



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Weekly Presbytery Letter ~ February 20, 2018

We are thrilled that Debbie Rundlett will be our workshop leader at Thursday's Presbytery meeting at First, Sarasota. Debbie will be leading us in an interactive workshop on: [Incarnational Leadership and Emotional Intelligence](#). In this 5th Presbytery meeting in which we look at things that make for vital congregations, Debbie will be focusing on "Healthy Leaders = Healthy Organizations." When Debbie was with us 5 years ago, she shared with us what would become a book called: [The Journey: Growing Up in Christ](#). ([click here to link](#)). Below is an introductory and welcome letter from Debbie.

We are also grateful that Ary Fernandez Alban, one of the key leaders in the church in Cuba (Professor at Matanzas Seminary, Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church, and Moderator of the Synod of Cuba) will be with us as well, bringing greetings and preaching at our Presbytery meeting,

Please see the attached schedule for other opportunities to meet with Ary as well as additional biographical information.

Finally, we continue to grieve as a nation, shocked that this kind of violence again happened in our own state, and moved to respond in some way, as God's people, related to the senseless death of 17 students and teachers at the Parkland school. I want to affirm the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the role they play after "un-natural disasters" such as this. Bruce Wismer and other PDA members have been deployed to go, counsel, and be with those affected by this senseless act of violence. We thank them for their willingness to do this difficult and emotionally draining work, in situations in which there is unspeakable and relentless grief.

Some of you have been talking amongst yourselves and with me about how to respond. The 219th General Assembly adopted a policy statement called: GUN VIOLENCE, GOSPEL VALUES ... MOBILIZING IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S CALL ([click here](#)), or see attached. This can be a helpful response as we pray and talk about how to respond as God's people. Also, several of you have thought it would be a good idea for us to gather for a conversation and prayer. Please let me know if you would be interested.

Grace and Peace,

Graham

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HEALTHY LEADERS = HEALTHY ORGANIZATIONS

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Emotional Intelligence is the capacity for recognizing our own feelings and those of others, for motivating ourselves, for managing our emotions and our relationships.

I'm looking forward to being back with you at the February presbytery meeting! In talking with the Planning Team, I was asked to design our time together around organizational health, a timely focus given the turbulence we are experiencing across the globe. Given that many of you are already familiar with the work of Peter Steinke and Pete Scazzerro, I suggested that we look at organizational health through the lens of emotional and social intelligence. Richard Boyatzis and Daniel Goleman in their work with leaders have discerned core competencies that differentiate incarnational leaders from their counterparts. These competencies fall into four quadrants:

Daniel Goleman

Emotional Intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ

<p>Self Awareness <i>Emotional Self Awareness Accurate Self-Assessment Self-Confidence</i></p>	<p>Social Awareness <i>Empathy Organizational Awareness Service Orientation</i></p>
<p>Self Management <i>Emotional Self-Control Transparency Adaptability Achievement Initiative Optimism</i></p>	<p>Relationship Management <i>Developing Others Inspirational Leadership Change Catalyst Influence Conflict Management Teamwork & Collaboration</i></p>

Healthy leaders are the foundation to healthy organizations. Long ago, Socrates said: Know yourself. Cicero said: Control yourself. Jesus said: Give yourself. Deep down, we know that to give ourselves, we must first control ourselves. And to control ourselves, we must know ourselves. This is hard but necessary work. Nurturing emotional and social intelligence is a key means by which become healthier leaders. One of the most reassuring things about EI (emotional intelligence) is that it can be learned and developed, that we might more fully serve in the supply of the Spirit.

Know yourself. Control yourself. Give yourself. It's as easy and difficult as that!

**STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY
 Thursday, February 22, 2018
 Theme: Organizational Health**

First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota
 2050 Oak Street | Sarasota, 34237

8:00 a.m. ~ Registration Begins
 9:00 a.m. ~ Finance Forum with Presbytery's Finance Team and Treasurer *
 9:30 a.m. ~ Stated Meeting Begins

** The Team and Treasurer are available to answer your questions about the Presbytery's budget, Three Streams of Giving, Church Commitment/Estimate of Giving Forms and more. They are also available to assist churches if needed.*

MISION PENIEL

A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworkers in Immokalee
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***Contributions to Mision Peniel:**

- 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.
- Contributor information is provided to Mision Peniel each month.

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[February Newsletter](#)

Beth-El is looking for donations of furniture for its office and dental clinic.

Please contact their office if you have desks, tables, or bookcases.

CEDARKIRK CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

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

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.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please continue to pray for:

- The Community of Parkland, FL
- Rev. Susan Rice – health and treatment for cancer
- Jim and Becky Beckwith, and their son, Greg – health
- Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson – health
- Robert Dennis (son of Rev. India Dennis) – mental health issues

- The communities, across the U.S. and Puerto Rico, still recovering from the hurricanes and fires
- 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: FEBRUARY 2018:

February 4	<u>First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. Dino Rustin Email: dino@firstpresbradenton.com Associate Pastor: Rev. Mary Beth McSwain Email: marybeth@firstpresbradenton.com
February 11	<u>Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. Dr. Hope Lee Email: hope@kpcbradenton.org
February 18	<u>PRP Stated Meeting at First, Sarasota</u> Key Note Speaker: Rev. Dr. Debbie Rundlett
February 25	<u>Oak Pointe Church, Bradenton</u> Pastor: Rev. Jane Jones-Norris Email: jin7416@gmail.com

CHURCH SUPPORT STAFF OPENINGS

First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte:

[Church Secretary](#)
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Burnt Store Presbyterian Church, Punta Gorda:

[Organist/Primary Accompanist](#)  
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Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral:

[Graphic Designer and Marketing Coordinator](#)

PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2018

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

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

Thursday, February 22

Stated Meeting of Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

Thursday, March 1

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

Monday, March 5

Nominations and Representation Committee (10:00 a.m.)
Planning Team (1:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 8

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

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

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

Thursday, March 15

Steering Committee (9:30 a.m.)

Thursday, March 22

Congregational Vitality Team (12:30 p.m.)

Thursday, March 29

Maundy Thursday

Friday, March 30

Good Friday – Presbytery Offices Closed

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.



