



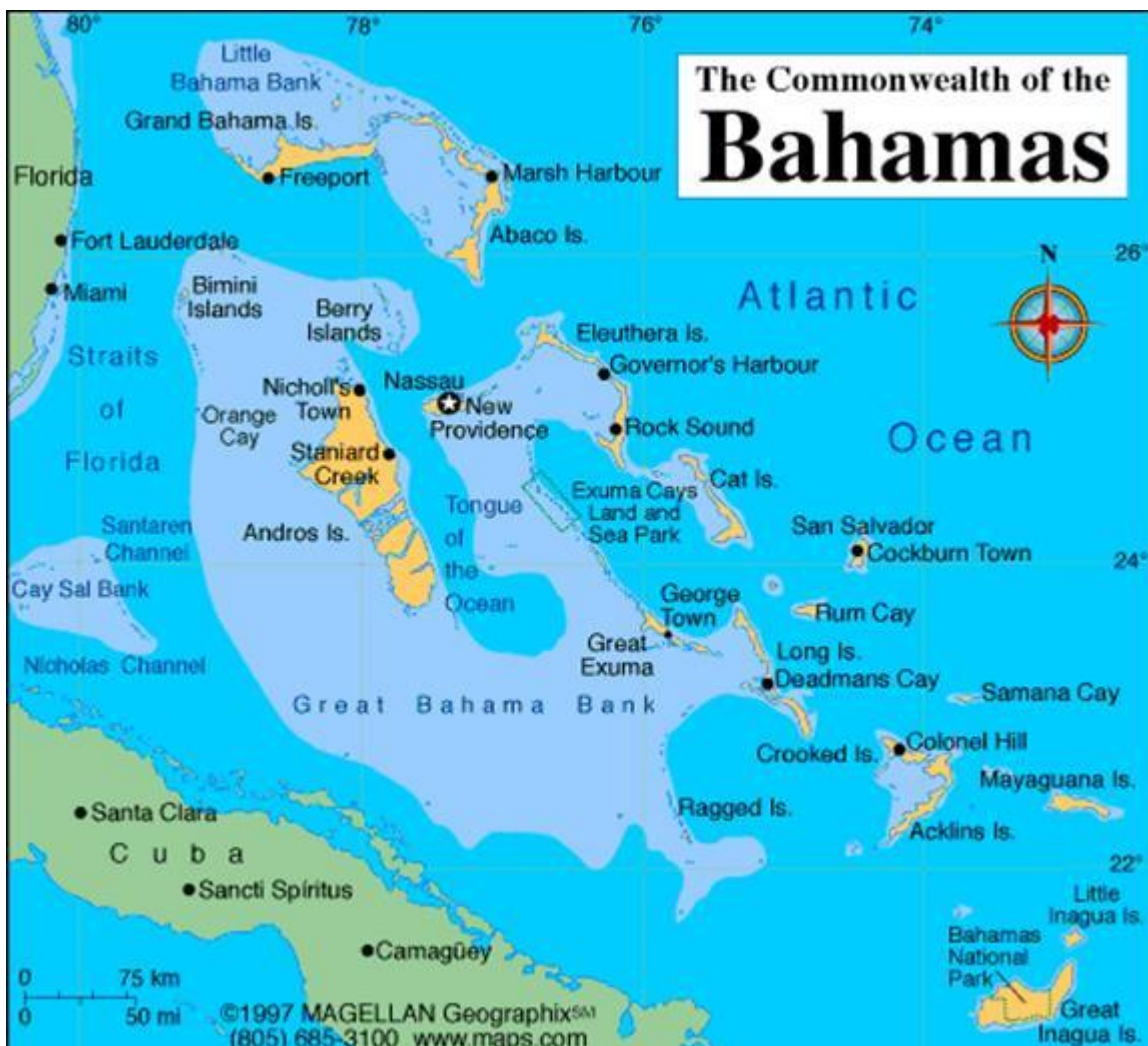
# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Newsletter ~ September 6, 2019

## Pray for the People of The Bahamas How Can We Help?

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Says  
That Financial Assistance is the Best Way.



The following is from PDA:

*Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is still monitoring Hurricane Dorian as it affects the Atlantic coast of the U.S. All of us feel great sadness about the damage this hurricane has already caused, the*

*loss of life, destroyed homes and structures, floods and affected vegetation. PDA is currently in communication with one of our partners in the Bahamas, Bahamas Methodist Habitat, as well as U.S. presbyteries in the path of Dorian. As part of PDA's initial response, a solidarity grant has been coordinated for response efforts in the Bahamas. We have been in communication with several international response organizations, including Church World Service (CWS) and ACT Alliance, as well as National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Puerto Rico VOAD. In conversations with ACT Alliance and CWS, we are identifying the best time and best way to travel to the Bahamas as part of a damage assessment team to implement a rapid, timely and effective emergency response to Hurricane Dorian's impact; identifying needs, local capacities and providing updated information. In the past few days we have also answered the call of many people eager to know how to respond to this emergency.*

*We understand the genuine desire to help our neighbors. The reality is that right now the situation on*

*the affected islands is critical. Access to the affected islands has been reserved for first responder organizations doing search and rescue, and providing first aid relief. As learned from previous disasters and the shared experience of many relief organizations, the best way to respond to a disaster is through monetary donations. As USAID indicates, “Cash donations are the most efficient form of assistance. Unlike material donations, cash involves no transportation costs, shipping delays, or customs fees. It also enables relief organizations to spend more time providing aid by spending less time managing goods. Cash donations also allow relief supplies to be purchased in markets close to the disaster site, which stimulates the local economy, thereby boosting employment and generating cash flow.”*

*If you would like to support PDA’s response, please designate gifts to DR000194 [online](#) or by check with “DR000194-Dorian” on the memo line to:*

*Presbyterian Church (USA)  
P.O. Box 643700  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700*

From the Presbytery Office:

Churches and individuals may also send contributions to PDA through the Presbytery Office. Mail to:  
Peace River Presbytery  
5600 Peace River Road  
North Port, FL 34287

Make checks payable to Peace River Presbytery. Note that the contribution is for PDA – Dorian. If you want it to go specifically to Bahamas Relief, indicate that also.  
Churches, please use the Presbytery Remittance Form if possible.

Please contact Lori at the Presbytery Office if you have questions, 941-426-8421, ext. 401

**SPECIAL PRESBYTERY-WIDE EVENT!  
Saturday, September 14, 2019**

**Barbeque Fellowship, Food, and Games (11:00 am)  
and  
Presbytery Special Called Meeting (10:00 am)**

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Location: First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte  
2230 Harriet St. | Port Charlotte, FL 33952  
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- **The Special Called Meeting begins at 10:00 am (Registration 9:00 am)**
  - **Worship begins at 11:00 am, followed by food and games.**

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**ALL are invited!**

Please read the flyer regarding the Fellowship and share with others. Reservation deadline: September 5<sup>th</sup>.

[Information Flyer](#)

**SERVICE of INSTALLATION of  
REV. DR. BRANDI CASTO-WATERS**

**as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church  
Cape Coral, Florida**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019  
4:00 p.m.  
Reception immediately following.**

**~ ATTENTION: CLERGY ~**

**The following two events are sponsored by the  
Florida Council of Churches:**

**September 12-13: Florida Clergy Convening**

Location: Florida Hotel, Orlando

Topic: Clergy Impacting Legislative Reform for Florida  
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**October 13-14: Faith-Rooted Organizing Retreat**

Location: Life Enrichment Center, Leesburg

Topic: Dreaming God's Dream Together – Faith Leaders Advancing Shared Hope  
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Registration information will be shared by the Synod of South Atlantic  
when it becomes available.  
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Contact information for Rev. Dr. Russell Meyer, Executive Director, Florida Council of Churches:  
[RMeyer@floridachurches.org](mailto:RMeyer@floridachurches.org) / 813-763-3610

**~ ATTENTION: CLERKS OF SESSION ~**

Clerks, please mark your calendars for the following dates in September and October, for the Annual Review of the Session Minutes and Records Books and Biennial Administrative Review. The invitation letter and checklist and Biennial Administrative Review Form were mailed to you on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Please make your attendance plans known by emailing the contact person for the workshop you plan to attend:

Saturday, September 14, 9:00 a.m. | Location: First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte

Contact: Judy Bremer, [jdybrmr@comcast.net](mailto:jdybrmr@comcast.net) / 941-966-0394

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 a.m. | Location: Trinity Presbyterian Church, Venice

Contact: Judy Bremer, [jdybrmr@comcast.net](mailto:jdybrmr@comcast.net) / 941-966-0394

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 a.m. | Location: Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, N. Fort Myers

Contact: Rebecca Nicholson, [love2point@yahoo.com](mailto:love2point@yahoo.com) / 941-655-8163

Saturday, October 26, 9:00 a.m. | Location: Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

Contact: Sally Kirby, [kirbyjack5030@comcast.net](mailto:kirbyjack5030@comcast.net) / 941-351-3115

Please Note: If no one registers in advance for one of the workshops, it will be canceled without further notification.

Clerks, if you have any questions or cannot find your packet, please contact Judy Bremer (information listed above).

# 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)

“Feeding the mind, spirit, and body of farmworkers and our neighbors in need through opportunities for hunger relief, education, healthcare, and spiritual development.”

[September Newsletter](#)

[“Walk With Us” – Leaders Lunch – October 2nd](#)



### MISIÓN PENIEL

*A Ministry of Peace River Presbytery to the Farmworker Community in Immokalee*

208 Boston Ave., PO Box 1204, Immokalee, FL 34143

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

Facebook: “Misión Peniel”

#### **Staff Contacts:**

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- General Email: [misionpenielpeaceriver@gmail.com](mailto:misionpenielpeaceriver@gmail.com)

#### **Contributions to Misión 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 Misión Peniel.
- Please note *Misión Peniel* in the memo section.

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

**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).

**EVENTS AROUND the PRESBYTERY:**

**ABC of DEMENTIA**

Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – Palma Sola Presbyterian Church

All are invited.

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**LIVING PROOF SIMULCAST with BETH MOORE**

Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> – Church of the Palms

**POSITION OPENING:**

**Executive Director for Long Term Recovery – Duplin County, North Carolina**

The Disaster Recovery Group of Duplin County (North Carolina) is receiving applications for the position of Executive Director of their long-term recovery group.

[Click here](#) for information on the job description and how to apply.

**PRAYER NEEDS**

**Please pray for:**

- The People of The Bahamas
- Ruth DeYoe (Mision Peniel Mission Coordinator) – recovery from knee replacement surgery
- Rev. Dr. Daniel Pendergrass - health
- 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

## PRESBYTERY PRAYER GUIDE: SEPTEMBER 2019

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| September<br>1  | <u>Daniell and Elizabeth Turk</u><br>PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers, Serving in Madagascar                                          |
| September<br>8  | <u>The Bahamas – Hurricane Recovery</u>                                                                                         |
| September<br>15 | <u>Moorings Presbyterian Church, Naples</u><br>Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Doug Learned<br>Associate Pastor: Rev. Jaci Smith Patman |
| September<br>22 | <u>Hope United Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers</u><br>Pastor: Rev. Kevin Morris                                                 |
| September<br>29 | <u>Westminster Presbyterian Church, Bradenton</u><br>Stated Supply Pastor: Rev. R.C. Smith                                      |

## PRESBYTERY CALENDAR: SEPTEMBER 2019

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.*

### **Tuesday, September 10**

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am – by GoToMeeting)

### **Wednesday, September 11**

Personnel Team (1:30 pm – by GoToMeeting)

Cuba Partnership Task Force (3:00 pm – by Conference Call)

Nominations Committee (4:00 pm – by GoToMeeting)

### **Saturday, September 14**

Annual Session Records Review (9:00 am at First, Port Charlotte)

PRP Special Called Meeting (10:00 am at First, Port Charlotte)

Presbytery Fall Gathering (11:00 am at First, Port Charlotte)

### **Thursday, September 19**

Steering Committee (9:00 am)

### **Saturday, September 21**



Annual Session Records Review (10:00 a.m. at Trinity PC, Venice)

Installation Service for Rev. Dr. Brandi Casto-Waters (4:00 pm at Faith PC, Cape Coral)

## 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.



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