



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ August 7, 2020

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

During these strange times, there are still moments of good news. Misión Peniel received a grant of \$12,000 from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) to expand the Pan de Vida program. Pan de Vida is like Meals on Wheels for those in Immokalee who are homebound. Meals are delivered weekly and those visits may be some of the only contact people receive. You can find out more about the program [here](#).

Through the support of the Presbytery, the Coalition of Immokalee Workers received a grant of \$20,000 to ensure that farmworkers, as essential workers, have the safety, equipment, and resources they need to be safe and healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. The farmworkers in Immokalee have been extremely vulnerable to the virus because of their housing and work situations. This will be an important step in providing what is needed to keep families safe.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance currently has a no travel order because of the virus. That means that they have had to be creative about ways to provide support for disasters that might occur. PDA has set up a commuter volunteer program in case of disaster. Commuter volunteers will be people who can drive to the site in less than two hours and will return home in the evening. They will bring their own food, water, tools, and PPE. People who wish to help can register at this [site](#), and will be called upon if disaster strikes. You can find more information on the presbytery resource [page](#). We will continue to pray that we do not need to call on volunteers this summer, but will be prepared nonetheless.

You can find the Presbytery's protocol for disaster on our webpage. Please send the names of two people, other than the pastor, who could be contacted in case of a hurricane or other disaster to the church. Send names and cell numbers to the Presbytery office.

Please let me know if there are ways I can be of support to the ministry you are doing.

Blessings,
Melana

Farmworkers in the Pandemic: Essentially Disposable A Webinar – Thursday, August 27, 12:00 pm ET

Click on the following for information:

[Event Flyer](#)

[Panelist Biographies](#)

Update from Beth-El

Thank you all who have sent your Back to School donations thus far. If your church is still collecting items, please note that we are in need of Back-Packs for Elementary Students (preferably with fun characters and lunch boxes), spiral notebooks, composition notebooks, and hard cover 1 inch binders. Also if your church, prefers to not use the Amazon option, and would rather do a collection, connect with us to let us know that we have those supplies coming and when you want to deliver them. Thank you so much for supporting our students!

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry – Wimauma: www.beth-el.org

Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

Web Site: www.misionpeniel.org

As a mission of the Presbytery, we rely on the churches of Peace River Presbytery for 100% of our budget. Thank you for your faithful support of this presbytery ministry.

Additional ways to support during this pandemic:

1. Food Drives or additional funds for the following non-perishables: Rice, Beans, Canned Protein (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages, beef stew), Peanut Butter, Pasta and Tomato sauce;
2. Contributions to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, which is providing limited financial assistance to farmworkers/families affected by COVID-19 with rental and utility assistance and health care related assistance (designate to COVID RELIEF);
3. Prayers for the Immokalee community as the percentage of positive cases of COVID continues to rise.

For the latest updates, visit us on Facebook (Mision Peniel), Instagram (misionpenielimmokalee) and subscribe to our quarterly newsletter via our website.

Presbytery Calendar: August 2020

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

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org

Monday, August 10

Pastors' Conversation (10:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Tuesday, August 11

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Wednesday, August 12

Pastors' Conversation (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Human Resources Team (3:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

Thursday, August 13

Finance Team/Board of Trustees (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Wednesday, August 19

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Thursday, August 20

Steering Committee (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via video conferencing during this time of the stay-at-home guidelines. Please check the web site calendar regularly for additions or changes.

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
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center: www.cedarkirk.org
- Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation of FL: www.phhf.com

Prayer Needs

Please pray for:

- Our Nation
- Health Care Workers
- 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

Ongoing Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Cuba:

- We have been asked to join them in prayer at 9:30 am each morning in solidarity during this difficult time.
- We also pray for their wellbeing and safety during this time of crisis, both physically and spiritually.

Churches of Peace River Presbytery

Please visit our web site, www.peacriverpresbytery.org/churches

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



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