



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ October 16, 2020

From Your General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Today the office will be sending out the first checks for the Church in the Virtual World grants. We are very pleased to provide grants to purchase equipment necessary for live-streaming worship since it has become clear that this will be necessary for every church that desires to continue to do effective evangelism in today's world. Seven churches were awarded grants today: St. Paul's, North Port; Holy Trinity, North Ft. Myers; Faith, Cape Coral; Buckingham, Ft. Myers; Burnt Store, Punta Gorda; Trinity, Venice; and Kirkwood, Bradenton. We are looking forward to receiving many more applications. The next meeting of Steering Committee, at which time the next grants will be awarded, is November 5. If you are able to send in your grant request before October 30, it will be considered at that meeting.

These grants are a reminder of the connectional nature of the church. The funds for these grants came from the sale of the property that was originally purchased for what is now Peace in Lakewood Ranch. All the churches in the Presbytery participated in some way in the beginning of this new church and now we can return those gifts for use by congregations in a new way of furthering the kingdom of God.

The Steering Committee has also approved a special arrangement for an annual subscription to *Worship Design Studio*, a creative collection of worship arts, music ideas, and series and sermon suggestions. The annual subscription cost is normally \$299, but the Studio has offered a special price of \$249 to the Presbytery. The grant will cover \$150 for each church, whether a grant application is forthcoming or not. We hope that all the churches will take advantage of an opportunity to gain new and creative ideas for worship for the next year.

This is the information they sent to us for sharing the opportunity, with the link for the special pricing:

*The Worship Design Studio is an online community for pastors and worship teams to collaborate on worship, with ready-made worship series and inspiring educational content. Dr. Marcia McFee, world-renowned worship leader and designer, will be your coach as you seek to grow your worship program and provide meaningful and memorable worship experiences for your community, with lots of ideas and resources for adapting worship during this time of pandemic. Go to worshipdesignstudio.com to learn more, and use the promo code **PeaceRiver199** at checkout to get a DEEP discount on your full-year Subscription. Only available for members of the Peace River Presbytery for a limited time!*

Thank you for being the church in these unusual days. Please let me know how I can support the kingdom work you are doing.

Blessings,

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Thursday, November 19, 2020

By Zoom Conference

9:00 am – Meeting Begins

Pre-Registration will be required. Information will be posted soon.

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#### **Pre-Meeting Finance Forum**

By Zoom Conference

8:15-8:45 am

Open to all who are interested in learning more about the Presbytery's finances and budget, or who have a question for their church.

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These meetings will be through separate Zoom links, but you will have time to do both.

Madagascar Mission Network

Mission Conference 2020: November 12-14

For information, click: [Virtual Conference Information](#)

Continuing Education Opportunity

Register for the remaining Fall 2020 Pathways Online Courses at Union Presbyterian Seminary

- Courses are open to all, including Commissioned Ruling Elder candidates and any individual seeking further knowledge and edification.
- Each course meets weekly for five (5) weeks, 7:00pm - 9:00pm EST.
- Two courses, Reformed Theology/Church History and Teaching the Bible, begin next week.
- The Reformed Theology/Church History course is seeking interested participants for a second section, beginning Monday, October 19.
- For more info, click here: [Pathways Online Courses](#)

Position Opening

First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte

[Office Administrator](#)

Part Time: 28 hours/week, Monday-Thursday

Click on the Office Administrator link for the application.

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.

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

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Presbytery Calendar: October 2020

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

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peacriverpresbytery.org

Monday, October 26

Finance Team (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via Zoom Video Conference until further notice.
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:

- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill (HR) – Continued prayer for his treatment and recovery from bile duct cancer.
Address for cards – 16001 Via Solera Cir., #105, Fort Myers, FL 33908
- Rev. Alan Adams (HR) – Continued prayer for his treatment and recovery from tonsil cancer.
Address for cards – 69 Windmill Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- Our Nation
- 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

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



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