



***Our Mission:***

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

## Special Edition

Two things we felt were important enough to share in a special, extra edition of the eNews:

First, several of you have been asking about how your church might help with the disaster in Louisiana; more info from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is below.

Second, the East Region, which is meeting on Thursday, has an updated agenda and meeting packet. If you're a member of the East Region, or just naturally curious, please check that out below!

As usual, 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



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## PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding in South Louisiana

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. -Song of Solomon 8:7



Photo credit: US Coast Guard

Our hearts, prayers, and thoughts go out to the people of Baton Rouge and the Gulf Coast in the wake of catastrophic flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has deployed the National Response Team to support the Presbytery of South Louisiana and the Synod of the Sun as they begin outreach to those affected.

Your gifts to [DR000191 US flooding](#) are urgently needed now to support these communities as more community needs are identified and the hard work of mucking out and rebuilding begins.

**You can join in the response and encourage those in need by standing in the "GAP"-Give. Act. Pray.**

#### **Give**

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000191 to help address the needs of those impacted by the flooding. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at 800-872-3283 weekdays between 8 a.m. and

6 p.m. (EST), or by check; mail to:

- Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- P.O. Box 643700
- Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700

## Act

- Volunteer to help with cleanup and rebuilding; contact the PDA National Call Center at 866-732-6121 or email [pda.callcenter@pcusa.org](mailto:pda.callcenter@pcusa.org).
- Learn how your congregation can help families who have lost everything in the devastation. Stay informed and [like](#) us on Facebook, [download resources](#), and share updates with your congregation.

## Pray

Pray for families impacted by flooding through loss of property and livelihood; for first responders and all others who put themselves in harm's way to care for those impacted; that communities will work together and build stronger relationships and connections; for God's sustaining grace through it all.

For more information, visit [www.presbyterianmission.org/pda](http://www.presbyterianmission.org/pda).

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## Upcoming Regional Commission Information

Please remember to elect commissioners for the upcoming meetings!

- East Regional Commission
  - Thursday August 25th from 7pm to 9pm
  - Registration and fellowship begin at 6:30pm
  - [Updated Meeting Packet](#)
  - 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
  - [Summary](#)

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](#).

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