



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Newsletter ~ January 10, 2020

Welcome to the New Year!

The last two months have been a whirlwind as I have started to get to know people in the presbytery and the mission and ministries of the churches. It is a joy to be with you and join in the work you are doing for God's kingdom. I consider my job to be facilitator to churches and pastors so that you can do the work God has called you to do. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance in the work you are doing.

Each Sunday I am trying to be in worship with a different congregation and am hoping to meet all the pastors who are currently serving churches before the next Presbytery meeting. The Naples pastors met together one day and invited me, which was a great way to get to know several people at once and was a fun fellowship time.

The next Presbytery meeting will be Thursday, February 27, at Church of the Palms in Sarasota. We have invited Todd Bolsinger, author of [Canoeing the Mountains](#), to be our guest speaker. This will be a great opportunity to hear and share ideas about how we continue to be the church when the environment in which we live and the culture we serve has radically changed. Please bring members of your church to hear Todd and then go back to discuss what your church might need to do to live into the future. If you have not read the book, I highly recommend it.

You have so many good missions within the Presbytery and I am hoping that the newsletter can highlight one each week so that we are more aware of the work that is going on in our bounds and beyond. You will see some differences in the newsletter in today and in the coming weeks. It will be shorter so that people might read all the way through. We will have links to our mission partners at the end of the newsletter for those who want to see their information without going to the website. You will see a new section about what is going on around the presbytery. Please share information with me about what pastors are doing, what churches are involved with in the community, studies you are doing together. When we share ideas, all benefit.

Thank you for your warm welcome and support.

Blessings,

Melana



Around the Presbytery



The Rev. Dr. Hope Lee will be preaching at Charlotte Presbytery's Stated Meeting on February 8th for the installation of their new Associate General Presbyter, the Rev. Dr. Alice Ridgell.

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The Presbytery will install the Rev. T.J. Remaley as Associate Pastor at Faith, Cape Coral on Saturday, January 18, at 4pm. All are invited to join in this joyous occasion.

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Did you know that there are several pastors in the presbytery who regularly participate in 5K/10K runs/walks? But, we've never done one all at the same time. So, we're inviting anyone who is interested to join us for the Robinson Preserve Twilight 5K/10K in Northwest Bradenton on March 27th @ 5:30pm. The cost is \$35 if you are registered by January 27th. You can register here: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/23043/robinson-preserve-twilight-5k-and-10k-run?fbclid=IwAR3aUth2ETeg-rp6zugY3--ttb5fddDikN6UThbQIPUNsWGb2OE4ZLThVU>

Please contact Rev. Dr. Hope Lee or Rev. Terri Jo Crego if you have any questions. And, if you decide to register, please let Hope know at hope@kpcbradenton.org so we can organize a way to meet up at the event.

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The Cuba Partnership trip is February 6-11. Please be in prayer for those who are traveling and for those they will meet in Cuba. The Presbytery has an opportunity to share in ministry with The Evangelical Reformed Theological Seminary in Matanzas by providing meals for students, faculty, staff, and some in the community. There is a \$7500 matching grant for each of the next three years. If you or your church would like to give toward this, please send the check to the presbytery marked for the Matanzas Seminary meal fund. It would be wonderful if the group going over could assure the seminary that funds were available for 2020.



**Important Notice from the Presbytery Finance Office:**

***Churches ... Please send in your Estimate of Giving Forms for 2020.***

Questions may be directed to Lori Doyal, PRP Financial Secretary and Communications Coordinator,  
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**Presbytery Calendar: January 2020**

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)  
Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org)

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

**Tuesday, January 14**

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am)

**Thursday, January 16**

Steering Committee (9:00 am)

**Saturday, January 18**

Installation Service – Rev. TJ Remaley (4:00 pm at Faith PC, Cape Coral)

**Monday, January 20**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Presbytery Offices Closed

**Thursday, January 23**

Human Resources Team (10:00 am)

Communication, Connection, and Community Team (1:00 pm)

**Covenant Partners of Peace River Presbytery**

Click on the links to visit each ministry's web site:

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry – Wimauma: [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)

Mision Peniel Farmworker Ministry – Immokalee: [www.misionpeniel.com](http://www.misionpeniel.com)

Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center: [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)

**Prayer Needs**

**Please pray for:**

- Jaquelin Guedes and family. She is the wife of Pastor Armando Guedes, of the Presbyterian Church in Jaquey Grande, Cuba. She is currently undergoing multiple test but responding well to early treatments.
- 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

## Churches of Peace River Presbytery

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



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