

**East Regional Commission of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay
First Presbyterian Church of Auburndale, FL
Stated Meeting, April 28, 2016
7-9:00 PM**

The meeting opened with prayer at 7:00PM. Regional Convener Mike Loudon declared a quorum to be present. A motion to approve the docketed agenda and passed unanimously by voice vote.

Rev. Tim Sizemore was welcomed as the newest member of the Presbytery. Tim pastors the Church in the Meadows and Westminster Presbyterian Church which have come together to form a joint congregational witness.

Rev. Peg Roy brought greetings from the host church.

An inspiring time of worship was led by Paul Suich and Zac McGowan with a focus on praying for the churches and cities in the East Region.

Coach and Coordinator Patrice Hatley gave a report that included a brief description of a healthy church and of the Healthy Cow Evaluation tool, and an invitation to the August "Be The Light" Conference in St. Pete.

Special guest speaker Dr. Jack Haberer, former editor of the Presbyterian Outlook, presented "A Sneak Peek at the 2016 General Assembly in Portland, OR", that included a Q&A.

The Commission on Church Vitality informed the region of the limited scholarship availability for the August conference in St. Pete and reminded the group that church revitalization funds are still available.

The Commission on Preparation for Ministry gave the brief update that while the east region does not currently have inquirers or candidates for ministry, the Presbytery's very first Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) has been approved to serve FPC Lake Alfred.

The Commission on Ministry shared good news that included: the approval for Rev. Tim Sizemore to be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery while he serves as pastor of the Church of the Meadows Joint Congregational Witness; the approval of Andy Staley, CRE, to serve FPC Lake Alfred; the good work going on at FPC Dade City with Rev. Karen Neesmith serving as stated supply; a report given by 2 elders from Chapel in the Grove of the church's flourishing with Rev. Brian Dill serving as stated supply, which is exactly what they've been praying for!

Report of Stated Clerk, Rev. Dave Baker, included instructions for the listening sessions that took place around each table on behalf of the Bylaws Revision Task Force.

A motion to adjourn was approved unanimously by voice vote, and the meeting was closed at 8:55PM with prayer by Mike Loudon.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Peg Roy

Recording Clerk for the East Region