

To equip, strengthen and nurture...

Central Florida Presbytery is one of 173 presbyteries in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through the faithful support of members, both with their service and with their dollars, the presbytery serves and unites congregations in the 10 counties of Central Florida: Brevard, Indian River, Volusia, Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Lake, Sumter, Highlands and Okeechobee.

This brochure gives you a glimpse of the ways Presbyterians in this part of God's world learn and grow together and share in serving Christ.



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"I am the vine, you
are the branches..."
John 15:5

**CENTRAL
FLORIDA
PRESBYTERY**



OUR MISSION:

To equip, strengthen and support congregations in their ministries in service to Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4)

And

To unite congregations in discipleship, mission and fellowship to accomplish more than any one congregation can do alone.

(Matthew 8:19-20)



Our Ministries



Mission Development

“...whatever you did for the least of these, my brothers, you did it to me.” Matt. 25:40

Through the Presbyterian Church USA we are in mission in 73 countries around the world. Our missionaries witness the saving love of Christ as they teach, preach, provide medical care, serve as agricultural and business consultants and in a variety of other ways assist people to build better lives for themselves and their families.



Hands on Mission Trips by churches in our presbytery share Christ’s love through short term mission trips often uniting congregations of our presbytery in service together.



Presbyterian Answer to Hunger and \$.02 A Meal feeds the hungry through partnerships with Second Harvest Food Banks and the Society of St. Andrew in our presbytery and with mission partners in Nicaragua, Haiti and Madagascar.



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance means that we are there when disaster strikes providing immediate help through damage assessment, volunteer housing and long term rebuilding assistance to families who learn first hand that the PDA motto “Out of Chaos, Hope” is real.



Self Development of People provides grants to lower income neighbors and community groups with a plan to better their communities.

Church Development

“...and upon this rock I will build my church...” Matt. 16:18



With matching funds from Synod of South Atlantic and the General Assembly, Central Florida Presbytery has started thirteen new churches since 1985. In our geographic area, farm land and orange groves have become neighborhoods. New churches are a priority for Presbyterians who offer Christ’s hospitality here.

Our developed churches always need to read the changing culture and find ways to extend Christ’s welcome in ways their neighbors can receive. The **Acts 16:5 Initiative** unites congregations in prayer, and sharing creative and effective ways to witness Christ’s love in the 21st Century.



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Evangelism resources including the best outreach practices of our churches are available on the Presbytery website.

www.cfpresbytery.org



Leadership Development

“Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.” Matt.4:19

Children meet new Presbyterian friends at camp with scholarship assistance through the presbytery throughout the summer.



Youth gather for retreats, rafting trips, conferences at Montreat and triennium at Purdue. They glean with the Society of St. Andrew and learn about life as Christians today at events planned by our Presbytery Youth Council. In 2008, youth from thirty-one churches made connection with other Presbyterian youth and with Christ through this ministry. The Youth events are on the Website calendar along with registration details for events.



Adults are equipped for service through Presbytery training events. FISH, Leader Lollapalooza and Officer Training are the big gatherings we sponsor every year. The dates are posted on the Website calendar as soon as they are set so our congregations can plan accordingly.



The Resource Center provides an on-line catalogue of DVDs, curriculum, books, and periodicals for all church members to request by calling Suzanne Sugiuchi at 407-426-0509. The center also offers links to on-line courses for teacher and officer training.