



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ September 19, 2018

### STEWARDSHIP

Most of our congregations have this season's plans for worshiping our God and serving him in place but we are just beginning our 2019 financial plans.

And now our thoughts are turning to "What are we going to do for a stewardship campaign this fall?"

But let's look a little deeper into stewardship than just a fundraising campaign to finance our operations next year. Although as Presbytery Treasurer, I do recognize that part of stewardship is very important.

Stewardship is generally recognized as the acceptance or assignment of responsibility to shepherd and safeguard the valuables of others. That definition certainly fits a portion of our year-round responsibilities as Christians and Christian churches as we are working with the valuables God has loaned us while we exist here on earth.

Just think of all the blessings we have received from God to safeguard and shepherd, recognizing that different people and churches have received different blessings. So, what are we doing with our share of the time, talents and treasures He has distributed? How are we safeguarding this planet he created and the freedoms we enjoy? How are we shepherding (using) the mental and physical abilities he provided for us in this current life. And what about those extra niceties we have in friends, family and even material things?

Are we satisfied with our current performance as stewards? If not, what should be do? Maybe we start with asking ourselves some questions about the priorities we have set (intentionally or not).

How about a review of how we have been allocating our gifts; are we helping those in need, bringing people to Christ, worshiping our God, building a stronger church? What about our church's allocations, or our Presbytery's?

Just what is important for us to accomplish during our temporary presence on this earth?

Alan Penick  
Treasurer  
Peace River Presbytery

### RECORDS REVIEW WORKSHOPS

**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.*

## 2018 FLORIDA CLERGY CONVENING

Hosted by the Florida Council of Churches  
Sunday, September 30-Monday, October 1, 2018

Topic - Clergy Impacting Equal Justice in Florida:  
What should just legislative reform look like?

[Information Flyer](#)

## PCUSA MISSION CO-WORKERS & COVENANT PARTNERS OF PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY:

**Daniell & Elizabeth Turk**

Serving the people of Madagascar

Read their latest [newsletter](#).

## 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*

**Beth-El**  
*Farmworker Ministry, Inc.*

PO Box 860 | Wimauma, FL 33598

Phone: 813-633-1548 ext. 223

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

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## MISION PENIEL

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

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

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**\*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 pray for:**

- Rev. Dr. Daniel Pendergrass – fell and broke/shattered his leg. He is in Blake Hospital, Bradenton, and facing a long recovery.

**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: SEPTEMBER 2018**

September 2	<u>PRP Seminary Students (Candidates and Inquirers)</u>
September 9	<u>Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tim Stewart Email: <a href="mailto:sunburn1320@mac.com">sunburn1320@mac.com</a>
September 16	<u>Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, Sarasota</u> Transitional Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kathleen Weller Email: <a href="mailto:thecelticmonk@att.net">thecelticmonk@att.net</a>

September 23	<u>Mision Peniel – A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery</u> Presbytery Evangelist: Rev. Miguel Estrada Email: <a href="mailto:miguestrada@hotmail.com">miguestrada@hotmail.com</a>
September 30	<u>Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota</u> Pastor: Rev. Wally Johnson Email: <a href="mailto:revwallyjohnson@gmail.com">revwallyjohnson@gmail.com</a>

**CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS**

Hope United Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers/Estero  
[Church Administrative Assistant / Office Administrator](#)

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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: SEPTEMBER 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.*

**Thursday, September 20**

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)  
 Congregational Vitality Team (12:30 p.m.)

**Saturday, September 22**

Clerk of Session Training (9:00-10:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, N. Fort Myers)  
 Records Review Workshop (10:00-11:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, N. Fort Myers)

**Wednesday, September 26-Wednesday, October 3**

Cuba Partnership Trip

**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.

