



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ July 25, 2018

REFLECTIONS on the 223rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY “G.A. Daily Blog”, by Wayne Largent, Ruling Elder Commissioner

I was honored to be elected as a Ruling Elder Commissioner to the 223rd General Assembly. I decided to write a daily blog to remember my experience. It in no way captures the entire event, but only how I lived it. Thanks to Randy Moody, PRP Stated Clerk, and to Graham Hart, PRP General Presbyter, for their support during the week. Also, special thanks to my fellow Commissioners, Charmaine Ponkratz, Bill Teng and Jeff DeYoe and to Young Adult Advisory Delegate Mariah Martin. Each contributed to my deliberations during the week. If you are interested in reading the blog click below.



Saturday, June 16, 2018

Yesterday afternoon, I flew from Sarasota to St. Louis by way of Atlanta. I was concerned that I might not get into the convention center in time to register. When I got to the hotel, they told me they didn't have any more rooms and would I mind if they upgraded me to a queen suite. I told them if that was all they could do it was ok.

I was in Atlanta, waiting to board my next flight, I got a text from a phone number but without a name and it wanted to know if I had arrived. I responded that I was still in Atlanta. I got a note back that said to let them know when I got in so they could help me through registration. I texted back that I didn't know who I was texting, but I was guessing it was Randy Moody. He texted back that it was indeed him. So, when I got checked in, I sent him a text that I was headed to register. I found the place and Randy appeared at my side. He showed me around the general area and then we went to the opening reception. There we met up with Charmaine Ponkratz and Jeff DeYoe. At this time, I was pretty tired so I left them and went back to my hotel.

I didn't sleep well last night but that is not unusual because I often don't sleep well the first night in a hotel. I tossed and turned until the clock said 5:30, the usual time I get up at home. As I was drinking my first cup of coffee, I looked at the time on my phone and it was 4:40! The bedroom clock was wrong. So, here I am waiting to start my day, but am excited about what the week will be.

Stay tuned ...

To read Wayne's entire blog, [click here](#).

First Presbyterian Church of Naples
invites you to attend the
ORDINATION and INSTALLATION of
Rex Roby Childs

Sunday, July 29th at 4:00 p.m.
Reception following in Spencer Hall.

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First Presbyterian Church of Naples  
250 Sixth Street South | Naples, FL 34102

## **CALLED MEETING of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

**Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**  
Venice Presbyterian Church  
More information to follow.

## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of ARCADIA**

**120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**  
Sunday, August 26<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m. worship with a potluck luncheon to follow.  
RSVP to [office@firstpc.church](mailto:office@firstpc.church) by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **SEPTEMBER REGIONAL GATHERINGS**

*(Please note dates and locations; more information will follow.)*

**Southern Region:** Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
First Presbyterian Church, Naples

**Northern Region:** Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

**Central Region:** Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

**Records Review Workshops** will be held in conjunction with each of the Gatherings. See schedule below.

## **RECORDS REVIEW WORKSHOPS**

**Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> | 4:00 p.m.**  
First Presbyterian Church, Naples

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 11:45 a.m.**  
Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

**Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> | 12:15 p.m.**  
Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> | 9:00 a.m.\***  
Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, N. Fort Myers  
\*9:00 a.m. – Training by Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. Randy Moody  
10:00 a.m. – Records Review

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> | 9:00 a.m.**

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

***A letter was previously sent out to Clerks of Session for the workshops. Please refer to that letter for additional, important information. Advance Registration is required through the contact person listed in the letter.***

## **CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER**

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

[www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)

*Thank you for supporting Cedarkirk and holding this ministry in your prayers for the last 45 years.  
We look forward to witnessing God's handiwork here in the years to come!*

For additional information, please contact the camp office at (813) 685-4224 or visit [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org).

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

*A Ministry to the Farmworkers in Wimauma*



PO Box 860 | Wimauma, FL 33598

Phone: 813-633-1548 ext. 223

Web: [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)

[July Newsletter](#)

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry has the following employment opportunities:

- Part-time Worship Music Leader - Must be bi-lingual with good teaching and musical skills to lead newly formed music group for Sunday Worship.
- Summer Programming Assistant - Part time position working Beth-El staff in coordinating summer youth programming.

For more information, or to apply, [email info@beth-el.org](mailto:info@beth-el.org)

## **MISION PENIEL**

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

[www.misionpeniel.com](http://www.misionpeniel.com)

### **Staff Contacts:**

- Rev. Miguel Estrada, Pastor, P: 239-633-2181, E: [miguestrada@hotmail.com](mailto:miguestrada@hotmail.com)
- Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator, P: 386-793-6151, E: [ruthdeyoe@gmail.com](mailto:ruthdeyoe@gmail.com)
- General Email: [misionpenielpeacriver@gmail.com](mailto:misionpenielpeacriver@gmail.com)

### **Addresses:**

- Facility Address: 208 Boston Ave., Immokalee, FL 34142 (not for mailing)
- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34153
- Mailing Address for Contributions\*: Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, FL 34287

### **\*Contributions to Mision Peniel (checks or online):**

- Mail to: Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, FL 34287
- Checks can be made payable to Peace River Presbytery or to Mision Peniel.
- Please note *Mision Peniel* in the memo section.

- Click on the “Donate” button on the Mision Peniel web site.
- Contributor information is provided to Mision Peniel each month.

**PRAYER NEEDS**

**Please continue to pray for:**

- Rev. Miguel Estrada’s Father-In-Law, Mr. Castillo Fernandez - health
- The Rev. Daniel Herlein - health
- Robert Dennis (son of Rev. India Dennis) – mental health issues
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry (in Wimauma)
- Misión Peniel Farmworker Ministry (in Immokalee)
- 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

**PRESBYTERY PRAYER GUIDE: JULY 2018**

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| July 1  | <u>PDA/FLAPDAN – Covenant Partner of PRP</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| July 8  | <u>Lely Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ted Land<br>Email: <a href="mailto:tedland46@gmail.com">tedland46@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                              |
| July 15 | <u>Moorings Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Doug Learned<br>Email: <a href="mailto:pastor@mooringschurch.org">pastor@mooringschurch.org</a><br>Associate Pastor: Rev. Jaci Smith Patman<br>Email: <a href="mailto:jpatman@mooringschurch.org">jpatman@mooringschurch.org</a> |
| July 22 | <u>Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Will Brown<br>Email: <a href="mailto:willbrowne@yahoo.com">willbrowne@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                                                    |
| July 29 | <u>St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church, North Port</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Dr. Ray Quiles<br>Email: <a href="mailto:chaprafi@gmail.com">chaprafi@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                                                            |

**CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS**

Palma Sola Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

[Part Time Accompanist](#)

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Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

[Part Time Administrative Assistant](#)

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St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, North Port

[Music Director for the Traditional Service](#)

## **PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: JULY~AUGUST 2018**

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

Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

All meetings are at the Presbytery Center location in North Port, unless otherwise posted.

### **Sunday, July 29**

Ordination and Installation Service for Rex Childs (4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Naples)

### **Monday, August 6**

Committee on Nominations and Representation (10:00 a.m.)

Planning Team (12:30 p.m.)

### **Wednesday, August 8**

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10:00 a.m.)

### **Thursday, August 9**

Called Meeting of Peace River Presbytery (9:00 a.m. at Venice Presbyterian Church)

Mision Peniel Team (10:00 a.m. in Immokalee)

### **Tuesday, August 14**

Committee on Ministry (9:00 a.m.)

### **Thursday, August 16**

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

### **Thursday, August 23**

Congregational Vitality Team (2:30 p.m.)

### **Sunday, August 26**

Celebration of the 120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Presbyterian Church, Arcadia (11:00 a.m. at First, Arcadia)

Celebration of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Rev. Dr. Glen Bell's Ordination (10:00 a.m. Reception at First, Sarasota)

### **Tuesday, August 28**

Cedarkirk Capital Campaign Committee (10:00 a.m.)

### **Thursday, August 30**

Finance Team / Board of Trustees (9:30 a.m.)

## **CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY**

Please visit our web site, [www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches)

Click on the city, then the church, to visit their web site.

