



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ November 13, 2020

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Steering Committee is so 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. Five more churches were awarded grants last week: Cypress Lake, Christ Church Long Boat Key, Community Englewood, Siesta Key Chapel, and Northminster. We have another four applications in the pipeline. We would be thrilled to share some of this grant money with each church in the presbytery. The next meeting of Steering Committee, at which time the new grants will be awarded, is December 17. If you are able to send in your grant request before ~ December 7, it will be considered at that meeting.

Clint Cottrell and his daughter have written an Advent devotional around the theme of the hymn, In the Bleak Mid-Winter. They have offered it for use for any church that might want it, with permission to put your church information on the front page. There is also a YouTube video introducing the devotional. You can find both on the resource page website, www.prpresources.weebly.com. There are other Advent resources there as well and I will continue to add videos and ideas as they are shared from across the church.

Next Thursday, November 19, is Presbytery meeting. All commissioners and visitors need to register in order to attend. The link can be found on the presbytery website. There will be two opportunities to have training in how to use Zoom, voting, and polls – Monday, Nov. 16 at 9am or Wednesday, Nov. 18 at 2pm. There will also be an opportunity on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5pm, for conversation around items coming to the presbytery meeting. 1) The purpose of the inquiry stage and appropriate questions to ask a person in a same-sex marriage who is seeking to become an inquirer, which this presbytery has not previously done, plus next steps of the process. 2) A shift in the budget, comparing how it differs from previous years as outlined in the narrative budget. If you would like to be part of this conversation or the trainings, please email me at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org to receive the link.

Please let me know if there is damage or unmet needs after Tropical Storm Eta subsides. I hold you in prayer.

Blessings,
Melana

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Thursday, November 19, 2020
By Zoom Conference *

9:00 am – Meeting Begins (*sign in begins at 8:15 am*)

*** Pre-Registration is required. Deadline to register:** 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 18th.

Contact Alesia Sharpe, alesia@peaceriverpresbytery.org
if you did not receive the registration email yesterday.

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.

**** Pre-Registration is required. Deadline to register:** 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 18th.

Contact Lori Doyal, lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org to receive the Zoom link for the Finance Forum.

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

The Stated Meeting Packet is posted on the Presbytery's [web site](#).

You will need the usual "user name" and "password" to access these materials.

If you need assistance, please let us know.

Attention All Finance Chairs, Mission Chairs, and Treasurers

On Thursday, November 19, 8:15-8:45 am (before the Stated Meeting begins),
you will have an opportunity to join the *Finance Forum* with the
Presbytery's Treasurer and Finance Team members.

This is a great opportunity to ask questions about the Presbytery's
finances and budget, as well as to ask for advice or assistance for your own church.

This Forum will be conducted by Zoom and advanced registration for the Zoom link is required*.

This will be a separate link from the Stated Meeting Zoom link
and there will be time to participate in both meetings.

*To receive the Zoom link for this Finance Forum,
please contact Lori Doyal, lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org.

DEADLINE to REGISTER: 12:00 noon on Wednesday, November 18th.

All are invited to attend.

Madagascar Mission Network

Mission Conference 2020: November 12-14

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

The 2021 APCE Annual Event is Virtual!

Attention Educators, Youth Directors, Pastors, and other ministry leaders/volunteers:
if you've ever wondered how attending the Annual Event of the Association of Presbyterian Church
Educators (APCE) could support your ministry, 2021 is a great year to find out! Because the conference will
be held virtually, this year's registration fee is only \$100! Registration gives participants access to the entire
live experience, as well as 90 days of access to the recordings for worship, plenaries, and workshops.
Scholarships are available for those who need additional financial support.

For more information about the APCE Virtual Event, visit: <https://apcenet.org/2021-annual-event>

Bibles for Presbyterian Villas

If any church has NIV or NRSV Bibles to share, Presbyterian Villas would like to have 20 for their library. Please contact Melana (melana@peacriverpresbytery.org) if you are able to supply these resources.

Safe Gatherings

It is very important to assure that church staff and volunteers have the needed training when leading and managing programs for children and youth. Peace Presbyterian Church is successfully using a *Safe Gatherings* (<https://safegatherings.com>) module that focuses on this subject and may be of interest to your church. Please consult the Peace Presbyterian Church website or contact the Director of Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families at Peace Presbyterian Church, Eirinn Camphire, at e.eirinn@gmail.com

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.

Contacts:

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Ruth DeYoe, Mission Coordinator – ruth@peacriverpresbytery.org

Presbytery Calendar: November 2020

*You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peacriverpresbytery.org
Please email corrections or additions to lori@peacriverpresbytery.org*

Thursday, November 19

Pre-Meeting Finance Forum (8:15-8:45 am by Zoom Conference)*
Stated Meeting of Presbytery (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)*

Thursday, November 26

Thanksgiving – PRP Offices Closed

Friday, November 27

PRP Offices Closed

*Pre-Registration will be required to receive the Zoom links for each of these meetings.
Details will be posted soon.

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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](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:

- 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

Go to [Peace River Presbytery Churches](#)

to visit each of the church's web sites.



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