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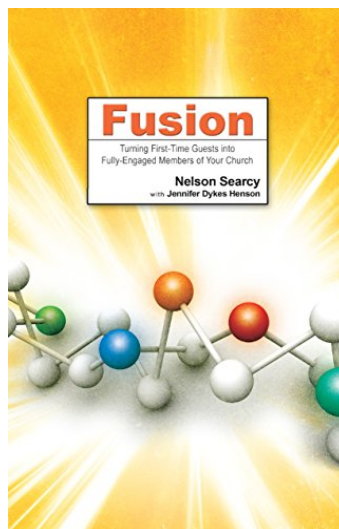
*To identify and strengthen leaders so that every congregation makes new and mature disciples for Jesus Christ.*

## Featured Resource

I'm going to be sort of low-tech today and do something I've never done in this space before - recommend a *book!*

Our Mission Statement as a Presbytery is to identify and strengthen leaders, but not for no purpose. The focus on leaders is so that every congregation can be making new and more mature disciples for Christ.

If you're getting this newsletter, you're a leader, and so I'm going to recommend a book to you that I've personally found helpful in making new disciples:



The main message behind this book is that guests make their minds up about coming back to your church not so much based on the sermon or the choir, but on how welcome they're made to feel when they visit. This is really important, but something that often gets less attention than

the service.

We're at one of those times of the year where there will be a lot of new guests coming in at the start of school, so now is a good time to take a look at this area. You can literally buy this book for \$0.01 on amazon (click on the book cover above), so I'd encourage you to check it out. You may also want to read [Beyond the First Visit](#), which covers the same problems, but in a more "classic church" style.

If you're interested in more information like this, I'd recommend checking out the "Be the Light" conference coming to the Tradewinds in St. Pete August 8-11th. The commuting rates are very reasonable, and there are scholarships available (see below).

There will also be a day long "mini conference" on September 28th just for our Presbytery concerning church communications (print materials, websites, social media, etc). See below for more info, and if you think your church might be interested in hosting the meeting on September 28th, let me know!

As usual, please check out the other news and resources below, and 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



## Presbytery Office Giveaway!

The Presbytery office staff has been doing a lot of housecleaning this summer and will have office supplies (3 ring binders, paperclips, file folders, etc) and more (robes, stoles, communion service, etc) free to anyone who would like to stop by on August 1-4 from 9am-noon. Most will be free to anyone who can use it. Our small staff size now means we don't need all the stuff that has been accumulated over the years.

What remains of the resource center is also up for grabs.

Ann Marie Fizzano is the main keeper of our stash, so please drop her a note if you have questions: [office@pbty.com](mailto:office@pbty.com).

## Upcoming Regional Commission Information

Please remember to elect commissioners for the upcoming meetings!

- East Regional Commission
  - Thursday August 25th from 7pm to 9pm
  - We will again be working on updating the bylaws and hearing reports from presbytery commissions and mission partners, including a report on the exciting new \$4 Million Capital Campaign at Cedarkirk.
  - Thanks to [McLeod Presbyterian Church](#) for hosting!
- Hillsborough Regional Commission
  - Wednesday August 31st from 9:30am to 3:30pm
  - Registration Begins at 9am
  - Thanks to [Hyde Park Presbyterian](#) for hosting!
- West Regional Commission

- Saturday August 20th from 9am to about noon
  - Registration (and breakfast!) begins at 8:30am
  - [Welcome Letter and Agenda](#)
  - Thanks to [Northwood PC](#) for hosting!
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## Laurie Palmer's Installation



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## The 10th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of South Atlantic

When: **October 21-23, 2016**

Where: [Epworth by the Sea](#)

For more details please see the flyer [here](#).

For Registration Packet please email [robin@ewfw.org](mailto:robin@ewfw.org)

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## New Benefits Connect for Teaching Elders and Churches

You've probably heard that there are changes coming to the Board of Pensions Benefit plan in 2017. The changes include a revised Benefits Connect website for both employees and employers participating in the plan. I've checked it out, and the new website (for employee members at least) is very nice.

[Read more about the new Benefits Connect here](#), or get a [refresher on the upcoming changes for 2017](#) to the Board of Pensions.

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## Free Books

Presbytery teaching elder is giving away six boxes of books to any teaching elder who wants them. Getting ready to move on July 30. Call 813-785-2399 for details.

## Mission Opportunities



### Beth-El July Newsletter

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

## Upcoming Workshops

### Deepening Spirituality for the Last Third of Life

Spiritual Directors Rev. Bill Cooley and Dr. Maureen Connors are working together to offer a mini-retreat, *Deepening Spirituality for the Last Third*

This will be a half day retreat held the morning of Saturday August 27th, at Trinity Presbyterian Church of Clearwater for a cost of \$30. Additional details and registration are in this [flyer](#).

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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](mailto:bonnema@palmacea.org)) to receive the scholarship.

- **Mid Council Financial Network Conference**

- The theme this year is: "Giving - It Just Adds Up!" We hope this topic will spark your interest. We have several experienced and well qualified speakers lined up, including keynote speaker Patricia G. Brown, Moderator of the 209th General Assembly, plenary speaker, Cory Halliburton, and representatives from the Presbyterian Foundation, the Board of Pensions, Office of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program, and other Presbyterian Mission Agency leaders. Please make an effort to register early, as space will be limited this year.
- The conference will be at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites on Clearwater Beach, 521 S. Gulfview Boulevard, November 16-18, 2016. [Brochure and registration 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

### Children's Ministry Director at Northeast Presbyterian, St. Pete

[Northeast Presbyterian Church in St Petersburg](#) is looking for a Children's Ministry Director!

**Purpose:** Live out our Children's Ministry vision to love God and love kids!

#### **Qualifications:**

- Able to commit Sunday from 8 - 1 and some mornings.
- Be a dedicated follower of Jesus Christ and a desire to glorify him through service to his church.
- Have experience in children's ministry.

#### **Job Summary:**

- Supervise and help to teach in the children's ministry, especially Sunday morning, but also mid-week.
- Coordinate volunteers, snacks and supplies, curriculum.
- Equip volunteers by training them to be at their best as they work with our children.
- Teach the children and coach others in teaching.
- Plan and supervise the Sunday morning ministry but also special events.
- Create a Wednesday night children's ministry program to run after Wednesday night dinner.
- Communicate clearly with staff, volunteers and helpers, and parents.
- Create a contagious environment of love for God and Jesus Christ.
- Be a team player with the Christian Nurture committee of the Session and other church staff.

The Children's Director is directly answerable to the Pastor.

For more information and an application please email **Lillian** at [NEPCNextGen@gmail.com](mailto:NEPCNextGen@gmail.com)

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## Office Administrator at Northeast Presbyterian, St. Pete

[Northeast Presbyterian Church in St Petersburg](#) is looking for an Office Administrator

**Purpose:** To assist the pastor and other staff in their duties; manage office operations; resource the elders and deacons in their committee responsibilities; and be the first point of contact with members and others who come to the church office.

**Part time:** 20 hours/week, 9 am - 1 pm

### Reports to the Pastor

### Requirements:

- Profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
- Previous administrative experience either in a church, business or professional office.
- Be proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, and Publisher.
- Be a lover of people.
- Be able to train and manage office volunteers

For more information or for an application please email **Pastor Ken** at [pastorken@nepres.org](mailto:pastorken@nepres.org)

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## 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

All interested candidates should send a resume to  
[fpcworshipcafe@gmail.com](mailto:fpcworshipcafe@gmail.com)

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## Children's Director at FPC Haines City

This is a full-time position, though [FPC Haines City](#) would be open to hiring someone who has children and parent skills, but can only work part-time.

Primary responsibilities include developing a Christ-centered ministry to children:

- Sunday morning Sunday school program (teacher recruitment and training, classroom oversight)
- Wednesday evening discipleship program
- Oversee nursery ministry
- Work with family ministry and leadership team
- Plan and execute summer outreach program (i.e. VBS, sports camp)
- Oversee a community outreach event every spring and fall
- Recruit, develop, mentor and evaluate children's ministry volunteers

If interested, please apply by sending a cover letter and resume to  
**Mr. Nick Braunschneider** at [nick@fpchainescity.org](mailto:nick@fpchainescity.org)

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## 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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## 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](#).

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