



# Presbytery of Tampa Bay

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*“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was[a] in Christ Jesus . . .”*

Philippians 2:3-5

August 20, 2020

Greetings!

**The Presbytery of Tampa Bay will gather via Zoom for a Stated Meeting on Thursday, August 27, 2020.**

**Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart, Co-Moderator of the 224th General Assembly (2020)**, will help us open the day with a land acknowledgment and greetings from the General Assembly, and **Rev. Dr. Margaret Grun Kibben, former Chief of Chaplains of the Navy**, will be our guest preacher. Both of our guests will be joining Loli Reiter for an online Presbytery Leadership Forum after the meeting from 2:00-3:30 p.m. *(You can sign up for the forum [by clicking here](#), and you'll find their biographies immediately after this letter in your packet.)*

**The presbytery meeting begins promptly at 8:30 a.m.; please begin logging into the Zoom meeting at 8:00. As soon as you log in, please change your display name** to show your first name and last name, whether you're a minister/teaching elder or ruling elder commissioner from a congregation, or in another role. You will find directions on how to do that on pages 78-79 of this packet.

**All participants should have already registered for this meeting.** All registered participants will receive a reminder email with the Zoom link and other information early next week. Other observers will be able to view a live stream of the meeting at this link:

<https://youtu.be/udCSnSWbmc0>. **If you are a participant and have not registered, please contact Stated Clerk Bill Wildhack immediately.**

**All first-time commissioners and guests** should review the “Helpful Information” starting on p. 73 of this packet, and **all participants should review** the Special Rules of Order, Additional Technical Guidance, and “Zoom Expertise” documents in the packet again before the meeting.

**Anyone who has never attended a presbytery meeting here or wants a little more practice with Zoom can participate in an online orientation** to the presbytery meeting on Friday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. or on Monday, August 24 at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.; sign up for one of those sessions [by clicking here](#).

**Our online worship service will include the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.** To participate meaningfully in the sacrament, please have bread and wine or juice ready at the start of the meeting. You'll find the worship flyer on pages 7-9 of this packet.

**Our offering on August 27** is designated to the Native American Church Property Fund, created as directed by the 223rd General Assembly (2018) in response to overtures lifting up the plight of 92 Native American congregations, many which are on tribal lands. The 224th General Assembly (2020) further urged Presbyteries to contribute to this fund to support urgent and immediate repairs. You will hear more about this during the worship service; you can find directions on how you can donate in the eNews and on page 9 of this packet.

**Like so many other activities in these unusual times**, we will be “doing presbytery” this month in a very different form than any of us are used to and few of us would prefer. But, as we “seek not simply to reflect the will of the people, but rather to seek together to find and represent the will of Christ” as we meet, we will also do things that matter—even if we can’t meet in person for this meeting.

The peace of Christ be with you,

*Jonathan*

Jonathan Owen  
Moderator

*Bill*

W.A. Wildhack III  
Stated Clerk