



## ***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" a Ruling Elder from St. Andrew New Tampa today. Meet Hank Belusa, also husband of minister member Deb Belusa!

Take a few minutes and get to know Bill!



If you're interested in finding out more about the mission opportunity in Haiti that Bill mentions, check out [the brochure](#) and [the registration form](#).

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



### General Assembly Information

As many of you are probably aware, the 222nd General Assembly is coming up very shortly, in just a couple of weeks. One of the things that will be different this year is that everyone is invited to the the opening worship service on Saturday June 18th!

The opening worship of the national gathering of the PC(USA) will be live streamed this year, so I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to show unity with your family in Christ.

More information about the happenings at this

year's GA, as well as the link to the live stream (when available) can be found here:  
<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/222nd-general-assembly-2016/>



Below are a few words from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trainer Robin Powell ([robin@ewfw.org](mailto:robin@ewfw.org)) on getting ready for hurricane season. There are several PDA trained trainers available to meet with churches and provide disaster preparedness training. Please contact Robin for more info. **Season**

Make a plan, build a kit and practice what to do: When a hurricane hits, communications systems can go out, transportation can be limited, and it could be days before emergency responders are able to reach communities that need help. FEMA encourages residents in potentially affected states to be prepared to take care of yourself for 72 hours and do the following:

- Make a Church Family Communication Plan: Family and church members should discuss how they contact one another in an emergency and check in with each other from different locations. Families should plan how to care for children or members with access and functional needs, and learn how to get in touch if cell phone, internet, or landlines don't work. Be sure to practice your plan so everyone will know what to do in the event of an emergency.
- Emergency Supply Kit: A 'go kit' is a bag that contains basic items

families may need, during an emergency. Kits should contain non-

- perishable food, water, and other supplies, such as flashlights, local maps, and a battery-powered radio, to last you and your family for at least 72 hours. [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) contains a complete list of items. Remember prescriptions and insurance paperwork.
- Pets: Many local shelters do not permit pets, but laws require them to accept service animals. Families should have a plan for pets should they need to evacuate.

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## Regional Commission Summaries

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

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

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## Installation Services

There are two installation services coming up in our Presbytery.

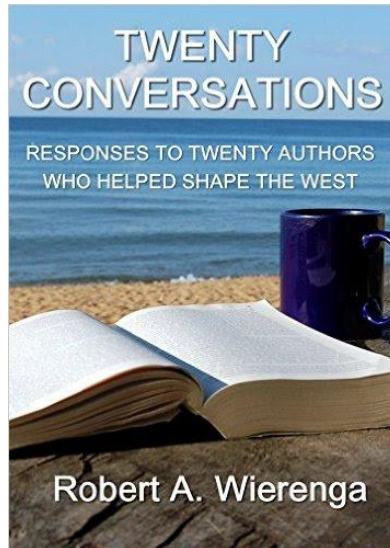
First, you're invited to celebrate the beginning of a new ministry at [Northwest Presbyterian Church of St Petersburg](#). There will be a worship service and reception there for Rev. George "Chip" Tolleson on Sunday June 5th starting at 5:30pm. Teaching Elders in the West Region especially are encouraged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

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### Installation of Kathy Horne





## 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](http://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.*

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## New PC(USA) Children's Curriculum: Growing in Grace & Gratitude



For more info:

[Website](#)

[Facebook Page](#)

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

# Mission Opportunities



## 2016 China / Hong Kong Tour

Pastor Bill Teng of [First Presbyterian Church in Arcadia, Florida](#) - a native of Hong Kong and has ministered in both China and Hong Kong - is leading a 16-day China/Hong Kong Tour from October 25 to November 9

this fall for under \$4,900. The tour includes a 4-night Yangtze River cruise and cities such as Shanghai, Chongqing, Xi'an, Beijing, and Hong Kong. Special attempts will be made to connect with local Chinese Christians and groups to foster better understanding of Christian life in these places.

For more details about the tour [click here](#). You can also contact Pastor Teng through email at [TengPresby@aol.com](mailto:TengPresby@aol.com) or call 703-899-0725.





## Beth-El Farmworker Ministry 40th Anniversary

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry is planning its 40th anniversary celebration for the week of **November 5th-6th**. In preparation, we are seeking individuals willing to donate their air miles to help support national speakers who will be traveling to Beth-El to speak at the event. For more information, or to donate, please contact Kathy Dain at 813-633-1548



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

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## 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](http://www.northwoodpc.org)

Resumes may be sent to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). Job description is available upon request at same email. No phone calls please.

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## Korean Presbyterian Church of Tampa Job Opening:

### **Full-time or Part-Time EM Pastor**

KPCT is currently seeking an EM Pastor to shepherd the Young Adult and Youth Group of high school and middle school students. The church is located at 6510 Yosemite Dr., Tampa, FL 33634.

For more information please contact Ki Choi at [kih.choi3@gmail.com](mailto:kih.choi3@gmail.com) or read the [position description](#).