



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ August 9, 2018

The Transition has begun... the GPNC is Elected

Peace River has done this before.

- Almost 30 years ago, Peace River called Bill Clark to serve as your Executive Presbyter from the founding of Peace River in 1990 until Bill retired in November, 1992.
- 24 years ago, Peace River called Carl Schlich as Executive Presbyter, who served until 1999.
- 17 years ago, in May, 2001, I was called to serve as your General Presbyter, and began my work with you on August 15, 2001.

That was then.

Today, August 9, 2018, at a Called Meeting, Peace River Presbytery elected the next General Presbyter Nominations Committee. The joint Steering and Nominations Committees, tasked by the Presbytery, did a great job of putting together the slate of candidates. I would invite you to pray for them as they begin their work: Terri Jo, Kelly, Jeff, Doug, Sung, Linda, Charmaine, Gene, and Carson. [Click here](#) to link to their biographical information.

Joyce Lieberman, the Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of the South Atlantic will meet with the GPNC members on August 30th to get them started in their important task. *(Note - as per the design of the "adaptive model," I have not, nor will I be involved in the Search Process, but will be praying for them as they do their important work).*

In the "adaptive model of pastoral-leadership transition," which the Presbytery voted to use in this time of transition, what are we to do next? When we invite a guest to our home, we take time to prepare and "get ready." These next months, as the GPNC does its work, is our time as a Presbytery to get ready.

The adaptive model for pastoral leadership transition recognizes that some of the tasks that an interim normally does, to create the space for the next person to be able to begin well, still needs to be addressed. My job will be to help the Steering Committee (or their designee) address these issues so we are ready for new leadership.

During the remainder of my time with you, I will be finishing some important projects, even as I begin stepping back so the next General Presbyter has the space to begin well. Also, I know that churches that do well in times of transition know how to have a "good" good-bye so, on my part, I will be open to and looking forward to sharing reflective and fun moments and times together.

I want to affirm the work of the Steering Committee and its various committees and teams. There has been a lot of heavy lifting since the May Presbytery meeting when I announced my plans to retire. On behalf of us all – Thank you!

If you have missed some of the discussion or information, following are some important links:



- The Presbytery approved process map and steps in the General Presbytery Transition and Search ([click here](#))
- Strategic Directives recommended by the Strategic Review and Planning Task Force ([click here](#))
- And in case you missed what started this whole conversation, my announcement to the Presbytery stating my intent to retire in the Spring of 2019; as well as some of the reasons for that decision ([click here](#)).

If you have any questions on any of this, please let me know, or contact Lil Rea of Craig Goodrich, co-moderators of the Steering Committee.

With gratitude for the ministry we have been able to do together to which I offer a deep and profound:

Thanks be to God!

Graham

Graham Hart

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THANK YOU!
VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
For hosting the
Called Meeting of Peace River Presbytery
Thursday, August 9th

The Meeting Packet is posted on the Presbytery's Website.

Go to: <http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org/Events & News/Stated and Called Meetings>

At that point, you will need to use the user name and password to access "Highlights, Minutes and Packets".

If you need assistance, please contact the Presbytery Office, 941-426-8421.

SEPTEMBER REGIONAL GATHERINGS

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

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

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

Central Region: Thursday, September 6th | 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 5th | 4:00 p.m.
 First Presbyterian Church, Naples

Thursday, September 6th | 11:45 a.m.

Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood

Thursday, September 6th | 12:15 p.m.

Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton

Saturday, September 22nd | 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 6th | 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.

**PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS &
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Serving the people of Madagascar

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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

[August 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.
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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

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- Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34153
- Mailing Address for Contributions*: Peace River Presbytery, 5600 Peace River Road, North Port, FL 34287

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- 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:

- Jim and Becky Beckwith - health
- 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: AUGUST 2018

August 5	<u>Mission Co-Workers, Daniell and Elizabeth Turk</u> Serving in Madagascar July Newsletter
August 12	<u>Palmetto Presbyterian Church, Palmetto</u> Pastor: Rev. John Foulkrod Email: jfoulkrod@ppcfl.org

August 19	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Terri Jo Crego Email: pastor@fpcpc.com
August 26	<u>Wintergarden Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte</u> Supply Pastor: Rev. Devon Beisser Andrews Email: revdev08@gmail.com

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: AUGUST 2018

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peaceriverpresbytery.org

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org

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

Tuesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 16

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

Sunday, August 19

Cuba Partnership Travel Team (4:00 p.m.)

Thursday, August 23

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

Sunday, August 26

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

Celebration of the 30th 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.)

General Presbyter Nominating Committee

CHURCHES of PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY

Please visit our web site, www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches

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

