



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

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

## 222nd GA Report

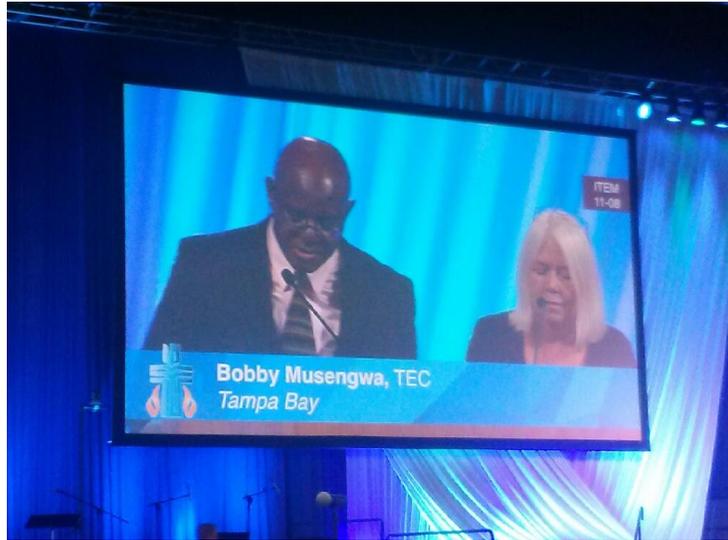


Your fellow Presbyters and staff are back from the 222nd General Assembly! It was an interesting time.

For a run down of what happened from a business perspective, see [this letter](#) and visit [this link](#) for the news from the Presbyterian Outlook!

If you're curious about *exactly* which overtures and resolutions passed or failed, I'd encourage you to go directly to the source, and see the results of the GA [at pc-biz.org](http://pc-biz.org).

A few additional highlights from General Assembly:



Vice Moderator of Social Justice Committee  
Bobby Musengwa addresses the GA



Commissioner Libby Shannon Speaks to a Motion



Saving the best for last:  
Presbyterians DANCE!

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



## Mission Trip to Honduras Report

[First  
Presbyterian  
Church Winter  
Haven](#) recently  
returned safely  
from a  
successful  
mission trip to  
Honduras.

The total participants numbered 21 with almost equal parts young people and adults. Here is what they have to say after the successful mission: *We were able to give health-care to over 300 Hondurans, mostly in very rural areas, and hand out bag lunches and stuffed toys at the Hospital Escuela.*

*In addition, we were able to install solar lights and paint an extremely isolated church in Zuniga. To get there you turn off the paved road, on to a rock "road?" and make a left at the end of the world. Continue on while*

*attempting (unsuccessfully) to avoid the potholes, and in just an hour and a half, "Wala", you're there. You can't miss it.*

*We went expecting to share God's love with others, but were very surprised to receive much more in return. We went to make a change and ended up being changed. We pray other churches will consider a mission trip to Honduras. The need is great, but the returns are greater.*

*Bendiciones.*



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



**FLORIDA  
PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
NETWORK (FLAPDAN)**

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



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## PDA Trainers Available

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.

### 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

## 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](mailto:joella.holman@gmail.com)

## Haiti Trip with St. Andrew New Tampa

Last week Presbyter Hank Belusa shared about an upcoming mission trip to Haiti he's inviting the entire Presbytery to participate in:



For more info, check out [the brochure](#) and [the registration form](#).

Please [email Hank](#) if you have questions or would like to join in!



## 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

## 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

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](mailto: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](mailto:ljcw57@hotmail.com).

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### 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.

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### 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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## 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](#).