



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ June 12, 2020

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Our biennial General Assembly was to be held this summer, June 20-27, in Baltimore, Maryland. Like everything else, that has been cancelled because of COVID-19. Instead we will have an historic virtual General Assembly that will be held over the course of three days. The new moderators will be elected the evening of Friday, June 19 and the business will be conducted in two very long days, Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27. You are invited to be part of this historic event. You can watch the proceedings at [ga-pcusa.org](http://ga-pcusa.org). If you visit that site now, you can learn more now about the moderator candidates and the election of the Stated Clerk. There is information about the Poor People's Campaign and Digital March that you are welcome to experience. Every General Assembly, Presbyterians commit to making a difference in the city which hosts the body. This year the focus is on the Youth Rising Coalition. You are invited to participate in an online opportunity on Wednesday, June 23, to hear what is happening in Baltimore to help young people improve their lives.

Presbytery elected and commissioned five people to attend this General Assembly: the Rev. Dawn Mayes (Community, Englewood), Ruling Elder Clint Belk (Faith, Cape Coral), the Rev. Terri Jo Crego (Bee Ridge, Sarasota), Ruling Elder Barbara Weiss (First, Naples), and our Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Ruling Elder Carson Brown (Cypress Lake, Ft. Myers). These people accepted the call to serve the larger church and now will do so in a very different way than they expected. I would invite all the churches in the Presbytery to find ways to share encouraging words with our commissioners through those long days, maybe through an email, a text, or a note. You might consider choosing a 15-30 minute window of the meeting time to pray for each of our commissioners, for Peace River Presbytery, and for the work of the General Assembly. If you have questions about this digital Assembly, please contact me. We are the church together doing work throughout the world.

Blessings,  
Melana

### Presbytery Calendar: June 2020

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)

#### Monday, June 15

Outreach and Nurture Team (10:00 am – Zoom Conference)

Friday, June 19, Friday, June 26, and Saturday, June 27

224<sup>th</sup> (2020) General Assembly (On Line Meeting)

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via video conferencing during this time of the stay-at-home guidelines. Please check the web site calendar regularly for additions or changes.

### **A Reminder**

The staff of the Presbytery Office continues to work diligently for you, while doing so remotely and safely. Mail is being picked up daily.

Please check the web site for the staff's cell phone numbers, should you need to reach any of them by phone.

[Contact PRP Staff](#)

### **Cedarkirk at Home Brings Summer Camp to Your Living Room**

Even though we can't be together physically this summer, we are sending fun and faith-forming camp experiences to our campers! Cedarkirk at Home combines a box full of camp goodies, curriculum, activity supplies, and surprises, with virtual small group Bible studies and activity sessions led by Cedarkirk counselors. In this way, we can still build our unique camp community, deepen personal connections to God, learn from one another, and have all sorts of silly camp fun even though we can't be together at camp.

If your church is struggling with what kind of summer program or VBS to provide your young people, this could be a unique opportunity for you! Your children and youth could sign up for the same week, participate in the program with one another, and make some new friends, too!

Our theme, LET'S TALK, will explore all the ways we can connect to God through prayer, and discover what communication with God has to do with renewal, guidance, and change!



For Cedarkirk at Home information and online registration, check out our website:

[www.cedarkirk.org/cedarkirk-at-home](http://www.cedarkirk.org/cedarkirk-at-home).

### **Church Supplies Available**

The congregation of Westminster Presbyterian in Bradenton is selling their property and moving to "nest" in the facility of Palma Sola Presbyterian.

The following items are available for the asking to any church or person:

- Office furniture
- Tables and chairs for Fellowship Halls, etc
- Dishes, silverware, serving pieces, pots, pans, cooking utensils
- Library books, Bibles, shelving
- Worship supplies, including communion ware, candle holders, 1990 Presbyterian Hymnals (the blue ones)

*Is there something you need that is not listed here? Call and ask!*

Contact John Progar at 941-840-2709 or [progarjl@aol.com](mailto:progarjl@aol.com).

### **COVID-19 Wish List for Beth-El Farmworker Ministry**

Diapers, Size 4 and 5	Gift Cards	All Purpose Flour	Peanut Butter
Sanitizer	Deodorant	Spaghetti Sauce	Pancake Mix
Face Masks	Toothpaste	Powdered Milk	Granola Bars
Gloves	Feminine Products	Evaporated Milk	Apple Sauce
Paper Products	Adult Diapers	Boxed Cereal	Macaroni and Cheese
Sanitizing Detergents	Baby Wipes	Canned Meats	Maseca Tortilla Mix
Disinfecting Wipes	Bread	Canned Fruits	Rice and Beans
Bar Soap	Coffee	Pasta	Crackers
Toilet Paper	Oats	Rice	Canned Vegetables

*If you can help provide any of these items, please call Beth-El at 813-633-1548.*

### 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)

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

Web Site: [www.misionpeniel.org](http://www.misionpeniel.org)

### Prayer Needs

#### Please pray for:

- Pete Rodino (Mision Peniel Team Co-Moderator) and Family in the loss of his Father-in-Law
- Barbara Stephenson (Elder, Siesta Key Chapel and Friend of Marg Towner) – hospitalized from a fall
- Elder Wayne Largent (PRP Moderator) in the loss of his wife, Anita (Clerk of Session, Community P.C.)
- COVID-19 and Economic Recovery
- Front Line Health Care Workers and other First Responders
- 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

#### Ongoing Prayers for our brothers and sisters in Cuba:

- We have been asked to join them in prayer at 9:30 am each morning in solidarity during this difficult time.
- We also pray for their wellbeing and safety during this time of crisis, both physically and spiritually.

### Churches of Peace River Presbytery

Please visit our web site, [www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches)

Click on the city, then the church, to visit their web site.



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