



Our Mission:

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

Regional Commissions and Bylaws

It's been a long time coming, but we'll be taking a first look at the potential changes to our bylaws later this month at the Regional Commissions.

The proposed changes include a lot of tweaks to the specific powers of our commissions and committees, a new manual of operations (to be created and approved later), and some changes to the way Honorably Retired members will be counted towards balancing the Presbytery and Regional Commissions.

Check out the "First Read" of the [proposed Bylaws](#) at the link.

Please also read more about the changes and the history behind this process in this [letter from the Moderator and Stated Clerk](#).

I hope that you'll come to the Regional Commission meetings and offer your feedback, so that we can have the best possible Bylaws before the November Presbytery meeting. For dates, updated agendas, and locations for the Regional Commissions, please see below.

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

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
 - [Welcome Letter and Reports](#)
 - 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!

National Service Opportunities

General Assembly is over, but for some Presbyterians the fun is just beginning!

As you know, the 222nd General Assembly (2016) created several special commissions, committees, and task forces to be appointed by the Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly and, in the case of the Way Forward Commission, the Co-Moderators with the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of the 221st General Assembly. For some background on the creation of the Way Forward commissions, [read this article at the](#)

These extremely important commissions need people to fill them! Elders who wish to be considered for appointment must complete an application form and provide three references.

The first two online application forms are now available. Application forms for the Way Forward Commission and the 2020 Vision Team can be found at ganominations.pcusa.org. They are especially looking for Ruling or Teaching Elders of color or under the age of 40. **The online application form deadline is August 17.**

An Invitation from Pastor Kim of Springwater Church of Brandon

Hi, brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ! This is Pastor Kim of Springwater Church of Brandon. We are going to have a worship service celebrating our new sanctuary on Sunday September 11, 2016 at 4 p.m., and would like to invite you all to that worship.

Please join us and let us glorify the name of Jesus Christ!

Time : 9/11 (Sun) 4 p.m.
Location : 2130 Highview Rd. Brandon, FL 33510
Tel : 813-420-8360

Commissioning Service at First Presbyterian Church of Lake Alfred

Join us for the commissioning of our Presbytery's first Commissioned Ruling Elder, Andy Staley!

This service will be at [First Presbyterian Church of Lake Alfred](#) on Sunday, August 21, at 10:30am. FPC Lake Alfred is looking forward to officially welcoming Andy!

Additionally, there will also be a reception following the commissioning service to which all are invited.

Village Presbyterian Church Featured on Fox13

Village PC's Community Food Pantry was recently featured by FOX13 in its "What's Right with Tampa Bay" segment. Here's the link to the [video](#):



In addition, this was their second summer of "Youth Take Over the Pantry" summer program, when the teens do a huge amount of the work. Most recently:

194 youth of the Tampa Bay Community made a big difference in the lives of those with hunger issues.

- Backpacks made & distributed for children of the pantry
- Hundreds of toiletry bags made for the homeless and clients in need
- School supplies collected for year long distribution
- 300 bags were made up for an 'End of Summer' distribution.



TOUR OF SCOTLAND AND IRELAND WITH JOSEPH MARTIN

Members of [Northwood Presbyterian Church](#) will be among those planning to tour Scotland and Ireland in September 2017. The top church music composer and pianist Joseph M. Martin will host the tour in conjunction with the professional organization Harmony International.

The nine-day tour (with an optional 3-day extension to Killarney) will include concert performances in St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, St. Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin and in Derry, Northern Ireland. We will also tour Edinburgh Castle and visit the John Knox house along with attending a talk about the life and ministry of John Knox and more.

Singers and non-singers are welcome. For those interested, Joseph Martin will be with us in person at **Northwood Presbyterian Church on Friday, August 19 at 7:30** (in the sanctuary) to talk about the details and to answer any questions we may have. Everyone is welcome to come and meet Joe and find out more about the trip. Attendance does not obligate you to go. More details can be found at the website:

HarmonyInternational.com.

[Northwood Presbyterian Church](#) is located at **2785 State Road 580, Clearwater; phone 727 796-8090.**

Check out [the flyer](#) for more info.

FREE Theological Library Available

[First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin](#) has an extensive selection of books available for FREE, including two fairly recent multi-volume Biblical commentaries, making great additions to any theological or pastoral library. BUT THESE GEMS MUST GO! Unfortunately, we do not have a catalog of titles, but you are welcome to come peruse them any time **BEFORE AUGUST 31** and take what you like. The church office is open from **8:30-12 and 1:00-4:00**, Monday through Thursday.



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Hurricane Season Reminder!

Just a reminder that we are heading into the active part of hurricane season with two disturbances popping up in the Atlantic this week. It's time to be more vigilant and make sure you, your families and congregations are prepared. The following websites have a great deal of helpful information:

www.nhc.noaa.gov

www.ready.gov

www.redcross.org

www.floridadisaster.org

Those who live in coastal communities, know your flood zones and evacuation zones. Storm surge can be even more destructive than wind. As tropical weather approaches, watch your local news for the latest information on impacts to your area.

For information on how to prepare your church, contact Kathy Broyard at **941-483-0673** or fla.pdan@pcusa.org

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

Mission Interest



Beth-El August Newsletter

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

Expanding the Circle of Moral Concern

[Eckerd College](#), in St. Petersburg, Florida, is a Presbyterian-related college in covenant with the Synod of the South Atlantic. On Saturday, May 21, 2016, about 500 students, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, and guests filled Wireman Chapel on the Eckerd campus for the 2016 Baccalaureate Service. Donald R. Eastman III, President of Eckerd College, spoke about "Expanding the Circle of Moral Concern." His remarks were based on Luke 10:25-37, the parable of the Good Samaritan.

"The story is not primarily intended to illustrate the virtue of charity," said Dr. Eastman, "but to answer the lawyer's question: 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus's answer was an unprecedented, radical answer: 'Everyone is your neighbor.'" To read Dr. Eastman's remarks, please visit link [here](#).

Upcoming Workshops



Westminster
Shores

Westminster Shores Pastor's Lunch

Join Westminster Shores and your fellow pastors for a lunch time lecture
on:

"Assessing and Addressing Security Issues on the Church Campus"
by Rev. Dr. Philip G. Lilly

Tuesday August 30, 2016
12 noon-1:30 pm
RSVP by August 23

Learn more from [the flyer](#).

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 of Life*.

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](#).

Below are a few of the more useful conferences coming to our area later in the year to get on your radar now. **Please note the updated information about the Communications Workshop!**

- **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 workshop will be held at [Westminster Shores in St. Pete](#) on Wednesday September 28 from 9am to 3pm.
- To Register, please [email the Presbytery Office](#) with the names of those from your church who plan to come. There will be a \$20 registration fee, collected at the door. Lunch will be provided by the folks at Westminster Shores.

Job Opportunities



Full-time Mission Outreach Resource Coordinator

Beth-El is presently seeking a full-time Mission Outreach Resource Coordinator to provide guidance to members of the Wimauma community wishing to improve their financial well-being. The coordinator will work individually with clients in assessing their need and setting mutually agreeable and obtainable goals, providing the resources that will aid client toward a higher degree of economic self-sufficiency.

Job applicant must have two years background in social work or community service. An MSW is preferred. Must be bi-lingual in Spanish and English with good people skills, and strong computer knowledge. For full job description, or to apply, email: info@beth-el.org (no phone calls, please). Beth-El Farm worker Ministry is an equal opportunity employer.

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

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

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

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@fpchainscity.org

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.

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](#).
