



**PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY
STATED MEETING DOCKET
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BRADENTON, FL
MAY 15, 2025**



9:00 am

Opening Prayer

Vice-Moderator, Janice Croley

Greetings from Host Church

Report of the Stated Clerk

Randy Moody

Report of the General Presbyter

Melana Scruggs

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Terri Jo Crego

Committee on Ministry Report

Carolyn Wilson

Steering Committee Report

Rob Marrow

Human Resource Committee Report

Jef Farlow

Finance Committee Report

Mary Lynn Myers

Report of the Treasurer

Charmaine Ponkratz

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network

Kathy Broyard

Misión Peniel Report

Miguel Estrada

Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center Report

Matt Schick

Closing Prayer for Business

Vice-Moderator, Janice Croley

11:00 am

Worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Preacher: Mary Beth McSwain

Offering Recipient: Misión Peniel (*Checks to **First Presbyterian**, memo: **Misión Peniel***)

12:00 pm

Lunch and Fellowship

12:45 pm

Continuation of Business, if required

Peace River Presbytery Stated Meeting, May 15, 2025
Stated Clerk's Report

1. Confirmation of Quorum
2. Approval of Docket
3. Appointment of Temporary Clerks
4. Enrollment of Corresponding Members
5. Members of Presbytery who requested to be excused:

Courtney Ducharme	Rob Marrow
Craig Goodrich	Ruth Smalt
6. The following Commissions to Install Pastors/Associate Pastors have completed their work:
 - TE Rebecca Schwandt at Covenant PC, Fort Myers, February 23, 2025
 - TE Gillian Weighton at Faith PC, Cape Coral, March 23, 2025
 - TE Jonas Hayes at Lely PC, Naples, March 30, 2025
 - TE Mary Beth McSwain at Peace PC, Lakewood Ranch, April 27, 2025
7. **Motion:** Presbytery authorize the Moderator and Stated Clerk to read and approve the minutes of this meeting.

Peace River Presbytery
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Stated Meeting: May 15, 2025

CURRENTLY UNDER CARE

Inquirers:

None at this time

Candidates:

- Carson Brown, Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Ft. Myers
- John Frazee, Braden River Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

Certified/Ready for a Call:

- Amy Cerniglia, Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch
- Conor Peters, Church of the Palms, Sarasota

FOR INFORMATION:

- At her request, Debra Graves (Faith Presbyterian, Cape Coral) was removed from the roll of candidates under care of Peace River Presbytery.
- Conor Peters was certified ready to receive a call.

NOTE:

G-2.0103 Call to Ordered Ministry

The call to ordered ministry in the Church is the act of the triune God. This call is evidenced by the movement of the Holy Spirit in the individual conscience, the approval of a community of God's people, and the concurring judgment of a council of the Church.

G-2.0603 Purpose of Inquiry

The purpose of the inquiry phase is to provide an opportunity for the church and those who believe themselves called to ordered ministry as ministers of the Word and Sacrament to explore that call together so that the presbytery can make an informed decision about the inquirer's suitability for ordered ministry.

G-2.0604 Purpose of Candidacy

The purpose of the candidacy phase is to provide for the full preparation of persons to serve the church as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. This shall be accomplished through the presbytery's support, guidance, and evaluation of a candidate's fitness and readiness for a call to ministry requiring ordination.

Committee on Ministry Report

Stated Meeting, May 15, 2025

We welcome to the Presbytery

Kate Buckley, parish associate at First Presbyterian, Sarasota

We recognize the new calls of

Mary Beth McSwain as Associate Pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch

Dino Rustin as Pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Sarasota, effective June 1

We also recognize the Retirement of

Elizabeth Deibert from Peace Presbyterian, Lakewood Ranch

Richard Deibert from validated ministry

James Kirk from validated ministry, effective July 1

Motions:

1. The Committee on Ministry moves to examine Candidate Conor Peters for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament and confirm a call to Associate Pastor-Family Life at Church of the Palms, Sarasota.
2. The Committee on Ministry moves, if the way be clear, to approve the terms of call (annual) for Conor Peters as Associate Pastor-Family Life at Church of the Palms, Sarasota.

a. Salary & Housing	\$71,600.00
b. <u>Cell Phone Expense</u>	<u>4,400.00</u>
c. Total Effective Salary	\$76,000.00
d. BOP Pension & Family Medical	40,360.00
e. SECA Reimbursement	5,814.00
f. Continuing Education	1,500.00
g. <u>Professional Expense Reimbursement</u>	<u>1,500.00</u>
h. Total Salary & Benefits	\$125,174.00
i. One Month Vacation	
j. Two Weeks Continuing Education	
3. If the way be clear, moves to examine Candidate Karla Dias (Tropical Florida Presbytery) for ordination to the ministry of Word and Sacrament for a Temporary Pastor position at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers.
4. Approve the Temporary Pastor contract with Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers:

a. Salary & Housing	\$63,000.00
b. Retirement	6,300.00
c. Health Insurance	5,964.72
d. Continuing Education	1,500.00
e. Professional Expense Reimbursement	2,000.00
f. <u>Moving Expenses</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
g. Total Salary & Benefits	\$80,764.72
h. One Month Vacation	
i. Two Weeks Continuing Education	

For information, only:

February 11, 2025 Meeting

- Transferred TE Pablo Diaz to the Presbytery of Southern New England
- Received TE Mary “Kate” Brearly Buckley from Savannah Presbytery
- Renewed Temporary Pastor contract between TE Jay Mumper and St. Paul’s PC, Northport
- Approved Installation Commission for TE Becky Schwandt as Pastor of Covenant PC, Fort Myers
- Appointed TE Doug Pratt as moderator of Cypress Lake PC, Fort Myers session
- GP Melana Scruggs and SC Randy Moody conducted orientation/training for the work of COM
- Approved Ministry Discernment Profile for Cypress Lake PC, Fort Myers
- Authorized First PC, Bonita Springs to engage with Associate Pastor candidates who are not members of the PCUSA
- Authorized Peace Presbyterian PC, Lakewood Ranch to proceed with a mission study and continue their discernment process to add a half-time Associate Pastor if the way be clear
- Approved the Pastoral Closure Contract among exiting pastor, session, and presbytery

March 11, 2025

- Approved Installation Commission for Gillian Weighton as Pastor of Faith Presbyterian Church, Cape Coral: Moderator TE Ed Brandt, RE Bill Kraft, RE Rusty Shunk, TE Mike Mansperger, and General Presbyter TE Melana Scruggs.
- Approved contract renewal between TE Chuck Wiggins and Braden River PC.
- Transferred TE Bill Teng to Central Florida Presbytery
- Offered guidance to Palmetto Session regarding their pastoral search, including authorization to change to a Designated Pastor search
- Approved Mission Study by Church of the Palms, with comment
- Approved adding an Associate Pastor position at Church of the Palms.
- Received report from Peace Presbyterian Church that the congregation voted unanimously to call TE Mary Beth McSwain as a half-time Associate Pastor and approved the terms of call subject to Presbytery three-fourths approval

April 8, 2025

- Approved the installation commission for TE Jonas Hayes s Pastor of Lely Presbyterian Church
- Approved the retirement of TE Jim Kirk from validated ministry
- Approved the installation commission for TE Mary Beth McSwain as Associate Pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church
- Approved the call and terms of TE Dino Rustin as Pastor of Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

Conor Peters Statement of Faith

I believe in the Triune God, the creator, redeemer, and sustainer, who is always present, and whose love is never ceasing. It is because of the love of God, made evident through Christ Jesus, that I have received new life.

The Son of God, in communion with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, became the Word made flesh in Jesus Christ from the womb of the virgin Mary. The Son of God, fully human and fully divine, lived a sinless life, teaching God's goodness, God's love, and the Kingdom of Heaven. In Christ's crucifixion and resurrection, God reveals God's grace and love that sets us free to fully live into God's call for our lives, to bring glory to God in all we do, to interact with culture and respond to world around us, and to make disciples.

This is only accomplished through the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God beyond us and within us, who guides, convicts, speaks through, and speaks to us in order for humanity to grow into who God has called us to be, and to spread the good news of Jesus Christ.

Christ's Church exists in many different forms all around the world. Where two or more are gathered in Christ's name, so is the Church. To be a part of the Church is to be part of a community of believers of Jesus Christ whose mission is to encourage each other, hold each other accountable to God's call on our lives, and share God's Kingdom with the world. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be an active participant in Christ's Church with our spiritual and material gifts. Through the presence of the Holy Spirit in Baptism and Holy Communion, our participation in these sacraments sustains us in upholding Christ's call for our lives and draws us into deeper relationship with Christ.

In the sacrament of Baptism, one makes an outward declaration of an inward transformation through the power of the Holy Spirit. While we are not saved through Baptism, Baptism is a response to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives and testifies of the grace that has been received through Jesus.

In the sacrament of Holy Communion, we come to God and confess our sins, receive the grace of Jesus, and grow into deeper relationship with God through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Scriptures are the inspired Word of God that reveal to us the story of God's relationship with God's people. In the Holy Scriptures the character of God is revealed through God's relationship with Israel and who God is in Jesus Christ. The Holy Scriptures are more fully understood through the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

Through the power of God the Father, the atoning death and resurrection of Christ, and the ever-present guidance of the Holy Spirit, we live into Christ's call for our lives by engaging in the world around us and sharing the good news of Jesus.

Karla Dias Statement of Faith

I believe in the triune eternal God who is holy, sovereign, unlimited, omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. I believe that God is love, and that God created the world and created us in God's image. God's providential care for us means that God is also deeply interested in humanity and that God has a plan for God's creation and creatures. However, since the beginning of our creation, people turned away from God and lived a life of sin. Even when human beings wanted to do the right thing, they played at being God, becoming idolaters, and sinned by doing things like lying, stealing, coveting, hating, and hurting others. But God, with infinite wisdom, found a way to fix this by sending God's own Son to the world, Jesus Christ, to save and redeem us.

I believe that Jesus, came from heaven to earth as both God and human, teaching us how to love and serve God and neighbor. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us by dying for our sins on the cross, thus atoning for our sins. He conquered death through his resurrection on the third day, providing us with eternal life with God. We are justified and made right with God through our faith in Jesus.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did not leave us alone. Christ sent us the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, to comfort us, to guide us, and to manifest the fruits of the spirit in and through us. The Holy Spirit is everywhere, and is constantly at work. As Christians, we come to faith through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit gives us a taste of the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The Bible, God's Word, is inspired by God, and was recorded by humans at different points of time in history. The Bible is our authoritative guide, and it speaks to us, to how we are to live and share our faith. It is the awesome story of God's love for God's people, and Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love. The Bible helps us to know and to love God, and it teaches and encourages the church to serve God as God wants to.

The church is the body of Christ in the world. It is people of faith who gather to worship and serve the Savior and the Lord of our lives, not a building of four walls.

In our worship life together, we celebrate two sacraments because Christ commanded us to. With the presence of the Holy Spirit, we baptize in the name of the triune God and welcome individuals into God's family. The sacrament of baptism is celebrated in community, during which the church joyfully promises to nurture the baptized in their faith.

The Lord's Supper is where we remember what Jesus did for us, giving his body and blood for us for the forgiveness of our sins. We partake of the bread and cup as spiritual food that nourishes us so that we may serve Jesus with humility and love.

These two sacraments are central to our worship, faith, and life together as the church. They remind of God's grace and goodness in our lives.

As a church, our mission is to be at work in the world. We are Christians on the go!

We are to share the love of God found in and through Jesus, we are to do good, to be helpers, to attend to the needs of our neighbors near and far, to welcome others and express hospitality, to seek justice, to work for peace, and share the joy of our faith. We are to live a life of thankful, humble service to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As a pastor, I believe I am called to love God with all I have got and to serve whoever, whenever, and wherever God places me. I promise to always seek the help of God in my ministry through prayer, and I will strive to serve God's people with my whole heart, energy, and good humor, being open to ministry everywhere.

Peace River Presbytery
Steering Committee Report
May 15, 2025

For Presbytery Action:

1. The Steering Committee **moves** that Peace River Presbytery ratify its action on March 20, 2025 to appoint RE Linda Getzen (Church of the Palms, 2027) and TE Jay Mumper (Retired, 2026) to the Human Resources Committee, Class of 2027.

For Information Only:

**Peace River Presbytery
Human Resources Committee Report
Stated Meeting, May 15, 2025
First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton**

For Presbytery Approval:

1. The Human Resources Committee nominates the following:

Communication, Connection, Community:

Dennis Piermont, RE, Christ Church Longboat Key, Class of 2025

Jody McKewen, TE, Trinity Venice, Class of 2027-1

Committee on Ministry:

Beverly Grady, RE, Covenant Ft. Myers, Class of 2027-1

Pete DeBaun, RE, Vanderbilt Naples, Class of 2027-1

Beth-El Board of Directors:

Bob Silver, RE, Northminster Sarasota, Class of 2027

Alex Evangelista, TE, Pine Shores Sarasota, Class of 2027

FLAPDAN:

Rachel Martin, RE, First Sarasota, Class of 2027

For Information:

At the October meeting of Presbytery we will elect commissioners to the 227th General Assembly. The Assembly will be held from June 22 to July 2, 2026. Committees will meet via Zoom from June 22-24. The Plenary portion of the meeting will be in Milwaukee, Wisconsin from June 27 to July 2. If you would be interested in serving as commissioner, please fill out the application form that is on the website under Presbytery meetings. We will need two Teaching Elder Commissioners, two Ruling Elder Commissioners, an alternate for each, and a Young Adult Advisory Delegate who must be at least 18 years of age and no older than 23 on the first day of the assembly. If you have any questions, please contact Randy or Melana.

Peace River Presbytery
Finance Committee Report
Stated Meeting May 15, 2025
First Presbyterian, Bradenton



If you have any questions about this report, please contact
Moderator Mary Lynn Myers, mlm2817@aol.com or
Treasurer Charmaine Ponkratz, ponkratz@comcast.net

For Action:

Chapel by the Sea Sale of Property MOTION:

To approve the engagement of Investment Properties Corporation to market the properties on Fort Myers Beach, described as 100 Chapel Street, SEAGRAPE SUBD.PB 4 PG 17 BLK.B LTS 1-8 + BLK D LTS 16 -18 + OR 221 PG 436 (STRAP: 19-46-24-W3-0120B.0010) and 2471 Estero Boulevard SEAGRAPE SUBD BLK D PB 4 PG 17 LT 19 LEASEHOLD INT (STRAP: 19-46-24-W3-0120D.0190) at a combined properties list price of \$8.5 million with a minimum agreed upon sales price at the appraisal value received at time of listing the property.

Background: The Finance Committee considered proposals from two commercial real estate brokerage firms; one with a national footprint, a partner arrangement with PCUSA and a current church property listing on Fort Myers Beach. The other, a local firm, founded in 1976, the oldest commercial brokerage firm in Naples, with significant industry and municipality connections. The latter firm, Investment Properties Corporation, was interviewed by the committee and is being unanimously recommended for the presbytery's action.

For Information Only:

Loan Request from First Presbyterian Sarasota to Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program in the amount of \$250,000 to fund critical roof repairs following damage sustained during Hurricane Milton. Request was approved unanimously with prayers for a full recovery from storm damage. For readers unfamiliar with the borrowing program: <https://pilp.pcusa.org/borrow/>

Audit Services: Dees and Dees CPA completed the review of the 2024 financials. The Finance Committee received a clean opinion that the financial statements reflect fairly the financial position of the presbytery and accepted the report. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the report should contact Treasurer Charmaine. Page 3 for opinion letter. It is noted that Dees and Dees CPA has made the decision to stop providing audit/review services, so the Finance Committee will be seeking a new audit/review firm. We invite any recommendations from churches who have experience working with a firm that has offered good service at a reasonable price.

Blessing Grant Distribution Amount Declared: \$42,550. As per the calculation in the Presbytery's Financial Policies, the spending formula section, the average account value as reported on a quarterly account statement for the previous 12 quarters, or as many quarters as possible, shall be multiplied by 4%. Application information is available at: <https://peaceriverpresbytery.org/grants-loans/>

Other Property Matters Under Consideration: two other property matters are on the radar screen. The first is a request being considered by Holy Trinity for an easement to be granted to the developer/owner of the adjacent property wanting to create an emergency access for a planned apartment complex. The reader is reminded of the Standing Rules that provide guidance on property matters: The Finance Committee is charged “to consider and decide requests to sell real property not used for worship held in trust by congregations of the Presbytery under the provisions of the Book of Order, subject to any exceptions enacted by the Presbytery. All such actions shall be reported to the Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting.”

Additionally, “The Property Lease Commission shall review and approve or deny requests to lease real property used for worship held in trust by congregations of the Presbytery under the provisions of the Book of Order. All such actions shall be reported to the Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting. The Property Lease Commission shall consider and decide all requests to lease for 5 or more years real property not used for worship held in trust by congregations of the Presbytery under the provisions of the Book of Order. All such actions shall be reported to the Presbytery at the next Stated Meeting.

The second property matter relates to the equity sharing arrangement that was part of a new church development in Lakewood Ranch 20 years ago. With the pastor retiring, the private property is planned to be sold and the presbytery will close out the equity sharing transaction.

Webinar Workshop Offering: Hearing the breadth of insurance issues that churches are facing it was decided to host a webinar on the topic of insurance coverage, options, and other considerations. On June 3 at 10:00 we will host an Insurance Wellness Webinar with the presbytery’s insurance agent, Earl Burkett. He will offer a 30 minute rapid fire review of the insurance coverages and considerations that churches should have on their radar screen, followed by 30 minutes of questions. Be sure to inform your church leaders in the areas of finance and property. Watch for registration information in the newsletter from the presbytery.

Review of January, February and March 2025 Financials: At each meeting the Finance Committee reviews the prior month financials, the church giving report and the funds/accounts summary.

The information is also shared with the Steering Committee members. Summary comments and an overview report regarding the March financials appear on pages 4-7. Of interest is the giving report through March 2025 on pages 8-9. We celebrate every gift of money and support for the work of the presbytery. Detailed March 2025 financial reports appear in the APPENDIX.

Presbytery Women Review of Financials: The annual financial review with Presbyterian Women is scheduled to happen in May.

Election of Vice Moderator of Finance Committee: Roger Schultz was elected to the position of vice-moderator as it is anticipated that Mary Lynn Myers will pass the leadership baton at the end of the year. The committee is grateful for all leaders --- past, present and future.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Peace River Presbytery, Inc. Port Charlotte, Florida

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of **Peace River Presbytery, Inc.** (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of **December 31, 2024**, and the related statements of activities, cash flows, and functional expenses for the year then ended and the notes to the financial statements. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of **Peace River Presbytery, Inc.** and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

Respectfully submitted,



DEES & DEES, C.P.A.'s, P.A.
Port Charlotte, Florida
February 13, 2025

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Peace River Presbytery
Tidbits from the Treasurer
 March 2025



If you have any questions about this report, please call Treasurer,
 Charmaine Ponkratz (941) 276.4013 or ponkratz@comcast.net

Category	March Actual	March Budget	YTD Actual – Mar. - 2025	YTD Budget – Mar. - 2025	YTD Actual Mar. - 2024
MISSION					
Revenue	\$ 17,016	\$ 19,488	\$ 55,363	\$ 58,462	\$ 47,719
Expense	\$ 12,187	\$ 19,559	\$ 59,610	\$ 58,678	\$ 53,073
NET (before transfers)	\$ 4,829	\$ (72)	\$ (4,247)	\$ (215)	\$ (5,354)
NET Funds Transfers IN/OUT +/-	\$ 0	\$ (483)	\$ 0	\$ (1,450)	\$ (1,743)
NET	\$ (4,829)	\$ (555)	\$ (4,247)	\$ (1,665)	\$ (7,097)
PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS					
Revenue	\$ 31,268	\$ 25,833	\$ 67,573	\$ 77,500	\$ 53,388
Expense	\$ 24,606	\$ 28,968	\$ 83,472	\$ 86,902	\$ 86,498
NET (before transfers)	\$ 6,662	\$ (3,135)	\$ (15,899)	\$ (9,402)	\$ (33,110)
NET Funds Transfers IN/OUT +/-	\$ 46,700	\$ 5,558	\$ 46,700	\$ 16,675	\$ 0
NET	\$ 53,362	\$ 2,424	\$ 30,801	\$ 7,273	\$ (33,110)
PER CAPITA					
Revenue	\$ 4,393	\$ 4,934	\$ 12,361	\$ 14,800	\$ 10,684
Expense	\$ 6,080	\$ 6,080	\$ 18,241	\$ 18,241	\$ 25,315
NET	\$ (1,688)	\$ (1,147)	\$ (5,880)	\$ (3,441)	\$ (14,631)

Rounding may cause \$1 over/under

Headline: With the first quarter coming to a close, and more black ink on the dashboard, there is reason for cautious optimism. Of greatest optimism is that two more church pledges have been received, exceeding last year's pledges by \$26K or 10%.

Mission Stream: The reader is reminded that some of the mission stream money that would have passed through the Presbytery books in the past is flowing directly to Mision Peniel. That is being calculated as part of the Presbytery's \$150K commitment for 2025. The MP lease payment and Board of Pension dues, reported on the statement, are also calculated as part of the \$150K commitment for 2025. In the OTHER income section of the report you will notice that hurricane recovery grants were awarded to five churches.

PRP Ministry Operations: March was a solid month for revenue and YTD revenue is running ahead of 2024. While the NET before transfers show a positive, the detailed report shows that two months of accounting services have not been invoiced. Factoring in that cost, the operations for March would be a breakeven and the YTD NET before transfers would be at a \$16K deficit, of which \$12K is attributed to the departure of the office administrator. COM granted \$1K to a church to supplement a transitional expense. A transfer was made from the investment account to cover the distribution of the hurricane recovery grants, and thus showing a surplus balance. Expense control continues to be the order of the day for the operations.

Per Capita Stream: Revenue continues to run ahead of 2024. The expenses are calculated at 1/12 of the budget per capita commitment each month.

Summary of Funda and Accounts Report: The partial draw (\$46,700) to cover the hurricane recovery grants is noted. At quarter end, the investments are marked-to-market, showing a gain in the investment portfolio since year end.

Giving Report: Here's the reason for optimism. This year 18 churches have offered their pledges in the amount of \$301K, \$26K more than total pledges in 2024. Last year at the end of the first quarter there were ten churches which had not shared their resources with the Presbytery. This year, that stands at eight churches. Additionally, pastor pledges have been noted for the first time. Your generosity is a blessing. If the reader is looking at your own church's record, keep in mind that the presbytery operates with a 5-day cut-off prior to the end of the month. 2024 *member* numbers have also been added to the report; see left-hand columns for three-year trend information.

Peace River Presbytery				
YTD thru March 2025 Overview				
Category	Actual	Budget	Prior Year	Comments for current year
	2025	2025	2024	unless noted for 2024
Mission Stream - Revenue				
Beth-El	\$ 1,824	\$ 4,250	\$ 1,588	
Cedarkirk	\$ 1,170	\$ 4,250	\$ 2,193	
Mision Peniel	\$ 30,791	\$ 37,500	\$ 29,207	
Mission Co-Workers	\$ 522	\$ 550	\$ 134	
FLAPDAN	\$ 865	\$ 1,175	\$ 1,178	
Synod Mission	\$ 703	\$ 1,200	\$ 930	
Special Offerings	\$ 13,196	\$ 6,125	\$ 8,341	
Presbytery Special	\$ 6,292	\$ 3,413	\$ 4,148	
Revenue TOTAL	\$ 55,363	\$ 58,463	\$ 47,719	
Misson Stream - Expenses				
Beth-El	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,125	1/12 of budget being forwarded monthly
Cedarkirk	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,250	\$ 4,125	
Mision Peniel	\$ 32,231	\$ 37,500	\$ 29,207	\$8K was from non PRP churches/individuals
Mission Co-Workers	\$ 580	\$ 550	\$ 687	
FLAPDAN	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,942	
Synod Mission	\$ 2,090	\$ 2,090	\$ 2,240	2024 and 2025 budgeted at 75% of goal from Synod
Special Offerings	\$ 13,196	\$ 6,125	\$ 8,341	
Presbytery Special	\$ 1,063	\$ 1,962	\$ 2,405	
Expenses TOTAL	\$ 59,610	\$ 58,677	\$ 53,072	
Net funds transfers in/out +/-	\$ -	\$ (1,450)	\$ (1,743)	
Mission Stream NET after transfers	\$ (4,247)	\$ (1,664)	\$ (7,096)	

Presbytery Operations Stream - Revenue				
Operations Revenue	\$ 67,573	\$ 77,500	\$ 53,388	
Released from Reserves	\$ -	-		
Revenue TOTAL	\$ 67,573	\$ 77,500	\$ 53,388	
Presbytery Operations Stream - Expenses				
CCC Team	\$ 1,831	\$ 4,625	\$ 623	
COM	\$ 1,099	\$ 1,937	\$ 130	
CPM	\$ 1,775	\$ 500	\$ -	
Steering Committee	\$ -	\$ 75	\$ -	
Facilities & Operations	\$ 8,427	\$ 15,075	\$ 6,936	
HR Team/Staffing	\$ 70,339	\$ 64,690	\$ 78,808	Retirement award for office admin - one time amt - \$12K
Expenses TOTAL	\$ 83,471	\$ 86,902	\$ 86,497	
Presb Minis Ops Stream (PMO) NET	\$ (15,899)	\$ (9,402)	\$ (33,109)	
NET PMO Fund Transfers IN/OUT	\$ 46,700	\$ 16,675	\$ -	budgeted draw of \$67K. This was a transfer from investment acc't to cover hurricane grants
PMO Stream NET after transfers	\$ 30,801	\$ 7,273	\$ (33,109)	
Rounding may cause \$1 over/under				

Category	Actual	Budget	Prior Year	Comments for current year
	2025	2025	2024	unless noted for prior year
Per Capita Stream - Revenue				
Per Capita - GA	\$ 11,626	\$ 13,550	\$ 9,549	
Per Capita - Synod	\$ 734	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,134	
Revenue TOTAL	\$ 12,360	\$ 14,800	\$ 10,683	
Per Capita Stream - Expenses				distribute 1/12 of budget each month
Per Capita - GA	\$ 15,105	\$ 15,105	\$ 21,954	2024 budgeted @ 75%, 2025 @ 50% of goal from GA
Per Capita - Synod	\$ 3,135	\$ 3,135	\$ 3,360	2024 and 2025 budgeted @ 75% of goal from Synod
Expenses TOTAL	\$ 18,240	\$ 18,240	\$ 25,314	
Per Capita Stream NET	\$ (5,880)	\$ (3,441)	\$ (14,631)	
COMBINED STREAMS NET	\$ 20,674	\$ 2,168	\$ (54,836)	
Rounding may cause \$1 over/under				

Peace River Presbytery, Inc.
Summary of Funds and Accounts
March 31, 2025

						Beginning Balance	Revenue	Expenses	Changes in Investments	Transfers	Ending Balance
26 - Investments and Checking											
260a - Unrestricted / Undesignated											
				2601 - General		2,425,277.89		46,700.00	42,804.89		2,421,382.78
260b - Donor Restricted											
				2602 - Church Development		472,327.65			8,738.66		481,066.31
260c - Presbytery Restricted											
				2601b - Chapel - Ins. / Sm. Church		1,662,845.67			30,106.92		1,692,952.59
2631 - PCUSA NEW COVENANT BLESSINGS											
				2631a - Presbytery Designated							
				2631a - Blessing Grants		1,177,533.53			20,874.60		1,198,408.13
Total 2631 - PCUSA NEW COVENANT BLESSINGS						1,177,533.53	-	-	20,874.60	-	1,198,408.13
268 - CHECKING ACCOUNT											
268a - Unrestricted / Undesignated											
				204 - Operating Cash		21,070.62				(73,709.56)	(52,638.94)
				2679 - Chapel Operating Fund		4,886.66		1,032.08			3,854.58
				29 - PRP Net Income/Loss		(73,709.56)	56,108.81	35,829.75		73,709.56	20,279.06
Total 268a - Unrestricted / Undesignated						(47,752.28)	56,108.81	36,861.83	-	-	(28,505.30)
268b - Donor Restricted											
				2621 - Peacemaking - PRP Portion		999.83	296.38				1,296.21
				2635a - Church Development		3,188.44					3,188.44
				2643a - Mision Peniel Pass Through		-					-
				267 - Memorial Funds Interest							
				2671 - Hughey Memorial Fund		446.73	446.46				893.19
				2672 - Arnall Memorial Fund		213.97	213.83				427.80
				2673 - Evans Memorial Fund		241.60	27.87				269.47
				2674 - Young Memorial Fund		1,028.40	449.34				1,477.74
				2675 - Morris Memorial Fund		34.98	34.96				69.94
				2676 - Murphy Trust Fund		20,684.25					20,684.25
				2677 - Chapel - Bachman - Music		15,405.72	640.81				16,046.53
				2678 - Chapel - Parish Nurse		1,282.19	1,285.82				2,568.01
				2680 - Chapel - Ford - Scholarship		468.54	-				468.54
				2681 Chapel - Chachman - New Church Develop		467.34	-				467.34
Total 267 - Memorial Funds Interest						40,273.72					43,372.81
				26814 - Cuba Partnership		2,596.98	-				2,596.98
				26817 - Hurricane Recovery		49,675.65	2,502.35	52,178.00			-
				26818 - Marg Towner Women Stole		2,583.60	-	2,100.00			483.60
Total 268b - Donor Restricted						99,318.22	5,897.82	54,278.00	-	-	50,938.04
268c - Presbytery Designated											
				26312 - Blessing Grant Funds		1,638.65					1,638.65
				2661 - Installation Offering		20,769.58					20,769.58
				26807 -Pastor Assistance		446.90					446.90
				268c1 - GP Study Leave Fund		2,700.00					2,700.00
Total 268c - Presbytery Designated						25,555.13	-	-	-	-	25,555.13
Total 268 - CHECKING ACCOUNT						77,121.07	62,006.63	91,139.83	-	-	47,987.87
Total 26 - Investment and Checking Account						5,815,105.81	62,006.63	137,839.83	102,525.07	-	5,841,797.68

PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY - 2025 GIVING REPORT											
AS OF 3/31/2025											
Church #	Members 12/31/2021	Members 12/31/2022	Members 12/31/2023		Name	Location	Synod Mission	Unrestricted Covenant Partner Giving	General Assembly Per Capita	Synod of South Atlantic Per Capita	Presbytery Ministry Operations
20204	91	89	88	79	Bee Ridge	Sarasota	-	-	820.00	150.00	2,200.00
11226	50	42	35	37	Braden River	Bradenton	19.25	366.38	197.88	28.88	656.50
10791	110	76	81	75	Buckingham	Fort Myers	-	600.00	395.00	-	1,200.00
10768	429	403	448	438	Burnt Store	Punta Gorda	-	1,535.84	-	-	2,560.00
12201	169	172	170	171	Christ Church	Longboat Key	50.00	1,250.00	500.00	75.00	3,500.00
1356	1,812	1,877	1,894	1910	Church of the Palms	Sarasota	-	-	4,736.75	-	8,217.25
1351	135	128	116	95	Community	Englewood	29.00	514.50	284.25	43.50	3,628.75
12089	55	57	43	238	Community	Estero	-	725.00	200.00	-	425.00
20177	299	299	256	44	Covenant	Fort Myers	-	167.00	245.00	-	840.00
20205	102	95	95	148	Covenant	Sarasota	-	1,563.00	-	-	2,100.00
10308	231	232	153	46	Cypress Lake	Fort Myers	-	-	499.96	-	-
3935	1,020	942	729	739	Faith	Cape Coral	-	-	-	-	-
20161	154	150	91	90	First	Arcadia	-	-	-	-	-
10139	2,015	2,037	2,076	2074	First	Bonita Springs	-	-	-	-	15,625.00
20164	207	226	242	242	First	Bradenton	-	-	-	-	375.00
20187	65	49	30	29	First	Lehigh Acres	-	-	-	-	-
1368	657	657	612	577	First	Naples	-	-	-	-	-
20195	119	101	105	95	First	Port Charlotte	-	-	-	-	10,000.00
20206	542	545	528	438	First	Sarasota	-	-	1,430.88	198.00	1,445.87
20191	168	149	147	106	Holy Trinity	North Fort Myers	106.00	648.00	1,166.00	212.00	2,592.00
10651	231	207	196	212	Kirkwood	Bradenton	-	-	-	-	2,250.00
20023	90	102	119	90	Lely	Naples	-	2,922.00	-	-	-
20024	940	590	408	454	Moorings	Naples	-	-	-	-	-
20207	156	150	161	188	Northminster	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	3,000.00
20209	29	29	25	23	Oak Pointe	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	-
20193	40	39	40	38	Palmetto	Palmetto	12.00	300.00	130.20	18.00	420.00
60070	204	234	254	255	Peace	Lakewood Ranch	-	1,404.50	883.75	-	2,219.50
20208	351	340	218	216	Pine Shores	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	-
10232	161	143	142	142	Siesta Key Chapel	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	10.00
10024	118	112	40	39	St. Paul's	North Port	-	-	-	-	-
6700	231	218	157	153	Trinity	Venice	-	-	-	-	-
	189	163	143	128	United	Bradenton	-	-	-	-	-
10642	519	519	462	462	Vanderbilt	Naples	-	-	-	-	2,500.00
20222	643	639	602	601	Venice	Venice	-	-	-	-	-
11227	38	41	44	32	Wintergarden	Port Charlotte	-	-	-	-	-
		135	133	133	Pastors		-	180.00	136.52	9.00	1,713.20
					Other		-	-	-	-	-
	12,531	12,083	11,013	10,704 *			216.25	12,176.22	11,626.19	734.38	67,572.72
Restricted Giving = Beth-El, Cedar Kirk, Mision Peniel, Mission Co-Workers, and FLAPDAN											
Presbytery Special Giving = all 4 Special Offerings, Centsability, PDA, Cuba Partnership, and Installation Offerings.											
*Member Totals do not include pastor members											

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		Restricted Giving	Presbytery Special Giving	Hurricane and Tropical Storms	TOTAL RECEIVED	TOTAL PLEDGED	Covenant Partner Giving Direct Donation
Name	Location						
Bee Ridge	Sarasota	-	-	-	3,170.00	3,170.00	
Braden River	Bradenton	119.88	-	-	1,388.77	2,462.00	-
Buckingham	Fort Myers	400.00	1,247.42	-	3,842.42	0.00	2,094.35
Burnt Store	Punta Gorda	-	4,527.50	-	8,623.34	24,575.00	6,500.00
Christ Church	Longboat Key	-	-	-	5,375.00	0.00	
Church of the Palms	Sarasota	5,516.75	-	-	18,470.75	0.00	
Community	Englewood	-	-	-	4,500.00	6,100.00	
Community	Estero	-	540.00	-	1,890.00	0.00	
Covenant	Fort Myers	500.00	-	-	1,752.00	20,715.00	1,025.00
Covenant	Sarasota	1,200.00	660.00	-	5,523.00	2,917.20	1,045.00
Cypress Lake	Fort Myers	207.50	1,373.00	-	2,080.46	0.00	-
Faith	Cape Coral	-	532.00	-	532.00	22,100.00	-
First	Arcadia	-	-	-	-	0.00	
First	Bonita Springs	-	-	-	15,625.00	62,500.00	
First	Bradenton	-	69.00	-	444.00	0.00	
First	Lehigh Acres	-	746.25	-	746.25	0.00	
First	Naples	-	250.00	-	250.00	56,280.00	
First	Port Charlotte	-	-	-	10,000.00	0.00	600.00
First	Sarasota	3,800.00	779.00	-	7,653.75	24,299.00	
Holy Trinity	North Fort Myers	1,184.00	-	-	5,908.00	7,208.00	50.00
Kirkwood	Bradenton	-	440.41	-	2,690.41	5,830.00	
Lely	Naples	948.00	-	-	3,870.00	8,330.00	
Moorings	Naples	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Northminster	Sarasota	-	-	-	3,000.00	0.00	
Oak Pointe	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	6,858.00	
Palmetto	Palmetto	-	-	-	880.20	2,934.00	
Peace	Lakewood Ranch	-	3,964.00	-	8,471.75	18,031.00	
Pine Shores	Sarasota	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Siesta Key Chapel	Sarasota	-	-	-	10.00	9,999.60	
St. Paul's	North Port	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Trinity	Venice	-	-	-	-	0.00	
United	Bradenton	-	3,804.00	-	3,804.00	10,241.00	
Vanderbilt	Naples	-	555.00	2,502.35	5,557.35	0.00	
Venice	Venice	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Wintergarden	Port Charlotte	-	-	-	-	0.00	
Pastors		150.00	-	-	2,188.72	6,000.00	
Other		9,050.28	-	-	9,050.28	0.00	15,923.12
		23,076.41	19,487.58	2,502.35	137,392.10	300,549.80	27,237.47

Peace River Presbytery
Covenant Partner: Misión Peniel
May 15, 2025

Important Updates for Churches:

1. **New email addresses for Misión Peniel are now active.** Please use the following for all contacts:
Director--Miguel Estrada: m.estrada@misionpeniel.org
Mission Coordinator-- Martifrans Castillo de Estrada: m.castillo@misionpeniel.org
Communications and Grant Coordinator—Ruth DeYoe: r.deyoe@misionpeniel.org
2. **One address for all donations:** Please send all donations, gifts, and any correspondence to Misión Peniel, PO Box 1204, Immokalee FL 34143
3. **Spring season averages** for those receiving food and other personal and home needs: 425 people weekly and 1700 people monthly. This includes our Monday “Pan de Vida” meals/necessities for 22 homebound clients, midweek emergencies, and Friday pantry and fresh produce through our garden partners, Cultivate Abundance.
4. **Summer donation needs:** Long sleeve work shirts (S,M,L only), Work and tennis shoes (men’s 6 -10 only; women’s 5-8 only), Baseball caps or hats for sun protection, Umbrellas, Light rain jackets and/or ponchos. ALWAYS APPRECIATED: Rice, Beans, Non-perishable food essentials, diapers sizes 2,5,6
5. **Prayers Requested:** We ask for heartfelt prayers for the vulnerable farmworker community as they navigate a climate of deep uncertainty and fear. Many migrant farmworkers face immense financial hardship while striving to support their families and contribute meaningfully to our society. May we lift them up in prayer, standing in solidarity with their courage, resilience, and hope.

Respectfully submitted by:

Rev. Miguel Estrada, Marifrans Castillo de Estrada and Ruth DeYoe

Peace River Presbytery
Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center
Stated Meeting | May 15, 2025

Greetings from your camp and conference center! We have had a fruitful and productive four months of ministry so far in 2025 – and we are ecstatic that Summer Camp is right around the corner. Here are some updates from Cedarkirk.

Summer Camp 2025: We are offering about 40 residential programs this summer for campers who have completed grades 1-12, as well as 8 weeks of on-site day camp programs for K-5th graders. 28 summer staff will guide and nurture our campers as they grow in faith and develop a unique community here in the woods.

How you can help:

1. **Pray for the staff, campers, and volunteers** who are headed to camp in the next few months: that they stay safe and healthy, that their hearts be open to experiencing God's love more deeply, and that they learn to live their faith in new ways.
2. **Offer scholarship assistance** from your mission budget to a family who might not otherwise be able to afford a life-changing week of summer camp for their child(ren).
3. **Talk to a nurse or paramedic you know about volunteering** to spend a week at camp as our healthcare specialist.
4. **Volunteer to spend a week at camp as a volunteer worship leader.** Help us shape our campers' faith during morning devotions and evening worships – and be part of this unique community marked by playfulness, adventure, and love.

Event Recap: A few highlights from some recent events.

- **Shepherd's Sabbath** – We were privileged to welcome and host pastors, educators, music directors, and other staff from Presbyterian churches over the two days following Easter. Mark your calendars now for April 6 & 7, 2026, for this FREE event and enjoy some respite and renewal following your busy Lent.
- **Spring Volunteer Work Day** – We had quite a few folks join us last Saturday for our pre-summer work day. Our hard-working volunteers cut a new walking trail along the road from Cedar Lodge to Pine Lodge, painted the accessibility ramp at Cedar Lodge, cut and hauled some trees in anticipation of the next hurricane season, and raked and landscaped. Join us for our next Volunteer Work Day on October 12, 2025.

2025 By the Numbers: It's been a busy year so far – and that's a good thing! Here are some stats from January 1st through April 30th of 2025.

- Overnight Guests: 4,364 (a 17% increase from the same period last year!)
- Meals Served: 10,787 (and nearly 8,500 cinnamon rolls baked)
- Events Hosted: 74 (representing 65 different groups/churches/orgs)

Upcoming Event Dates:

- June 8 – August 1 Residential & Day Camp Programs
- October 11 Volunteer Work Day
- October 25 Fall Fun Day
- November 7-9 Fusion Youth Retreat