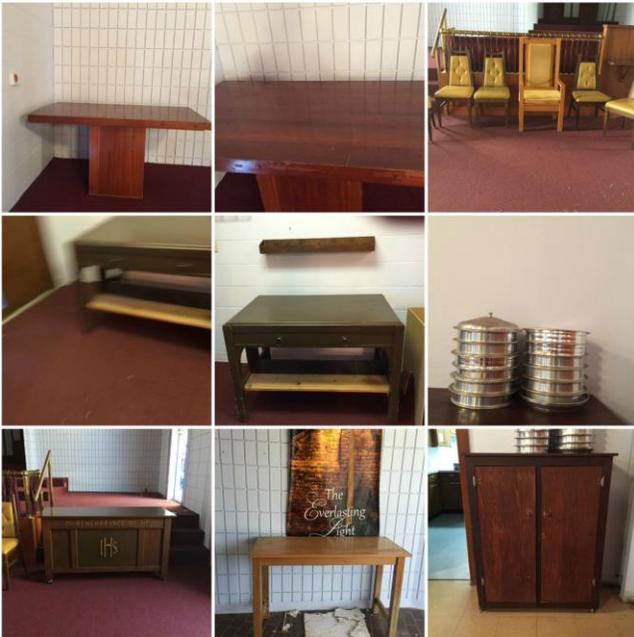
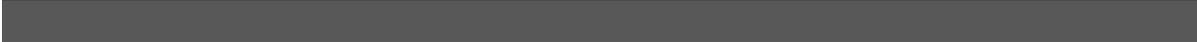
b. Leasing Congregational Property

A congregation shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any of its other real property, without the written permission of the Presbytery transmitted through the Session of the Congregation.

As you can see, almost all agreements involving Church Property need to be approved by the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery. There are two major exceptions. Leases of non-worship space for less than 5 years do not need Trustee approval although the Trustees can often provide helpful advice.

More generally, after Reunification of the two major Presbyterian Denominations in 1983, Churches were given a period of time to opt out of the PC(USA) rules and retain the old PC(US) property rules, which allow church trustees instead of Presbytery trustees to make these decisions. The Presbytery Office maintains a list of those Churches in our Presbytery who are operating under the old PC(US) rules.

You can learn more about the Trust Clause in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order, section G-4.02.



Various Items from Highland Largo

As you may already know, Highland PC of Largo is in the process of selling their building to merge with another Presbyterian church, [Hope of Clearwater](#). As part of that process, there are many items that the church would like to find places for:

- Baptismal font
- 4 Tables:
 - With center pedestal (scratched)
 - Dark table - with drawer and well-worn shelf on the bottom
 - Four legged table - oak - well worn
 - Dark Communion Table with inscription and storage - wear and tear
- 6 Chancel chairs - 5 + 1 "pulpit" chair
- 175 copies of "Old Red" hymnals
- door cabinet
- Communion "cup serving trays"
- Work table
- 2 secretary desks - one needing new glass top/one needing drawer handles

These items are "free to a good home". For questions or additional info, please call:

Nancy Hilkert @727-244-4152 or

Rev. Vicki ByRoade @ 727-515-3162

FPC Inverness giving away choir robes

[First Presbyterian Church of Inverness](#) has choir robes to give to anyone

who can pick them up. Light grey with 2 accompanying, reversible stoles, purple/green, red/white. There are about 50 pieces available. These robes are about 25 years old, but still serviceable.

If interested please call their church office 352-637-0770.

Mission Opportunities



Save the Date!

Beth-El kindly requests your presence at our 40th anniversary celebration the weekend of November 5-6. More details will be forthcoming in the next few weeks, but for the time being we ask that you please hold these dates on your calendar.



Can You Spare a Day?

Volunteers are needed in Presbytery of Tampa Bay!

Individuals and teams are needed to help repair homes in Pasco County that were flooded by intense rains and river rise last summer. Twenty homes have been completed to date, but 28 homes are still awaiting repair. Please consider helping these families with their recovery.

For more information, please call Kathy Broyard, FLAPDAN Director at 941-483-0675.

Upcoming Workshops

Below are a few of the more useful conferences coming to our area later in the year to get on your radar now:

- **The Go Disciple Live "Be the Light" Conference**
 - Formerly known as the Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, this will be held at the Trade Winds Island Resorts in St. Pete Beach, FL. [Discipling innovator Mike Breen](#) will be one of the speakers. On-site check in will be open Monday, August 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Welcome and orientation will begin at 5:30 p.m. The conference concludes with worship on Thursday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. [Registration info and Conference Schedule](#) in the link.
 - The CCV will offer scholarships of \$100.00 per person or up to \$300.00 for three people from each congregation who wish to attend. Please forward your registration confirmation and name of the church you are representing to David Bonnema (bonnema@palmaceia.org) to receive the scholarship.

- **Mid Council Financial Network "Giving - It Just Adds Up!" Conference**
 - This is a continuing education and training opportunity for church financial persons and staff or volunteers working with the finances in the presbyteries and synods. Representatives from the Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Mission Agency, Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Foundation, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, Presbyterian Publishing Corporation, denominationally endorsed insurance programs, and other key vendors will be on hand. The conference will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites on Clearwater Beach, 521 S. Gulfview Boulevard, November 16-

18, 2016. [Past agendas and examples of the topics covered.](#)

- Your Stated Clerk will be opening the conference with an introduction from Tampa Bay.

- **Church Communications Workshop**

- Day long conference hosted by the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Create excitement and energy in your congregation by using simple, but powerful communications tools. What do you want your community to know about your church? Are you looking for ways to share God's love through social media? Does your church have a well-thought-out communications plan-for both internal and external audiences? You don't have to have a huge budget or a large staff to effectively tell the story of your work inside and outside the church walls. [More information](#) about the workshop (not a registration link).
- Prospective date is Wednesday 9/28. **Contact the Stated Clerk ASAP if you have a conflict with this date but want to attend.**

Job Opportunities

Director of Children's Ministries at Moorings PC

[Moorings Presbyterian Church](#) seeks an individual to serve as a Director of Children's Ministries (30 hrs/week, salaried & benefitted). Interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Jaci Smith Patman, Associate Pastor, at jpatman@mooringschurch.org at their earliest opportunity. A copy of the position description can be found [here](#).

Questions? [Email Jaci](#) or call Rev. Smith Patman at 239-213-5240.

Pastoral Intern at Siesta Key Chapel PC

[Siesta Key Chapel Presbyterian Church](#) is offering a Pastoral Intern/Residency Program. Details and contact information can be found [here](#).

Director of Youth Ministries at Trinity PC Seven Spring

[Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Spring](#)'s youth director just retired! If you love working with young people, or know someone who does, please check out the [job description here](#).

For more information and contact details please visit their website at <http://tpcross.org/>

Part Time Parish Associate at Grace PC in Spring Hill:

[Grace PC](#) is looking for a retired Teach Elder in the Spring Hill area be interested in working 10ish hours a week doing pastoral care (Home and Hospital visitation). This would be a paid position, and would start ASAP.

For more information or to apply,
please contact Rev. Keith Posehn at revdrkid@me.com.

Northwood PC Job Opening:

Full Time Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Northwood Presbyterian Church seeks an enthusiastic person for ministry to our youth and their families.

Director of Schools

Well established Christian Pre-School/VPK/After Care, located in Countryside area, seeking a dynamic experienced VPK Director for its NAEYC accredited Gold Seal quality program.

For more details please go to: www.northwoodpc.org

Resumes may be sent to communications@northwoodpc.org. Job description is available upon request at same email. No phone calls please.

Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa Job Opening: