



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ October 8, 2021

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

October is Pastor Appreciation month. In the last 18 months pastors have worked diligently to find ways to connect for pastoral care, to make worship safe and uplifting, to guide sessions in making decisions that move the church forward. Many people have reacted less than compassionately to choices that have been made by the elders who were elected to lead. This month could be an opportunity to let your pastor, and your session, know that you appreciate the discerning work they have done in these unusual times. A note of encouragement can really lift a spirit that is feeling heavy. I hope each church can find a way to show their pastor how much they are appreciated.

Next week is our third stated meeting of presbytery for the year, and hopefully, our last one on Zoom. Registration is open and the packet is online. Among other things, we will be approving the 2022 budget, examining 3 people who are recommended to move to the candidacy phase of preparation for ministry, and hearing a motion from Committee on Ministry about the pastoral leadership plan for First, Bonita Springs. Hope to see you on Thursday.

We are looking forward to the retreat at Cedarkirk in November. The CCC team has worked with the staff at Cedarkirk to find creative, safe ways to gather. Over 50 people have registered for this first in-person gathering since February 2020! We will worship together, have plenty of time for fellowship, and enjoy some break-out groups for learning, fun, and dreaming about our future. It's not too late to register to be part of this time.

Lori will be out of the office for three weeks for a medical procedure, so there will not be a newsletter during that time. Please feel free to call Alesia or me if you need information or have questions. Please keep Lori in your prayers as she recovers.

In hope and faith,  
Melana

### Stated Meeting of Presbytery **Thursday, October 14, 2021**

9:00 am via Zoom Conference  
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### Registration

An email with the Registration Link was sent Thursday, October 7.  
If you did not receive the email, please contact Alesia,

[alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org) / 941-426-8421, ext. 403  
**Registration will close at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 13.**  
**You must register by the deadline to join the meeting.**

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**Meeting Packet and Docket**

The Meeting Packet is posted on the website, under "Events and News".

**Around the Presbytery**

***Events:***

**Rev. Dr. Cleo LaRue Preaching Seminar**  
**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

Sponsored by Church of the Palms and Light of the World International Church

[Information Letter](#)

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**"Tree Lot" and Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Forest Hills Presbyterian Church, Tampa**

[Information Flyer](#)

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**Faith Focus Weekend: "Bridging the Gap"**

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

**First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota**

[Invitation Letter](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

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***Apologies ... after the newsletter was emailed,  
we found out this event is postponed until Fall 2022.***

**~~Community Speaker Series Presents:~~**

**~~Jen Hatmaker~~**

**~~Wednesday, November 17, 2021~~**

**~~Church of the Palms~~**

[~~Information Flyer~~](#)

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***Position Openings:***

**Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood**

**Bell Choir Director**

[Position Description](#)

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**Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers**

**Spanish Pastor (Temporary Part-Time)**

[Job Posting](#)

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**First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte**

**Organist**

[Job Posting](#)

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**Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota**

**Music Director**

[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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**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. Jeff DeYoe (Covenant, Ft. Myers) – health
- Mía Estrada (Pastor Miguel's 7-year old daughter) – health
- Lori Doyal (PRP Financial Admin/Communications Coord) – surgery (10/11) and recovery
- Rev. Dr. Taylor Hill – health
- Afghanistan, Haiti, Cuba, Myanmar, and all those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas
- 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, PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Madagascar

## Churches of Peace River Presbytery

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to visit each of the church's web sites.



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