



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ October 9, 2020

From Your General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

We are receiving applications for the *Church in a Virtual World Grant* and the first awards will be sent out at the end of next week. There are over 20 churches participating in the Worship Design Studio workshop for Advent. We look forward to all the churches submitting a grant and to many churches subscribing to the year-long *Worship Design Studio* opportunity. This week the Synod approved a grant of \$8,000 to support this work of providing video equipment for churches to live-stream worship. We are very thankful for the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church and for the generosity of others who now impact the work of Peace River Presbytery.

At the September meeting of Presbytery, we had a workshop on how we listen to one another from the heart. The current culture does not promote or encourage listening, but the church is called to do so. The workshop and worship were recorded and next week will be posted on the Presbytery website. I would invite you to consider using the workshop with the session of the church and maybe other groups who would like to learn more about how to listen when we have difficult conversations in which to engage. If you will be a commissioner to the November meeting of Presbytery, I invite you to watch the recording so that we can continue to grow as a presbytery that cares for one another.

October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*, so I hope many of you are taking time to send notes of encouragement to your pastor(s). Your pastors have continued to work above and beyond during this pandemic, and many have not taken vacation or continuing education. Please encourage your pastors to find time for rest and rejuvenation so that they can serve God's kingdom as they are called.

Blessings as you share in mission and ministry,
Melana

Madagascar Mission Network

Mission Conference 2020: November 12-14

For information, click: [Virtual Conference Information](#)

Continuing Education Opportunity

Register for the remaining Fall 2020 Pathways Online Courses at Union Presbyterian Seminary

- Courses are open to all, including Commissioned Ruling Elder candidates and any individual seeking further knowledge and edification.

- Each course meets weekly for five (5) weeks, 7:00pm - 9:00pm EST.
- Two courses, Reformed Theology/Church History and Teaching the Bible, begin next week.
- The Reformed Theology/Church History course is seeking interested participants for a second section, beginning Monday, October 19.
- For more info, click here: [Pathways Online Courses](#)

Exciting News from the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance

Thanks to you, we have achieved our first goal! Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance now owns 10 acres of prime real estate in Immokalee. We are moving forward to build 128 safe decent rental units for farmworker families.

See your dollars at work and stay updated with our progress.

Send your email address to: adpenick@comcast.net and follow us at ifha.info or Facebook <https://www.Facebook.com/ImmokaleeFairHousingAlliance>.

We are so grateful for the support of Peace River Presbyterian congregations!

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: October 2020

*You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peaceriverpresbytery.org
Please email corrections or additions to lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org*

Monday, October 12

Virtual Church Task Force (2:30 pm by Zoom Conference)

Tuesday, October 13

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

Thursday, October 15

Steering Committee (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

Monday, October 26

Finance Team (9:30 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:

- Rev. Alan Adams (HR) – Diagnosed with tonsil cancer. Please pray for his treatment and recovery.
Address for Cards – 69 Windmill Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- 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

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



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