



***e-News* from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay**

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West Region, Stated Meeting, Christmas Joy Offering
Cedarkirk Christmas Retreat, Participation in the APCE
conference Choir robes for the asking, Alternative Gifts, Job
Posting

The **West Region's** gathering heard a powerful presentation about Human Trafficking in our area. We talked about ways in which we might respond. Some possibilities shared by Micki Robinson are:

- 1) forming a speakers bureau that would go into schools
- 2) hosting events that would provide practical information
- 3) sharing information through Presbyterian Women
- 4) funding through churches in the west region for Bridging Freedom as it builds a facility for women trying to escape
- 5) bringing this issue to the attention of community leaders using the connection we, as individuals, have ... for example, with Rotary or Kiwanis
- 6) providing awareness education within our congregations.

Stated Meeting: St. Andrews, Dunedin, Thursday, **20 November** 2014.

Information from the Board of Pensions on the [Christmas Joy Offering](#).

Christmas retreat (19-21 December) and other [Cedarkirk](#) events.

Do you lead **Christian Education & Discipleship** in your church as a volunteer, staff, or clergy?

The presbytery's Commission on Church Vitality wants to support your growth as a leader. \$300 is available to help you attend this year's Association of Presbyterian Church Educators' annual conference (Baltimore: 4-7 February 2015) Early bird registration by 5 December. We'd like to help 12 folks attend so they can come back and share with congregations & regions. By 3 December write [Evelyn McMullen](#) to get on the Tampa Bay list. Then register with APCE.

Beverly Webster of First, Port Richey (727 849 1898) writes,

We have a number of Choir robes going begging in our attic and would like to find a good home for them. There are 20 Burgundy robes with sashes, 25 Gold robes with sashes, and 30 green youth robes. If anyone out there can use them, [please write](#). We would be happy to give them to them.

On Wednesday, **19 November**, an Alternative Gift Market, including the Heifer Project, will take over **First Presbyterian Church of Brandon** from 6 – 8 p.m. For more details, click [here](#).

Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at Northwood, Clearwater. Position description [here](#). Questions: Write Chris Hurst, the [Business Administrator](#) or Chris Curvin, the [Pastor](#).
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