



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ January 8, 2021

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you, like me, are still distressed about the events on Capitol Hill on Wednesday. As it was unfolding, I was getting texts from a bishop friend of mine in England, wondering how something like this could happen in the United States. I had no answers to give her. We need to continue to pray for our nation, for our leaders, for those who stand in the gap to provide safety, and for those who will begin to work toward peace and reconciliation. I invite you to be in daily prayer in the next few weeks. We need to show the world that we are still a leader in democracy.

As I mentioned in the email that I sent out on Wednesday, our trust is in God, not in the actions of humanity. Our faith is not tied to the actions of any human beings but is tied to what Jesus Christ has already done for us. Our call to live in the world comes from love, not hatred or fear. Love always wins. That is the message of Jesus Christ.

We are assured by the words of Paul in Romans 8:31-39.

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Let us continue to pray, knowing who is our true guide in all of life.

In faith,
Melana

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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Information on the Presbytery's Web Site

The *Presbytery's Covid-19 Resource Page* includes:

- Links to various continuing education opportunities.

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The *PRP Web Site Resource Tab* (top of home page) includes:

- The 2021 PRP *Remittance Form* for Churches
- Handbook for Clerks of Session

There is a lot of other information on the web site that might be of use or interest to you.

Take time to explore.

If you have any corrections or updates to information, please contact  
Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

Please note, some areas, such as *Teams and Committees*,  
are currently being updated for the new year.

## From the Finance Team

Churches, if you have not submitted your *2021 Estimate of Giving Form*,  
please do so as soon as possible.

You may email it to Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)  
or mail it to the Presbytery Office, Attn. Lori Doyal, Finance Administrator.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Doyal.

## Save the Date!

### **Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

By Zoom Conference

## Presbytery Calendar: January 2021

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

**Thursday, January 7**

Mision Peniel Team (10:30 am by Zoom Conference)

**Tuesday, January 12**

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

CCC Team (2:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

**Wednesday, January 13**

Cuba Partnership Task Force (5:00 pm by Zoom Conference – private account)

**Thursday, January 14**

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

**Monday, January 18**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – All Presbytery Offices Closed

**Thursday, January 21**

Steering Committee (9:00 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](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:**

- Our Nation
- The Congregations and Pastors of Peace River Presbytery
- 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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