



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ January 15, 2021

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Our nation continues to reel from the events of last Wednesday and the concern for what might happen on the 17<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Yesterday Craig Goodrich led a devotional for the Finance Team around “good courage.” This got me thinking about what the church is called to do in these times.

Courage comes from the root word for heart in French, coeur. The church is called to be courageous in the face of uncertainty because we are certain that God is at work and brings hope and healing. The courage we need, in my opinion, is the courage to show compassion to one another. Compassion takes heart, courage, grace, and would allow us to treat one another as the children of God we are created to be, even if we adamantly disagree with one another politically or socially.

Imagine if the church could lead the nation forward in healing by showing compassion to one another, listening for understanding, and working toward healing and reconciliation. The Bible is filled with verses that admonish people to have courage or not to fear. I often preach things that I need to hear and hope that it resonates with others who are listening. I am writing this because it is what I need to hear, and I hope it will resonate with some of you. I need the courage to show compassion, to listen, and to trust in the God of love and grace. Let us continue to pray for our nation, our leaders, for those whose job is to protect and serve.

**“Wait for the Lord: be strong and let your heart take courage; yea wait for the Lord.” (Psalm 27:14)**

In faith,  
Melana

### Association of Smaller Congregations Online Conference: March 19 & 20, 2021

Conference registration by January 31, 2021 is FREE using code "COMMUNITY".

After that it will be \$80 per person.

Register online at [www.presbyasc.org](http://www.presbyasc.org). Contact registrar at (706) 373-9480 or email at [registrarasc@bellsouth.net](mailto:registrarasc@bellsouth.net) for further information. Keynoter is Maryanne McKibbon.

Please use this link to get to the special registration form:

[Products – Association of Smaller Congregations \(presbyasc.org\)](https://www.presbyasc.org/products)

<https://www.presbyasc.org/shop/>

## 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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## Information on the Presbytery's Web Site

The *Presbytery's Covid-19 Resource Page* includes:

- Links to various continuing education opportunities.

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The *PRP Web Site Resource Tab* (top of home page) includes:

- The 2021 PRP *Remittance Form* for Churches
- Handbook for Clerks of Session

There is a lot of other information on the web site that might be of use or interest to you.

Take time to explore.

If you have any corrections or updates to information, please contact

Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

Please note, some areas, such as *Teams and Committees*, are currently being updated for the new year.

## From the Finance Team

Churches, if you have not submitted your *2021 Estimate of Giving Form*, please do so as soon as possible.

You may email it to Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org) or mail it to the Presbytery Office, Attn. Lori Doyal, Finance Administrator.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Doyal.

## Save the Date!

### **Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am

By Zoom Conference

## Job Opportunity

Northminster Presbyterian Church in Sarasota is seeking a part-time, full-charge Bookkeeper (approximately 16 hours a week) with knowledge of fund accounting.

For more information, please call 941-355-4729 or email [office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org).

## **Presbytery Calendar: January 2021**

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)

### ***Thursday, January 7***

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

### ***Tuesday, January 12***

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

CCC Team (2:00 pm by Zoom Conference)

### ***Wednesday, January 13***

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

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

### ***Thursday, January 14***

Finance Team/Board of Trustees (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

### ***Monday, January 18***

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – All Presbytery Offices Closed

### ***Thursday, January 21***

Steering Committee (9:00 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](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
- 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, 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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