



Our Mission:

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

Presbytery Office Move Update!

Just in case you missed the announcements, the Presbytery Office is moving!

The new Presbytery Office address is now:

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:

- **The Presbytery's office hours are changing as well.** The new hours will be Monday to Wednesday 8:30am to 3pm, and Thursday from 8:30am to 4pm.
- We'll be in transition for the next week or so, and back and forth between the offices. For the next couple of weeks the Presbytery Staff might be less responsive, due to the move.
- The mail is still being set up, so **please don't send mail to the new address before September 6th.** 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.

Finally, the Stated Clerk will be on vacation until September 7th, so the

next eNews will probably be delayed or deferred.

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

\$10,000 Grant for New Initiatives

The Developmental, Risky, Experimental, Adaptive Mission (DREAM) Grant is being offered by the Presbyterian Mission Agency in order to encourage dreamers, risk-takers, pioneers and trailblazers.

This grant is designed to encourage the birth of new ventures through congregations and presbyteries rather than to support the expansion of existing programs within congregations. It's also a grant whose funding is running out. This is one of your last chances to qualify for this grant!

For the purpose of this grant, new is defined as an initiative that was created no earlier than January 1, 2014. This grant is not intended for new worshiping communities or new church developments.

Please note that the deadline to get this grant to the Presbytery is October 15th. If you are interested in applying, please [download the application](#) and return it completed to the Presbytery Office.

Upcoming Regional Commission Reports

I'll update these as more reports come in!

- West Regional Commission
 - [Meeting Summary](#)

If you haven't already, check out the "First Read" of the [proposed Bylaws](#) at the link. If you have feedback at this point, please send that to the Stated Clerk.

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

East Regional Commission



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:

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

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

Over 60,000 homes have been damaged by the disastrous flooding in Louisiana, and church members in Tampa Bay can help the families in distress.

Several churches have already assembled Gift Buckets that will be sent to aid in the clean up. Relief workers on site are reporting that as fast as kits are coming in, they are going back out to help those affected by the floods.

If you can help **the time to act is now**. There are tractor trailers leaving from Lakeland on September 13th. If you have Gift Buckets ready to go by September 12 you can ship them for free. Please label your bucket with your church's name so folks know where the gifts and prayers are coming from.

Please contact Alisun Donovan: (alisundonovan93@gmail.com or **352-214- 1721**) to arrange pick-up on or before the 12th so we can get the buckets to Lakeland by the 13th.

To find details about the buckets go to this site:
pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/#bucket

Other ways to help:

Text "PDA FLOOD" to 20222 to donate \$10 now!

**Mail donations to PCUSA, P.O.Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA
15264-3700
DR000148 - PDA general support / DR000191 - US Flooding**

www.pcusa.org/pda

Book a Mission Work Team: 1-866- 732-6121

pda.callcenter@pcusa.org

Even as we think about our brothers and sisters in Louisiana we are preparing for local flooding. Be prepared! And stay safe.

Alisun Donovan



Board of Pensions Call to Health

With each day we're reminded of the need to protect and cherish our personal health and the health of our families, loved ones, and broader community of faith. The Board of Pensions' Call to Health is one small way all plan members can honor this gift and demonstrate our individual commitment to nurture God's gift of life.

Over the past two years, the Presbytery of Tampa Bay's participation in

the Call to Health has declined. Specifically, last year, 37.3% of plan members in the Tampa Bay Presbytery completed Call to Health, compared to the 38.5% completed in 2014.

As the 2016 Call to Health is approaching the September 30 end date, we encourage all members the Presbytery to actively answer the Call to Health to achieve their best health and save on their 2017 medical plan deductibles. I do this every year, and it has saved my family a lot of money in reduced deductibles.

For more information, please visit www.calltohealth.org or visit www.pensions.org.



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Immediate Response Volunteer Opportunities in Hammond, Louisiana

Although it is hard to know exactly what the timeline is going to be, we are hopeful that the muck-out phase will be finished within the next two or three weeks. If you are able to travel within that time frame, volunteers are needed to help remove personal belongings from homes, remove cabinetry, doors, floors, trim, drywall, and insulation. Teams interested in volunteering during the rebuilding phase will use the same registration process as the early response muck-out teams.

This is a two-step process. 1) Please call one of the lodging options below to check availability. 2) Once you have secured housing, please email the PDA Call Center to secure your work assignment.

pda.callcenter@pcusa.org

LODGING

We have 3 lodging partners that are church camps and/or retreat centers. They are more economical than motels, but they will require you to bring your own sheets/blankets or sleeping bags and towels. Please check out their websites and contact your first choice. Let them know you will be volunteering with Ginger Ford Northshore Fuller Center in Hammond. They will give you a great rate and provide warm Southern hospitality during your stay in Southeast Louisiana.

Rosaryville Spirit Life Center
39003 Rosaryville Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
225-294-5039

catholicretreatcenter.org

Magnificat Center
23629 Faith Road
Ponchatoula, LA 70454
985-386-5815
cojtl.arch-no.org/magnificat

Camp Living Waters
21230 Livingwater Road
Loranger, LA 70446
985-345-1831
camplivingwaters.net/home.html

First Presbyterian Church, Hammond*
Contact: Donna Gay Anderson
411 West Charles Street
Hammond, LA 70401
985-969-7779

*FPC, Hammond does not provide beds, cots, and has only one shower. This should only be your choice if you are willing to bring your own bedding and sleep on the floor. We are working on getting air mattresses and additional showers.



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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.

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 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 and 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.

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**

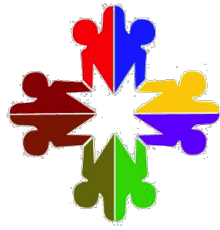
- Day long conference hosted by the Presbytery and the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Create excitement and energy in your congregation by using simple, but powerful communications tools. What do you want your community to know about your church? Are you looking for ways to share God's love through social 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.

Beth-El
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.



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

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](#).

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