



Our Mission:

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

The Presbytery Office is Moving!

Just in case you missed the announcement last week, the Presbytery Office is moving!

The new Presbytery Office address will be:

Presbytery of Tampa Bay
455 Scotland Street Suite 1
Dunedin FL 34698

Thanks again to the good Christians at [First Presbyterian Church Dunedin](#) for hosting us!

Please keep the following in mind:

- For the next couple of weeks the Presbytery Staff might be less responsive, due to the move.
- We'll officially be moving in on September 1st, so **please don't send mail to the new address before September 1st.** Mail sent to the old address will continue to forward for a while, of course.
- Our phone and fax numbers will remain the same, hopefully with little or no downtime:
 - Main line: 813 868 4800
 - Fax: 813 200 1054
- Meetings that were once held at the Presbytery Office will be held in our churches or at other locations. Consult the [Presbytery Calendar](#) or the chair of the particular group for more info.

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
 - [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
 - [Meeting 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](#).



GA Amendments Published

The Presbytery won't be voting on these until next year, but for those of you who'd like to peruse them, the General Assembly's proposed changes to the Book of Order may be found here:

<http://pcusa.org/amend/>

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

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.



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

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



Kathy Broyard, Emergency Management Specialist • 941-483-0675 • fla.pdan@pcusa.org

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

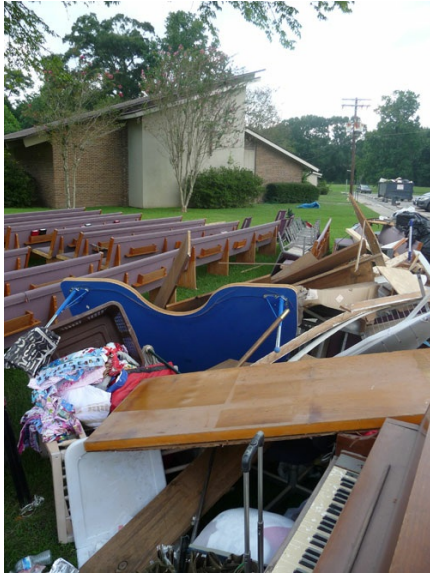
Mission Interest



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, **HOPE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Update on Louisiana Flooding



Over 60,000 homes have been damaged from the recent flooding in Louisiana. PDA has sent in three initial National Response teams to 1) work with the Presbytery of South Louisiana, 2) find suitable housing for volunteer teams and 3) provide spiritual care at Red Cross shelters. The presbytery office and Faith Presbyterian Church in Baton Rouge were severely damaged. There are several ways you can help:

GIVE

Your monetary gifts are always appreciated. Please visit pda.pcusa.org/page/give for more information. Your congregation can get involved by assembling Gift of the Heart Kits. Specific information can be found at pda.pcusa.org/page/kits. Please be aware that shipping flood buckets can be very expensive, so consider good stewardship in getting kits delivered.

ACT

Volunteer work teams are needed to help muck out and gut flood damaged homes in the Baton Rouge and Lafayette areas of Louisiana. Teams will also be needed for the long-term recovery effort. Please contact the PDA Call Center at PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org or 866-732-6121 for more information or to register your team.

PRAY

Pray for those in Louisiana who have lost so much and for all those affected by disasters worldwide. Pray also for those responding to disasters.

For more information, visit www.presbyterianmission.org/pda.

Book Donation Report

You may be interested to know what happened to all of the books from the old Resource Center that were not bought or claimed by members of the Presbytery. Below is a report on how our old resources are being put to new use. If you have a collection of books you'd also like to

donate, please contact kallisbooks@gmail.com.



Thank you for donating the books to my prison book project! The Chaplain and the Librarian with the Hillsborough County Jail were very appreciative of the latest donation. I have been collecting books for over a year now and every donation is greatly appreciated by the jail and the inmates as well. Anything that can be read from magazines, children's books to even torn books gets used in their programs. Nothing goes to waste. On this past Friday delivery, we estimated there to be over 1000 books. Six inmates and two detention deputies unloaded the books into all 3 rolling carts.

Honduras Mission Trip

Another team from the International Mission Partnership Committee to Honduras had a successful mission trip to Honduras from July 17 - 24, with two preplanning members arriving on July 14, 2016. Clinics were held in four of the rural churches. The team that included three nurses from our Presbytery, a Honduran physician, a Honduran medical student, a Honduran pharmacist and other Honduran helpers saw at least 110 patients per day for the four days. In those villages, the only time that many of the people see a doctor is when we visit with our teams.



Also, with assistance from our group and helping Hondurans, work progressed on building a house for the pastor of the church at Rosario. The house is adjacent to the church. A clinic was held at that church. The first picture shows the pastor and the rocky terrain where the house is being built. The second picture shows progress on the house adjacent to the church. Health kits were given to all who came to the clinics. In addition, health kits were taken to four other villages that we visited on our fifth day of service in Honduras. We are always grateful to our Honduran assistants as we traverse difficult terrain in 4 wheel drive trucks.

Taking the challenge to change: Mission trips that last a lifetime



Don't miss this great article by our own Rev. John Reiter, Executive Director of [Cedarkirk](#), in the Presbyterian Outlook!

You can view the full article [here](#).

Seeking Community in a Capitalist Age: A Collective Response to Poverty and Debt in the Bible and Today

Rev. Dr. Matthew Coomber
Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:30pm
Fox Hall, [Eckerd College](#)

In this lecture, Dr. Coomber will pose some questions about the intersections between contemporary conversations about debt and poverty and stories about debt and the poor in the Bible and other ancient texts.

Bio: Matthew J.M. Coomber is an associate professor of biblical studies at the St. Ambrose University in Iowa and an Episcopal priest. His primary areas of research are on how of biblical texts interact with the cultures into which they are adopted, with emphasis on economics and social-justice movements. He is the author of *Re-Reading the Prophets Through Corporate Globalization* and the forthcoming *Micah: Through the Centuries*, editor of *Bible and Justice*, co-editor of *Fortress Commentary on the Bible: Old Testament an Apocrypha*, and the editor of a forthcoming three-part series on Bible and economics. Among other endeavors, Coomber works to bridge the academic, spiritual, and activist components of his life through a directorship at the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice and organizing conferences on Bible and justice.

Beth-El
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.



Beth-El August Newsletter

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

Upcoming Workshops

Silent Retreat



**You are invited to experience three days of silence
They may be the best three days of your year**

Three days of guided silence
Beautiful grounds to enjoy
Daily Worship with Communion
Meals and lodging included
Spiritual directors available
\$100 per person

When: October 23-25, 2016

Where: Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

Registration starts on **October 16**.

For registration, you can call Cedarkirk on this number (813) 685-4224
or visit their [website](#).

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

**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**

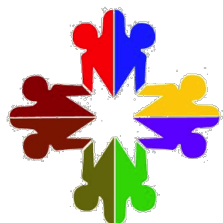
- Day long conference hosted by the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Create excitement and energy in your congregation by using simple, but powerful communications tools. What do you want your community to know about your church? Are you looking for ways to share God's love through social 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, per person, preferably collected in advance (checks made out to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and mailed to the office).
- Due to space limitations, event sign up will be limited to just 50 people, so please reserve your spot soon. **Deadline to RSVP is NOON Friday September 23rd.**
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the great folks at Westminster Shores at no additional cost. FYI, they will also host events for your church for free; [contact Gail Hoesha](#) for more info!

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](#).

Job Opportunities



Good Samaritan Church Job Opening:

New Music Director

Good Samaritan Church seeks a new music director! For details about the position, please visit this [link](#).

Part Time Financial Assistant at First Brandon

Looking for a Financial Assistant at the First Presbyterian Church of Brandon. Payroll experience is necessary. Work includes computer skills and working with Session and church members. Approximately 10-12 hours per week. Please call 813-689-4597 for more information.

Part Time Sexton at Trinity Clearwater

[Trinity Presbyterian, Clearwater](#) is seeking a part-time (20 hours/week) Facility Manager/Sexton—a member of church staff responsible for facility maintenance. Basic skills and knowledge of plumbing, A/C, electricity, vehicle maintenance and construction/repair are desirable. Job description available upon request. Anticipated start date is September 1.

Contact Kathi Trautwein at 727-446-6210 or kathi.trautwein@verizon.net.



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](#).