



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



WEEKLY PRESBYTERY LETTER - JULY 8, 2015  
Kathy Broyard, Executive Director of FLAPDAN



**FLORIDA  
PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE  
NETWORK**

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



## A Collaborative Initiative! Presbyterian Women, PDA and FLAPDAN

June 2015



This past week, the worship space of a small Korean congregation in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay burned due to an electrical fire sparked by a utility pole falling on the roof during a storm. Thankfully no one was injured. The Springwater Korean Presbyterian Church of Brandon lost everything from their 10-year history as a congregation. The Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) worked in cooperation with the Presbytery of Tampa Bay and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to provide resources and grant assistance from PDA.

Disasters happen. All kinds. It's Hurricane Season and if you don't have a disaster plan for your family or congregation, now is the time to get a plan!

In a new collaborative initiative, Presbyterian Women (PW) and PDA have joined forces to offer Disaster Preparedness workshops for churches across the nation. They are partnering with FLAPDAN to provide a "train the trainer" workshop in Florida in order to begin rolling out the program across our synod and Puerto Rico.



Here are some details from PDA:

The first multi-presbytery PW-PDA Disaster Preparedness training will be held near Tampa at Tims Memorial Presbyterian Church, 601 Sunset Lane, Lutz, FL on Saturday, August 29 from 9 am to 5 pm.

PDA's goal is to have 2-4 Presbyterian Women Disaster Preparedness (PWDP) trainers in each presbytery. PWDP

trainers will work in pairs to train families, congregations, communities and presbyteries, men and women, about the need to prepare for disasters. This is a three year training commitment for at least three trainings annually.



PWDP trainers do not have to be a member of a Presbyterian Women circle, but they have to agree to be a liaison with the PW Presbytery Coordinating Team and be in communication about the trainings they give. Our hope is that this program will involve more women in PW.

The PWDP training is for women only and PDA needs a minimum of 20 participants to make this training cost effective. For the initial PW Disaster Preparedness Training, PDA will cover travel and per diem (meal) costs of the women who are being trained. After the initial training by PDA instructors, PWDP trainers will be responsible for their own expenses. At the end of the training, those who have completed all course requirements will be commissioned and receive a PW-PDA blue scarf, woven by Guatemalan women.

It is so important to have a disaster plan so we can take care of our families and congregations. Connecting churches' disaster plans to the preparedness plans of the presbytery and local community will benefit everyone. Please share this news widely. I encourage all women interested in this training to contact me at [fla.pdan@pcusa.org](mailto:fla.pdan@pcusa.org) for more information and an application. Application deadline is August 10th. Let's all get prepared!

In partnership,

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**The next Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery is scheduled for:**

Thursday, November 19, 2015

at Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

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In lieu of the August/September Stated Meeting, Peace River Presbytery will hold

**FALL REGIONAL GATHERINGS:**

Thursday, August 20 @ Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice

Thursday, August 27 @ Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples

Thursday, September 3 @ Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch

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The tentative start time for each gathering will be 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

Attendance and Lunch Reservations are to be made with the host churches,  
not the Presbytery Office. Contact information will be provided soon.

These are not Stated Meetings, and Presbytery business will not be conducted.

The purpose is to build relationships between churches, connect churches missionally,  
and to give opportunity for churches to share with one another.

More details to follow.

**JULY EVENT: SANCTUARY HOUSE OF SARASOTA PRESENTS:  
"A Mid Summer Silence"**

[Invitation and Brochure](#)

**BETH-EL FARMWORKER MINISTRY, INC.**

*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*

**Back To School Appeal**

Every summer Beth-El Farmworker Ministry reaches out to its mission partners in the collection of back to school supplies. From pencils and paper to backpacks and new shoes, every year Beth-El helps over 500 returning students with much needed school supplies. To learn how your congregation can help or to receive a complete list of needed supplies, please contact Beth-El Farmworker Ministry at [813-633-1548](tel:813-633-1548) or email: [info@beth-el.info](mailto:info@beth-el.info). Gracias!

[July Newsletter](#)

[Back To School Supplies List](#)

[June 2015 Update and Financial Appeal](#)

**CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

*A place apart to build up the body of Christ in love.*

[Web Site](#)

**MISION PENIEL**

*A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworkers in Immokalee*

**Pastor Miguel Estrada is on Study Leave for the month of July. Please direct any questions or requests to:**

Mary Ellen Frost, 239-240-9178, [tmmefrost@yahoo.com](mailto:tmmefrost@yahoo.com); or

Pete Rodino, 201-841-9977, [pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com)

Pastor Miguel will resume being the main point of contact on August 1.

The Mision Peniel Task Force continues to meet and build the support and structure for continuing this vital ministry. If you want to make a donation to support this recovery effort you may send the check (marked *Mision Peniel*) to:  
Peace River Presbytery | 5600 Peace River Rd. | North Port, FL. 34287

- Collection Centers for Mision Peniel Supplies ([click for information](#))
- Critical Needs List ([click for information](#))

LIVE MISSIONALLY



**BIG TENT**

July 30 – August 1, 2015  
 University of Tennessee Campus  
 Knoxville, TN

*Be inspired . . . Become equipped . . . Get connected!*

Experience that deep sense of community one would expect at a national gathering of Presbyterians—a great big family reunion! Join us for a wide variety of workshops, all under one Big Tent, a conference that will inspire and equip Presbyterians to live missionally. In past year each the General Assembly Ministry areas has hosted their own conference... this year you will be able to move between areas and interests in this 3 day event. Also, note the cost has been greatly reduced. The registration is \$395 per person, which includes accommodations, seven meals, campus parking and outstanding programming. Fees for children and youth are no more than \$150 each.

**Register Online Now!**



**CHURCHES OF PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

(click on church name to link to its web site)

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| <a href="#">Braden River Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton  |
| <a href="#">Kirkwood Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton     | <a href="#">Palma Sola Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton   |
| <a href="#">Westminster Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Bradenton  | Palmetto Presbyterian Church,<br>Palmetto - <a href="mailto:kcooper@ppcfl.org">kcooper@ppcfl.org</a> |
| <a href="#">Christ Church of Longboat Key</a><br>Longboat Key  | <a href="#">Peace Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Lakewood Ranch   |
| <a href="#">Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church,</a><br>Sarasota     | <a href="#">Church of the Palms,</a><br>Sarasota   |

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| <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Sarasota  | <a href="#"><u>Northminster Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Sarasota                           |
| <a href="#"><u>Pine Shores Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Sarasota  | <a href="#"><u>Presbyterian Church of the</u></a><br><a href="#"><u>Covenant, Sarasota</u></a> |
| <a href="#"><u>Whitfield Estates Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Sarasota  | <a href="#"><u>Siesta Key Chapel,</u></a><br>Sarasota  |
| <a href="#"><u>Trinity Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Venice  | <a href="#"><u>Venice Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Venice                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>Community Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Englewood   | <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Arcadia                                   |
| <a href="#"><u>St. Paul's Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>North Port   | <a href="#"><u>Burnt Store Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Punta Gorda                         |
| Wintergarden Presbyterian Church,<br>Port Charlotte<br><a href="mailto:devon.ducheneau@gmail.com"><u>devon.ducheneau@gmail.com</u></a> | <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Port Charlotte                            |
| <a href="#"><u>Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>North Fort Myers   |  |
| <a href="#"><u>Faith Presbyterian Church</u></a><br>Cape Coral   | <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Lehigh Acres                              |
| <a href="#"><u>Buckingham Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Fort Myers   | <a href="#"><u>Covenant Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Fort Myers                             |
| <a href="#"><u>Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Fort Myers   | <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Fort Myers                                |
| <a href="#"><u>Hope United Church (PCUSA),</u></a><br>Fort Myers   | <a href="#"><u>Chapel by the Sea,</u></a><br>Fort Myers Beach                                  |
| <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Bonita Springs  |  |
| <a href="#"><u>First Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples  | <a href="#"><u>Lely Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples                                     |
| <a href="#"><u>Moorings Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples   | <a href="#"><u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church,</u></a><br>Naples                               |

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

The following are position openings in PRP churches.  
Click on the title for more information.

[Organist / Accompanist](#) – Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda

## **PRAYER NEEDS:**

### **Gratitude:**

*Dear brothers and sisters of Peace River Presbytery, Thank you so much for all your prayers for my sister Nutei for the whole year. She was hit by a bus in Bangkok, Thailand last May. By God's grace Nutei is doing well now, almost back to normal and we are very grateful to the whole Presbytery for praying for her. We give thanks to God and to all of you. We pray for God's blessings upon each of you.*

*In God's Grace and Peace,  
Hmingi Browne  
Church of the Palms*

### **Please pray for:**

- Alex Herrera (Lil Rea's Son-In-Law) – mugged and beaten badly last week. In the hospital up north.

### **Please continue to pray for:**

- Rev. Graham Hart – recovery from surgery last Wednesday. Surgery went well; pathology is clear. PTL!!
- Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner – hip revision surgery, scheduled for July 16 (*note date change*) at Sarasota Memorial Hospital.
- Robert Dennis, Son of Rev. India Dennis – mental health issues.
- Rev. Norman Hutchinson – recovery from quadruple bypass surgery; also has congestive heart failure. If you'd like to send notes or cards, his address is: 822 South Pelham Road | Welland, ON L3C3E1
- Anita Adkison, mother of Rev. Dr. Stephen Adkison, Pastor of Chapel By The Sea – undergoing treatment for breast cancer. Lives in Arkansas.
- Rev. Susan Rice, Associate Pastor of Faith, Cape Coral – health
- Greg Beckwith (son of Jim and Becky Beckwith) – on kidney transplant list. Greg is also diabetic and underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery in June 2013.
- Glenn Beisser (father of Rev. Devon Beisser Ducheneau, Stated Supply Pastor for Wintergarden P.C.) – lung cancer and heart issues
- Grandson of Tim and Martha Halverson - suffering from a rare autoimmune disease.
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry
- Misión Peniel
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center

- Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in Madagascar
- Les and Cindy Morgan, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in Bangladesh
- Pastors and Educators in transition
- Nations in crisis

**CHURCH PRAYER GUIDE: JULY 2015:**

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| July 5  | <a href="#">Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch</a><br>Pastor: Rev. Elizabeth Deibert<br>email: <a href="mailto:edeibert@mindspring.com">edeibert@mindspring.com</a>   |
| July 12 | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church, Lehigh Acres</a><br>Temporary Supply Pastor: Rev. Winston Lawson<br>email: <a href="mailto:lehighacrespresbyterians@embarqmail.com">lehighacrespresbyterians@embarqmail.com</a> |
| July 19 | <a href="#">Christ Church of Longboat Key</a><br>Stated Supply Pastor: Rev. Dr. Norman Pritchard<br>email: <a href="mailto:revnmp@comcast.net">revnmp@comcast.net</a>  |
| July 26 | <a href="#">First Presbyterian Church, Naples</a><br>Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Will Browne<br>email: <a href="mailto:willbrowne@yahoo.com">willbrowne@yahoo.com</a>   |

**PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: JULY 2015**

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)

**July 8**

Records Review Team

**July 9**

Finance Team / Board of Trustees

**July 21**

Committee On Ministry

**July 27**

Mision Peniel Task Force at Covenanat Presbyterian, Fort Myers

