



### ***Our Mission:***

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

## **Called Meeting Postponed**

### **The Called Presbytery Meeting is Postponed!**

Due to Hurricane Matthew and the expected impact on our area, our called Presbytery meeting this Friday, October 7th was postponed to Monday October 17th at 3pm at Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church. Please examine the materials for the meeting below.

Download, print and bring the Presbytery packet with you:

**[Presbytery Packet](#)**

Please make every effort to be present at this meeting, as action on the agreement is necessary to move forward with the sale of the Presbytery Office. Registration will begin at 2:30pm. If you or your session cannot attend, please send requests for excused absences to [statedclerk@pbty.com](mailto:statedclerk@pbty.com).

### **Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church:**

[420 Bullard Parkway](#)  
[Temple Terrace, Florida 33617](#)

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

### Fall Presbytery Reminder

**Our Stated meeting of the Presbytery is coming up in just 5 weeks**, on Thursday November 17th at FPC Lakeland! Please remember to elect commissioners to this Presbytery meeting if you haven't already. If you're not sure how many Ruling Elder commissioners your church needs to elect, please [consult this document](#).

In addition to the reminder, I'd also like to ask for your help. We've started doing leadership development and breakout groups for the Presbytery meetings again, and this Presbytery meeting we'll have editor of the Presbyterian Outlook Jill Duffield as our guest speaker.

However, I'd like to ask you, members of the Presbytery, what is it you'd like to know more about? What are the topics you'd like to see covered in future meetings and breakouts? Is there a topic you yourself are an expert in and would like to share with others?

**Please let us know [by taking this short survey](#)!**

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### Transitional Ministers Support Group

All pastors who are in transitional ministry positions are invited to join the Transitional Ministers Support Group. The group meets monthly and enjoys fellowship as well as mentoring each other in the tasks of transitional ministry. Please contact the Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis for more information at [ginny\\_ellis@yahoo.com](mailto:ginny_ellis@yahoo.com).

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## **PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

### **HOW YOU CAN HELP! .... Hurricane Matthew**

#### **VOLUNTEER!!**

Volunteer teams are needed in storm affected areas to help muck out homes, tarp roofs and remove debris. If you have a group from your church or community that can help, please contact FLAPDAN. We will match you with work projects and put you in touch with families needing help. Please do not self-deploy! We are coordinating with local response efforts and keeping track of volunteer hours.

#### **SHARE SPACE!!**

Churches close to the storm affected areas are needed to host volunteer work teams during the cleanup phase. If you have space somewhere in your building for a small group of volunteers to sleep, eat and hopefully shower for a few days while they are assisting with cleanup efforts, please contact FLAPDAN asap. No long term commitment necessary.

#### **DONATE CASH!!**

Your financial gift - no matter the amount - will assist in the long term recovery of families affected by the Florida storms. You can [donate](#) to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Please do not donate goods - cash is best. Watch this [short video](#) to see what a dollar can do!

The Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) works in cooperation with Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (FLVOAD), a group of community and faith-based disaster response organizations. Through this partnership, we are able to address unmet needs in a coordinated fashion. Contact Kathy Broyard at [fla.pdan@pcusa.org](mailto:fla.pdan@pcusa.org) or **941-483-0675**. Thank you!

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### **Benefit Concert**

Thanks to a generous gift to our community Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church is able to present a benefit concert that will support Trinity Cafe.

Please share the information below and on our [website](#) with anyone who might be interested.

**Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church presents**

An evening with

**Mac Frampton**



Playing everything from Gershwin to Billy Joel to J. S. Bach

**7:00 PM, Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Proceeds to support Trinity Café**

Trinity Café, a Tampa non-profit, restores a sense of dignity to the homeless & hungry while serving a nutritious meal.

Advance tickets \$25 or \$30 at the door, if not sold out.

Temple Terrace Presbyterian Church – Cash or Check Only

EventBright.com – Credit Card



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## Political Resources

To say that this has been an unusually controversial year in politics would be a bit of an understatement. While this has caused anxiety and not a few ulcers for many of us personally, at the church level it's a whole other level of difficulty. How do we address what's going on? What's legal to say and what isn't? How do we navigate these very choppy waters safely?

Fortunately, the PC(USA) has your back! Patrice and I wanted to alert you to this page of resources provided by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to help answer your questions and provide you with some legal guidance:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/story/pcusa-issues-updated-guidelines-election-activities-religious-organizations/>

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**Important Info from the Commission on Ministry**

At its most recent meeting, the Commission on Ministry (COM) approved a motion to adopt a minimum effective salary of \$43,083. This means that churches who pay the minimum salary will need to take this change into account for any upcoming budgetary planning.

**Note:** Congregations that would have difficulty meeting the minimum can contact the Commission on Ministry to request a waiver.

Additionally, the COM is recommending that congregations provide at least a 1% increase to church staff salaries for 2017. This is a recommendation, not a requirement.

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## Book Sale

First Pres, Auburndale Book and Bake sale will be held Saturday, October 15 from 9-2. Donations of books will be welcome until October 8. 410 Pilaklakaha Ave, Auburndale, 33823.

Call LaMoyne Meek if you have questions 863-967-7467 or 863-398-1845.



## 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/>

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## 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](mailto:robin@ewfw.org)

# Opportunities for Young Adults



## Young Adult Volunteers Application

[Application](#) for the [Young Adult Volunteers](#) starts **October 1st!** Follow the YAV program on social media [@yavprogram](#).

For more details please visit [YoungAdultVolunteers.org](#) or click [here](#) to apply!



**World Communion  
of Reformed Churches**

## 2017 General Council Stewards Program

The member communions of the World Communion of Reformed

Churches (WCRC) will gather for its General Council in Leipzig Germany June 29 to July 7. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is a member of the WCRC and as such we have been invited to participate in the General Council in various ways. Our own General Assembly has approved a slate of delegates to attend on our behalf to participate in the business of the General Council. However, there are other opportunities for Presbyterian young adults to participate.

The WCRC is seeking 35 from the global membership of the WCRC, including the PC(USA). Applications are now invited for the Stewards Program.

The work of the stewards is essential to the General Council. Without stewards making sure that rooms are set up, papers are distributed, mail is delivered, people are counted, etc., there would be no General Council at all! Therefore, being a steward means first of all a lot of hard work. Often this work is exhausting, intense and done under the pressure of time.

To learn more please visit [this link](#).

Contact Melissa Davis at the Office of Ecumenical Relations with questions and/or requests for PC(USA) endorsement: [Melissa.davis@pcusa.org](mailto:Melissa.davis@pcusa.org) or 502-569-5037.

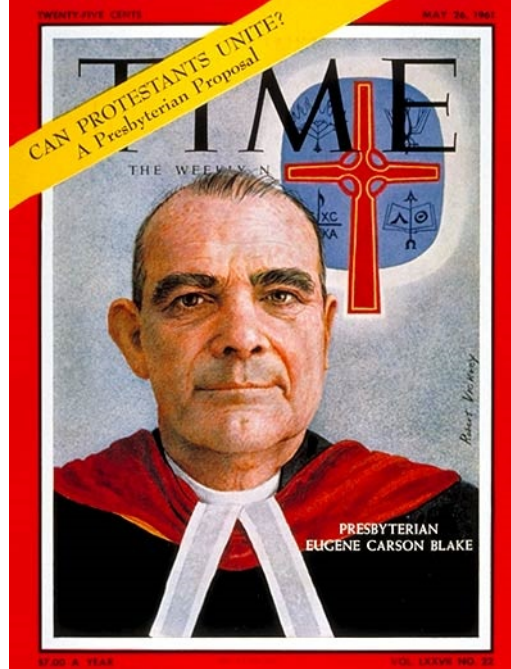
### Another way to Participate:

**Global Institute of Theology (GIT):** The next GIT will be held in Wuppertal and Leipzig, Germany, from June 9 to July 7, 2017, living together and learning as a global community in the context of the 2017 General Council of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

The 2017 GIT will offer a unique opportunity for a community of students from around the world to live together, learn and do theology in a fully inter-contextual and ecumenical way, connecting theology from the local to the regional and world levels. To learn more visit: <http://wcrc.ch/git>

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## Eugene Carson Blake Scholarship

The Eugene Carson Blake Fellowship program annually selects an outstanding individual who shows promise for church leadership to attend the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland.

Students will receive a holistic education - which combines academic research, cross-cultural learning through life in community, spiritual experience, exposure to and encounter with other faith communities. This formation prepares students to face the challenges of living in an increasingly pluralistic society, in a world of economic and cultural globalization, climate change, neglect of human rights and attempts to justify growing violence in the name of religion.

Each year the Institute welcomes a group of no more than 40 students from around the world and from many different Christian traditions. Consider applying for the September 2017 to January 2018 academic year.

Presbyterians can seek their denomination's nomination for the Scholarship by following the instructions set forth in the nomination procedure.

For more information please download [this flyer](#).

Applications are due to the office of Ecumenical Relations by **November 30**.

# Mission Interest





**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance provides help for those impacted by the storm.**



Hector Retamal/AFP/Getty Images

*A girl walks on a street damaged in Hurricane Matthew, in Jeremie, in western Haiti, on October 7. The full scale of the devastation in the hurricane-hit country became clear as the death toll surged over 400 three days after Hurricane Matthew leveled huge swaths of the country's south.*

Hurricane Matthew has caused death and destruction across the Caribbean and southeastern United States, including more than 800 dead, thousands injured, and the destruction of communities and crops, especially in Haiti. Many impacted areas were still recovering from previous flooding and other disasters. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is supporting the delivery of emergency aid to those impacted, working with our partners in the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together) and local staff who had been monitoring the completion of prior earthquake and hurricane projects.

In Haiti, PDA is leveraging long-standing church partnerships to assess damage and to develop long-term disaster recovery and rebuilding strategies. Ecumenical partner ACT Alliance has already issued an appeal for over \$1 million to assist relief efforts in Cuba, and is working with partners throughout the Caribbean to evaluate needs in Jamaica, the Bahamas, and beyond. After immediate needs are addressed, PDA will remain, drawing upon its strong relationships and effective prior development efforts in the region.

Throughout the southeastern United States, PDA has reached out to pastors and presbytery leaders in areas impacted by the storm. Extensive flooding and storm surges throughout the region have damaged many homes and churches. National Response Team members are mobilizing to visit affected presbyteries and to support local development of disaster response and recovery plans. In the coming weeks, PDA will begin deploying teams into as many as seven presbyteries and providing assistance to congregations mucking out as the waters recede.

**The needs for the response are great. God's people are once again called on to stand in the "GAP"-Give. Act. Pray.**

### **GIVE**

Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to DR000148 with reference to Matthew. Gifts can be made [online](#), by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check, which can be mailed to:

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

### **ACT**

Learn how you and 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 those who suffered loss of family or home or for those who are working tirelessly to provide rescue, humanitarian aid, and spiritual and psychological support.



## **40th Anniversary**

You can check the "40th Anniversary" flyer [here](#).

Also, in case you missed it, their [October Newsletter](#).

## **Upcoming Workshops**

## Don't Miss Jurgen Moltmann!

Jurgen Moltmann, Professor Emeritus of Systematic Theology at the University of Tübingen, will be speaking at Florida Southern College in Lakeland on Monday evening, October 24 at 7pm at the [Annie Pfeifer Chapel](#). More details will be added as they become available.

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## 1001 New Worshiping Communities announces webinar schedule



Following is a partial schedule of upcoming free webinars offered by 1001 New Worshiping Communities, along with registration links for each presentation. All webinars begin at 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

- **Thursday, September 15**  
[Hispanic Ministry](#)-Pablo Rivera Madera, pastor and U.S. Army chaplain.  
Join a PC(USA) pastor in an ongoing conversation on developing and sustaining a vital Hispanic ministry. Offer your suggestions for Hispanic ministry.
- **Thursday, September 29**  
[Grants](#)-Vera White and Tim McCallister, Presbyterian Mission Agency  
Learn about the 1001 New Worshiping Communities grant process.
- **Wednesday, October 19**  
[Rural Ministry](#)-Edwin Lacy, pastor, Wild Goose Christian Community.  
Learn from the experience of a pastor who felt God's call to develop a new worshiping community in rural Appalachia. Consider

what you can do in your community.

[Watch the Wild Goose video.](#)

- **Wednesday, November 2**

[Evangelism in Your Community](#)-Christopher James, assistant professor of Evangelism and Missional Christianity, University of Debuque.

Christopher is the author of several articles on missional practice and church planting including "Practices for a Missional Church Planting Order" (Journal of Missional Practice, 2013) and "Some Fell on Good Soil: Church Planting in Religious Ecologies" (Witness, 2013).

- **Wednesday, December 7**

[Nones and Dones](#) -Renee Roederer, ordained PC(USA) minister, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Be inspired by a minister working alongside others to create new worshiping communities in the Presbytery of Detroit, communities that include those who are religiously unaffiliated (the Nones) and those who seek new, emerging visions for their faith expression (the Dones).

The first 25 registrants for each webinar can choose to participate via a computer webcam or by voice. And, up to 100 registrants can listen and learn without being active participants. Registrants will receive a reminder email prior to the webinar, which will include a link and directions.

If you have questions or suggestions for future webinar topics or presenters, contact Sean Chow at [sean.chow@pcusa.org](mailto:sean.chow@pcusa.org).

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## Adult Disciples with Special Needs Seminar



### Adult Disciples *with* Special Needs

a *half-day* seminar for church leaders and  
volunteers about ministry with adults  
with special needs

- Presented by Bright Threads Ministries -

**Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

✓ **REGISTER TODAY!**

### Seminar Leaders:

**Dr. Evelyn McMullen**, Director of Bright Threads Ministries

**Rev. Bill Fisackerly**, St. James United Methodist Church, Tampa  
**Rev. Meg Pabst**, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa  
**Abigail Roe**, Graduate student, Southeastern University

Dear Pastors and Volunteers,

You may know adults like "Robert." Robert loves Jesus. Robert enjoys worshiping with his family and can tell you about people in the Bible. He likes to help others. Robert is part of a small congregation which includes him and expects him to grow as an adult disciple of Jesus.

There are many adults with special needs who are not as fortunate as Robert. They are invisible in their congregations. Or they live on the margins of our communities, invisible to all of us. Jesus reached out to people on the margins. In Luke 14, Jesus called them in "that My House may be filled."

Bright Threads Ministries can equip your congregation to include adults with special needs in the life of your church. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO START A NEW PROGRAM!!**

Our seminar on October 15 will show you how to strengthen existing ministries of worship, learning, and service, leading to more inclusive congregational life.

**Location:** First Presbyterian Church, Winter Haven - 637 6th St. NW, Winter Haven, FL

**When:** Saturday, October 15, 9:00 a.m. until noon

**Cost:** \$15 per participant. Contact us about a group rate for 4 or more people from your church.

**Register** at [www.BrightThreadsMinistries.org](http://www.BrightThreadsMinistries.org)

Bright Threads Ministries is a nonprofit based in Polk County which helps church leaders and volunteers weave people of ALL abilities into the beautiful, surprising pattern that God is making with all of us.

Questions? Call Evelyn McMullen 863-944-3047

E-mail: [BrightThreadsMinistries@gmail.com](mailto:BrightThreadsMinistries@gmail.com)

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## 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](#).

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## **Deadline October 14th!**

### **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.](#)
- **Registration Deadline is October 14**
- Check out the [Proposed Agenda](#)

# For Sale:

## 2002 F450 Church Bus FPC

A very clean bus is available for immediate sale by the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin. It is a 2002 Ford E450 diesel, 65,000 miles, CDL-required bus, fair condition, \$9,950.00 or OBO. Contact Donna Dayock at 727-733-2318 for details and make your best offer!



# Job Opportunities

## Part Time Nursery Assistant at St. Andrew, New Tampa

Responsible for providing nursery care for children under three years old, ensuring their safety, health, cleanliness and well-being. Regular hours are Sunday 9am-12pm. Addition church events as needed. Located in Tampa Palms close to I75. Minimum of two years professional childcare experience, part-time or full-time, or be a parent. Current CPR certification or be willing to receive certification. Pay rate is \$50.00 for Sunday (9-12) and \$16.50 per



hour for additional events. Call 813-513-8822 for additional information.  
Email resume to: [office@standrewnewtampa.org](mailto:office@standrewnewtampa.org).

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## 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](mailto:kih.choi3@gmail.com) or read the [position description](#).

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