



Dear Family of Faith,

In the “Great Commission” Jesus commands us to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Making disciples, baptizing and teaching are interrelated. Our Christian journey begins in baptism. It is a life-long process of growing in discipleship that is fueled by teaching and learning experiences.

As a congregation, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church is seeking to grow in discipleship, and teaching is integral to this journey. The bible shows us the importance of teaching. In our Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah highlights, “The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word (50:4-5).” There are even more references to Jesus’ teaching ministry than to either his healing or miracle stories.

The Children’s Team, on behalf of the Faith Formation Committee, is inviting you to consider that God may be calling you to the teaching ministry, and we have included a teaching ministry covenant. The covenant summarizes what teachers can expect from the church in support of their ministry and what the ministry of teaching expects from teachers.

PCPC is a part of the Reformed branch of the Christian tradition, which values the priesthood of all believers. This claim on our lives begins at the baptismal font and flows throughout our lives. The teaching ministry is one way we can respond to our sacramental commitment.

We are looking forward to relaunching Faith and Fellowship Hour in the year ahead with a familiar resource which is biblically rooted, developmentally engaging, and user-friendly. The invitation to be a part of the teaching ministry is an invitation to join a team of individuals committed to walking with a particular age-group of children for the 2022-2023 year.

Thank you to so many of you for expressing interest in desiring to answer the call to teach. We know you are able to be involved on different levels of commitment. We created a [Faith and Fellowship Hour sign up](#) for you to choose the age group and frequency you wish to teach. If you would be willing to be a lead teacher for the age group, please indicate in the comment section. If you wish to be a teacher or substitute, we invite you to attend the **Orientation this Sunday, Aug. 7th 12:15-1:45 pm in Covenant Hall 310**. Lunch and childcare are provided. For those of you who are away, a make-up orientation is scheduled for Sun. Aug 28 at the same time and location. We invite you to [sign up for one of the orientations](#) so that we may plan for your presence. After the orientation this Sunday, you will receive a link to the

background check process through Protect My Ministry.

We look forward to coming together and becoming disciples in God's love. If you have questions prior to this gathering feel free to contact any of us if you have questions.

Grace and Peace,

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