



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ August 28, 2020

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

These months of the pandemic have seemed to go by so slowly and so quickly. It is hard to believe that it is the end of August, that school has, or will soon, begin. We cancelled our presbytery meeting in May, hoping that we could meet in person on September 12. But we are not close to being safe to gather over 100 people in a sanctuary, so we will gather virtually for worship, education, and business. Our meeting will begin at 9am and will have a break for lunch and finish around 2pm. (Unfortunately, you will have to provide your own coffee and lunch). The education time will focus on listening to one another from our hearts, a skill the church could share with the culture in these days. We will be using breakout rooms for the education time, so it will be important for each commissioner to log into Zoom on their own device. You can use a computer, tablet, or phone. It is also important when votes are taken, for each commissioner to have a separate device.

We will have three training opportunities before the presbytery meeting so that people can get accustomed to Zoom, to voting, and to breakout rooms. Please share this information with your commissioners so they have the opportunity to sign up for a training. The trainings will be held on September 2 at 9am, September 3 at 2pm, and September 8 at 5pm. Each training should only last about 30 minutes. In order to participate, please email me at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org with the date you desire. I will email you the link to join the training. Watch for an email about registering for the presbytery meeting itself.

Pastors have continued to work more than usual through these months. I continue to encourage them to take vacation and to care for themselves. Trinity Church, Venice, has offered to record me preaching a sermon that can be utilized by any church. That video should be available in case anyone wanted to use it for Labor Day weekend. Of course, it can be used any other Sunday as well. Please continue to pray for your pastor as they work in these strange times.

Blessings,
Melana

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Saturday, September 12, 2020

9:00 am-2:00 pm

Virtual by Zoom Conference*

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Please read the General Presbyter's letter above with  
Advance Training details.

\*Pre-Registration for the Stated Meeting will be required.

This information will be posted as soon as it is available.

### **From Your Human Resources Team**

The Human Resources Team of the Presbytery is seeking volunteers to serve on Presbytery Teams and Committees.

To see brief descriptions of the Presbytery Teams and Committees, click [here](#).

To access and download the "Volunteer Nomination Form", click [here](#).

For additional information, please contact Human Resources Team Co-Moderator, Rev. Laurie Haas, [lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org)

### **PRP Employee Handbook Revision – Draft**

[Letter to PRP Commissioners](#)

[Handbook Revision - Draft](#)

### **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.

Additional ways to support during this pandemic:

1. Food Drives or additional funds for the following non-perishables: Rice, Beans, Canned Protein (chicken, tuna, Vienna sausages, beef stew), Peanut Butter, Pasta and Tomato sauce;
2. Contributions to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund, which is providing limited financial assistance to farmworkers/families affected by COVID-19 with rental and utility assistance and health care related assistance (designate to COVID RELIEF);
3. Prayers for the Immokalee community as the percentage of positive cases of COVID continues to rise.

For the latest updates, visit us on Facebook (Mision Peniel), Instagram (misionpenielimmokalee) and subscribe to our quarterly newsletter via our website.

### **Presbytery Calendar: September 2020**

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)

#### **Wednesday, September 2**

- Zoom Training for Stated Meeting (9:00 am; Pre-Registration Required\*)  
*\*See Melana Scruggs' letter above for information.*

#### **Thursday, September 3**

- Mision Peniel Team (10:00 am by Zoom Conference)
- Zoom Training for Stated Meeting (2:00 pm; Pre-Registration Required\*)  
*\*See Melana Scruggs' letter above for information.*

#### **Monday, September 7**

- Labor Day – Presbytery Offices Closed

#### **Tuesday, September 8**

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

- Cuba Partnership Task Force (10:00 am by Zoom Conference – Private Acct.)
- Zoom Training for Stated Meeting (5:00 pm; Pre-Registration Required\*)  
*\*See Melana Scruggs' letter above for information.*

Wednesday, September 9

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry (10:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Thursday, September 10

- Finance Team (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

Saturday, September 12

- Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery (9:00 am-2:00 pm by Zoom Conference\*)  
*\*Pre-Registration will be Required. Watch for information.*

Wednesday, September 16

- Human Resources Team (3:00 pm 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
- 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**

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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