



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Newsletter ~ February 21, 2020

Dear Friends,

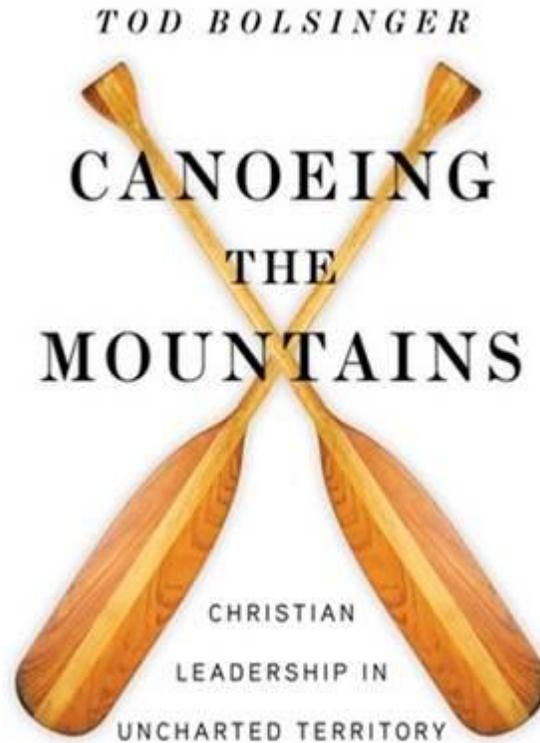
Next Thursday is our Presbytery meeting at Church of the Palms in Sarasota and it promises to be a wonderful time of worship, business, fellowship, and learning. One more reminder that Tod Bolsinger will be with us, teaching beginning at 11:15, continuing after lunch until 3:30. The ideas Tod shares will be helpful to churches of all sizes and ministries, so we hope many will attend. We look forward to this opportunity to be community together as we continue to follow God's way.

Two pieces of business coming before the body are opportunities to work together as a connectional church. There is so much more that we can do together than separately. Last week I mentioned the need for letters of support for the Immokalee Fair Housing project. The Misión Peniel team will bring to the body a resolution that, if passed, would be shared with the Collier County Commission in support of the project. If the resolution is passed on the floor, it will be available at the Misión Peniel display for signatures from individuals that will strengthen our show of support. If you want to see information to write a letter of support yourself or to have a session pass a resolution, click [here](#).

The second piece of business is a recommendation from the Overtures Committee to concur with an overture to General Assembly coming from Winnebago Presbytery commending the continued work of the Mental Health Ministry in the PC(USA). The Presbyterian Mission Agency is also bringing a recommendation to General Assembly that would provide funding to continue this important work. The timing of concurrences is tight, so these items were not included in the packet. You can find the Winnebago Overture [here](#) and the Mission Agency overture [here](#). I hope you will find time to read these and see the tremendous work that is coming out of our denomination in a much-needed area of ministry.

I look forward to seeing you next Thursday.

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Peace River Presbytery
Thursday February 27, 2020
Church of the Palms, Sarasota
11:15-3:30 pm

You've heard of Lewis & Clark? In their journey looking for a waterway to the Pacific Ocean they ran against the Rocky Mountains.

Their canoes did them no good.

We in the church are at the edge of our own impenetrable mountain range with all the cultural change.

Drawing from his extensive experience as a pastor and consultant,

Dr. Tod Bolsinger brings decades of expertise in guiding churches and organizations through uncharted territory.

He offers practical insights how church leaders can function in our rapidly changing world.

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\*\* The Boxed Lunch is \$10. Lunch Reservations were required before Friday, 2/21. \*\*  
There may be a few lunch tickets still available.  
Contact the Presbytery Office, 941-426-8421, for availability.

~ ALL ARE INVITED ~

**Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery  
Thursday, February 27, 2020**

Host Church: Church of the Palms, Sarasota

8:00 am – Registration Begins

8:30 am – Finance Forum with the PRP Finance Team

9:00 am – Stated Meeting Begins

11:15 am – Dr. Tod Bolsinger

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Around the Presbytery



All ladies are invited to the Peace River Presbytery **Presbyterian Women 30th Annual Gathering**, Hosted at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota on **Saturday, February 22**, 9:00 am-1:30 pm. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor for Family Ministry at First Sarasota. Registration deadline: February 3. [Click for the Information Flyer and Registration Form.](#)

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**Fish Fry and Bake** – All You Can Eat *and a Show* at Faith Presbyterian, Cape Coral Friday, February 28 and Friday, March 27. [Click for Information Flyer.](#)

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Installation Service for the Reverend Terri Jo Crego: Sunday, March 14, 4:00 p.m., at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, Sarasota. All are invited. [View invitation.](#)
Clergy are invited to process; please wear robes and red stoles, and arrive by 3:30 p.m. at the Albritton Center Conference Room.

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**Science vs Faith?** Is mainstream science incompatible with genuine Christian faith? Pastors, Elders, and Church Professionals are invited to Trinity Presbyterian, Venice for a Luncheon on **Tuesday, March 17**, 12:30-2:00 pm. **Dr. Greg Cootsona, Theologian in Residence** will address this issue. RSVP to the church by Friday, March 13.  
[Click for Information Flyer.](#)

**Attention Music Directors!** Cantata Books available, free, first come basis. Check the [list](#).

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Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center is seeking a new Executive Director. The Executive Director Search Committee has posted information on the search. [Information](#).

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If you have information you would like to share about your pastor or your church, please contact Lori Doyal, [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org) or 941-426-8421, ext. 401.

## **Presbytery Calendar: February 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.*

### **Saturday, February 22**

Presbyterian Women 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering (9:00 am-1:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota)

### **Thursday, February 27**

Stated Meeting of Presbytery (9:00 am at Church of the Palms)

Dr. Tod Bolsinger, *Canoeing the Mountains* (11:15 am-3:30 pm, following the Stated Meeting)

## **Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery**

Please note the following email and web site updates:

Rev. Miguel Estrada, Pastor: [miguel@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:miguel@peacriverpresbytery.org)

Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator: [ruth@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:ruth@peacriverpresbytery.org)

Web Site: [www.misionpeniel.org](http://www.misionpeniel.org)

## **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)

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

Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation of FL: [www.phhf.com](http://www.phhf.com)

## **Prayer Needs**

### **Please pray for:**

- Fernando Castillo (father of Miguel Estrada's wife, Marifrans) – serious health problems.
- 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

Please visit our web site, [www.peacriverpresbytery.org/churches](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org/churches)

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



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