



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

Regional Commissions Coming Up



It's time once again to assign commissioners to attend the Regional Commission Meetings coming up in August! These meetings will each be tackling a first reading of the new Presbytery Bylaws on which we'll vote in November, as well as items unique to each Region.

Dates below, and more details to follow:

- East Regional Commission
 - Thursday August 25th from 7pm to 9pm
 - Thanks to [McLeod Presbyterian Church](#) for hosting!
- Hillsborough Regional Commission
 - Wednesday August 31st from 9:30am to 2:30pm
 - Thanks to [Hyde Park Presbyterian](#) for hosting!
- West Regional Commission
 - Saturday August 20th from 9am to about noon.
 - Thanks to [Northword PC](#) for hosting!

Check out more news and resources below, and as always, if you have a joy, concern, resource or just something you want to share, please let me know!

In Christ,

Rev. Dave Baker,
Stated Clerk and Director of Communications
Presbytery of Tampa Bay

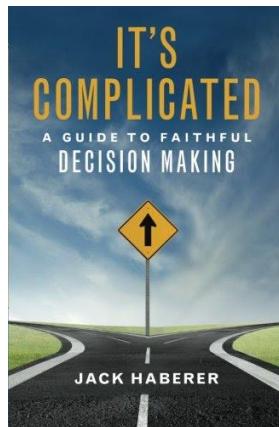


News From Around the Presbytery

Installation Service

You're invited to celebrate the installation of Rev. Laurie Wirth Palmer at [St. Andrew Presbyterian Church of New Tampa!](#) There will be a worship service and reception there for Laurie on Sunday July 24th starting at 4pm.

Teaching Elders in the Hillsborough Region especially are encouraged to come and show support for their colleague in ministry.



SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING SEMINAR- JULY 13, 6:30 PM

Dr. Jack Haberer, former editor of the Presbyterian Outlook magazine will present a special onetime seminar at [FPC Lakeland](#) on his newest book, *It's Complicated*, this coming Wednesday evening at 6:30 PM at FPC. All are invited to attend.

Jack is an interesting speaker and a thought provoking writer. In his latest book Jack, who was raised Roman Catholic, later became Assemblies of God, and still later a Presbyterian and headed up the conservative Presbyterian Coalition, writes "The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it.' Or does it? Did it ever? Whenever I see that bumper sticker on a car I sigh a wistful sigh. In fact, I nod in agreement. But my second thought goes more like, 'If only....'

There was a time when I thought faith was that simple. But then life happened and it got complicated. And when I learned more about what the Bible says, it became apparent that faith wasn't even that simple for those in the Bible."

You're invited to come and listen to Jack's presentation, ask questions, and be free to either agree or disagree. You won't be bored because the Christian faith is exciting, although, like life "it's complicated."



Rebecca Penney's Piano Festival - July 15, 7pm

Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater is hosting a free piano concert! For more information about this special event, please check out [the flyer](#) or call [727 446 6210](tel:7274466210).



Health Fair at FPC Port Richey on July 22nd

First Presbyterian Church Port Richey will be holding a Health Fair this July 22! For more details please see the flyer [here](#).



PDA Trainers Available

Below are a few words from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance trainer Robin Powell (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.

Preparing for Hurricane 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](#) 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.

Mission Opportunities



Beth-El July Newsletter

In case you missed it, you can get the latest news from Beth-El's newsletter [here](#).

Caribbean North American Council for Mission (CANACOM) Young Adult Representative

We have the an interesting opportunity to suggest some young adults (under age 33) to serve as the North America representative to the Caribbean North American Council for Mission (CANACOM) of which the PC(USA) is a founding member.

This year CANACOM celebrates its 30th anniversary as a collaborative mission presence in the Caribbean and North America. This [short powerpoint](#) gives an overview.

The deadline for application is July 8. Interviews will be conducted via Skype from July 11 - 15, 2016. This ["job" description](#) is on the responsibilities and time commitments for this volunteer position. Most of it occurs from a distance, wherever the person resides, but there are the Council meetings every 18 months and a Young Adult work camp every 3 years.

Previous young adults who have served in this capacity have enjoyed getting to know folks from the several Caribbean islands involved as well as our Canadian counterparts. Use the [application form](#) to apply. They are looking for someone willing to commit for at least a 3-year term.

You can email questions to joella.holman@gmail.com

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@palmacea.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. [Brochure and further info for this event.](#)

- 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).
- The date will be Wednesday 9/28.

Job Opportunities

Worship Leader Wanted at FPC Dunedin

[First Presbyterian Church Dunedin](#), a congregation located in delightful downtown Dunedin with a history of deep love, welcome and compassion for its neighbors, seeks a Worship Leader for its Sunday morning "Worship Café" service.

The Worship Leader is responsible for recruiting, directing and participating in the Praise Band, selecting music and leading weekly practices. Together with the pastor and other leaders, the worship leader will help plan a dynamic, participatory weekly contemporary service utilizing a broad range of creativity and ideas.

The successful candidate will possess a personal history of:

Vocal, instrumental and communication skills in both song and spoken word
Skills in contemporary worship planning and engaging a congregation in worship

Passion for working with and leading servant volunteers
Ability to mold and develop musical and AV volunteers into a strong, cohesive group

Strong communication, organizational and relational skills
Growing faith as a follower of Jesus Christ

All interested candidates should send a resume to fpcworshipcafe@gmail.com

Interim Associate Pastor at Community Presbyterian Church in Atlantic Beach

[Community Presbyterian Church in Atlantic Beach \(Jacksonville, FL\)](#) is looking for an Interim Associate Pastor.

Please send your resume to Skipkedney@aol.com.

VPK Teacher at Northwood Presbyterian Church

Kids Corner Preschool at [Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater](#) is seeking an experienced VPK Teacher for August. Candidate must be fully credentialed to teach VPK. We are also seeking a lead two year old teacher.

This candidate must have experience, 40 clock hours and a CDA. Both positions are part-time from August through May, and follow the public school calendar. Competitive salary to be determined based on educational credentials and experience.

Please send resumes to Laura Woodard at ljcw57@hotmail.com.

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.

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://tpcoss.org/>

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 or read the [position description](#).

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