

GATHERINGS FOR ORDAINED ELDERS

"Leading the Body of Christ Together in the 21st Century"

First Gathering:

February 23, 2012

**Peace River Presbytery
Stated Meeting**

Palma Sola Presbyterian
Church
6510 3rd Ave. West
Bradenton
9 am to 3 pm



Special Guest:
Rev. Dr. Joseph Small

"...Be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage – with great patience and careful instruction." (II Tim 4:2).

**Peace River
Presbytery**



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Ordained ministry is a lifetime calling and commissioning. As an Ordained Elder (Ruling Elder) – whether currently “seated” or not – you are invited to participate in leadership training opportunities at each of the Stated Presbytery meetings this year. These opportunities have been designed to encourage Elders from every congregation in each region to spend the day with commissioners, participate in worship, connect in small groups, listen to the keynote speaker, fellowship together, and experience how Presbytery functions as the Body of Christ. Training *just for non-commissioned Elders* will be offered from 1:00 pm to 2:45 pm for ongoing leadership training throughout the year (formerly conducted at the Main Event).

Your entire Session will not want to miss this exciting leadership development event as Peace River Presbytery lives out its mission: *We believe Peace River Presbytery is called to affirm congregations, to connect disciples in mission, and to be the body of Christ together.*

SUMMARY OF THE DAY

- 8:00 am Registration and Coffee Fellowship
- 9:00 am Meeting called to order
- 9:25 am Worship
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Joseph Small - “Foolishness”
- 10:25 am Keynote: Dr. Small
- 11:00 am Small group conversations (Ruling Elder Commissioners will be grouped together and non-commissioners will participate in a Visitors Group. Teaching Elders/Ministers will also be grouped together.)
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Commissioned Ruling Elders and Ministers** **Non-Commissioned Ruling Elders**

Reconvene for business meeting in the Sanctuary:

Reports from Committees
Motions for the Body

*Convene for **Leadership Training** in the Fellowship Hall with Joe Small:*

“Elders are Ministers Too: The Partnership of *Ruling and Teaching Elders* (or the Secrets Ruling Elders Need to Know)”

Please RSVP to the Presbytery office!

- 3:00 pm Teaching Elders (Ministers) meet with Joe Small (Elders welcome)
- “What is essential about the essential tenets?”
 - “How do we live through this time of fragmentation?”