



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ June 4, 2021

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all of you who have asked about my vacation time and who took seriously my desire not to engage in work while away. I spent two quiet weeks with my husband and youngest daughter, mostly reading, resting, and enjoying the lake we were staying on and other opportunities nearby. It was exactly what I needed to refresh, rejuvenate, and return ready to continue in ministry with all of you. Let me again encourage all pastors to find time for sabbath. Jesus took time away, so should we all.

Summer in Florida is traditionally slower and provides time for renewal and preparation for the season. I encourage you to take some time to think about your church preparations in case of a hurricane. The presbytery's plan is posted on the website and includes ways that we will try to communicate if a hurricane impacts our area. If you would share a contact person or two with me in case of an emergency, that would be appreciated. Email me at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org.

Our next presbytery meeting will be November 18 at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center. It will be our first in-person meeting since February 2020 and we hope it will be a time of celebration, worship, and fellowship. Cedarkirk is a long drive for many in the presbytery so we have arranged for overnight accommodations, hoping that we will have a good turnout for this time together. More information will be coming soon about how to register for overnight lodging, but we hope you will put this time on your calendar as we share being together again.

Blessings,
Melana



At the May meeting of presbytery, a new part-time position was approved for facilitating the Vital Congregations Initiative and improving presbytery communication. The job description is below. If you or someone you know would be interested in applying for this position, please email Melana at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org.

POSITION DESCRIPTION
VITAL CONGREGATIONS FACILITATOR/COMMUNICATION LIAISON
Peace River Presbytery

Position Title:

This is a part-time, exempt, Temporary Supply position with a one-year renewable contract.

Position Reports To: General Presbyter

Purpose: Coordinate the work of the Vital Congregations Initiative in the Presbytery and strengthen communication within the presbytery.

Position Requirements:

- Ordained Ruling or Teaching Elder in PCUSA
- Willingness to be trained as a facilitator for Vital Congregations Initiative
- Must be open to coaching for this work.
- Demonstrated proficiency in written communication, social media engagement, and website maintenance.
- Demonstrated ability in functioning within working teams as both a leader and a member.

Duties:

1. Facilitator for the Vital Congregations Initiative, working with congregations and pastors as they are called to move in new directions.
2. Coordination of clergy cohort groups within the Vital Congregations Initiative.
3. Under the direction of the General Presbyter lead the Presbytery staff in improving the Presbytery website, social media platforms, and other communications within the presbytery.
4. Other duties as assigned

Stated Meeting Offering

The offering from the May 13th Stated Meeting of Presbytery is still being collected to benefit Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center.

Contributions Received to Date: \$65.00

If you would like to contribute,
please send your check, payable to Peace River Presbytery,
and marked "Stated Meeting Offering" to:
Peace River Presbytery | 5600 Peace River Rd. | North Port, FL 34287

Synod of South Atlantic Webinar:
"So You Are Thinking of Retiring"

Tuesday, June 15, 4:00-5:40 pm via Zoom

[Click for Registration Information](#)

News from FLAPDAN

(Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network,
in Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

Hurricane Season Preparedness Tips

“It’s that time of year again! Colorado State University has announced their predictions as “above average” for the 2021 Hurricane Season. Thankfully we have a much better hold on the coronavirus pandemic than we did a year ago. Still, we need to prepare for this season with our safety protocols in minds.”

Please read the entire newsletter from [FLAPDAN](#) for information.

There is also information on the Presbytery’s Resource Page about Disaster Preparedness.

Around the Presbytery

Saturday, June 12, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church’s

Garden of Eatin’ Community Garden and Food Forest

Dedication & Pig Roast

See [Information Flyer](#)

All are invited and welcome!

**** RSVPs are appreciated! ****

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: June 2021

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

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peacriverpresbytery.org

Thursday, June 3

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

Special Called Meeting of Presbytery (2:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

Tuesday, June 8

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

Wednesday, June 9

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

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

Thursday, June 10

Finance Team (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Thursday, June 17

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

Prayer Needs

Please pray for:

- The family of Maytha Harper (Clerk of Session of FPC Lehigh Acres) who passed away on May 9th.
- Alberta Adams (former PW Moderator) – cancer; in Hospice Care. Address for cards:

3734 Prairie Dunes, Sarasota, FL 34238

- DeAnne Sawyer (former Mision Peniel Team Co-Moderator) - recovery from triple by-pass heart surgery
- Jennie Thomas' (Member of Presbytery) father, Jim Mabry – wisdom for doctors for aortic valve replacement
- The people of Myanmar
- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill – health
- 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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