



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ July 9, 2021

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Hope the water is beginning to recede from your areas. As far as I know, none of our churches had any damage from Elsa. We will stay aware as the summer continues and other storms might come our way.

Let me share with you that the Rev. Devon Andrews is the new part-time staff person for the presbytery and will facilitate and coordinate the Vital Congregations Initiative. We were both on a meeting today with the denominational level trainers of the initiative and look forward to jumping into sharing the information and the invitation to be part of this work. We also have three volunteer facilitators for the initiative, one in each area of the presbytery. We will introduce them in future newsletters. We invite you to look at the materials at this [link](#) and begin to consider if this is an initiative that would benefit your congregation.

A group of pastors is preparing to read and discuss the book [Anxious Church, Anxious People: How to Lead Change in an Age of Anxiety](#), by Jack Shitama. All churches are changing as the culture continues to shift rapidly. COVID certainly caused rapid and immediate change to happen and change often causes us to be anxious. If you would be interested in being part of this group, please email Andy Casto-Waters at [acasto.waters@gmail.com](mailto:acasto.waters@gmail.com).

I pray that pastors are finding time for rest and rejuvenation this summer. Pastors have worked hard through the pandemic and need time away to be able to serve their congregations into the future.

Please let me know if there are ways I can be of assistance to the ongoing mission and ministry of your church. Thank you for your work.

Blessings,  
Melana

### Around the Presbytery

#### Position Openings:

Lely Presbyterian Church, Naples  
Music Director

[Job Posting](#)

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Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers  
Director of Christian Education

[Job Posting](#)  
[Position Description](#)

## **Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery**

Web Site: [www.misionpeniel.org](http://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: July 2021**

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)

Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org)

### ***Thursday, July 1***

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

### ***Sunday, July 4***

Independence Day – Happy Birthday United States of America!

### ***Monday, July 5***

Presbytery Offices Closed

### ***Thursday, July 8***

Finance Team (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

### ***Sunday, July 11***

Clerk of Session Training (2:30-5:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

### ***Wednesday, July 14***

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

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

### ***Thursday, July 15***

Steering Committee (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

### ***Thursday, July 22***

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

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

- The families and friends of the victims of the Surfside, FL condo collapse. Protection for the firefighters and other rescue workers.
- DeAnne Sawyer (former Mision Peniel Team Co-Moderator) – continued recovery
- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill – health
- Our Nation
- The Congregations and Pastors of Peace River Presbytery
- The people of Myanmar
- 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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