

**Peace River Presbytery**

**Stated Meeting Minutes**

**October 18, 2025**

**Estero Community Church  
Estero, FL**

## Attendance

### Teaching Elder Members Present

|                       |                 |                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Scott Andrews         | Miguel Estrada  | Jay Mumper        |
| Steve Aguzzi          | Aimee Goldmeyer | Brad Rogers       |
| Jaco Bester           | Jonas Hayes     | Christopher Romig |
| K. Edward Brandt      | Jennifer Kirbas | Dino Rustin       |
| William Browne        | Winston Lawson  | Rebecca Schwandt  |
| Lal Hmingliani Browne | Robert Marrow   | Melana Scruggs    |
| Terri Jo Crego        | Joe McKewen     | Ruth Smalt        |
| Edward Dawkins        | Randy Moody     | Gillian Weighton  |
| Courtney Ducharme     | Kevin Morris    | Carolyn Wilson    |

### Temporary Members Present

Silvio Esteves  
Modesto Diaz  
Matthew Shapton

### Ruling Elder Commissioners

|                                                |                                      |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Janice Croley (Vice Moderator)                 | - (Estero Community)                 |
| Geoff Baker (HRC)                              | - (Estero Community)                 |
| Bill Kraft (COM)                               | Victoria McWhorter (Buckingham)      |
| Mary Lynn Myers (Finance)                      | Patti Kay Warthen (Buckingham)       |
| Jim O'Harrow (CCC)                             | Mary Lee Mann (Covenant/Fort Myers)  |
| Jill Maassen- (1 <sup>st</sup> Arcadia)        | Richard Shafer (Covenant/Fort Myers) |
| Edward Maassen- (1 <sup>st</sup> Arcadia)      | Sandra Wharton (Cypress Lake)        |
| Larry Christian-TCC Babcock Ranch              | - (Cypress Lake)                     |
| Shawn Shapton-TCC Babcock Ranch                | Excused (Peace)                      |
| Paul Spinka (1 <sup>st</sup> Bonita Springs)   | Excused (Peace)                      |
| Connie Duquin (1 <sup>st</sup> Bonita Springs) | Pam Inniss (First Lehigh Acres)      |
| Dave Nichols (1 <sup>st</sup> Bonita Springs)  | Lynda Edwards (First Lehigh Acres)   |
| Tim Cordes (1 <sup>st</sup> Bonita Springs)    | Bill McClure (Christ)                |
| Mary Alice McDonald (Braden River)             | - (Christ)                           |
| Edward Tribe (Braden River)                    | Roy Cashion (First Naples)           |
| Barbara Dettmoni (1 <sup>st</sup> Bradenton)   | Scott Macdonough (First Naples)      |
| Ralph Garrison (1st Bradenton)                 | Nancy Copeland (Lely)                |
| - (Kirkwood)                                   | Dinah Bampoe (Lely)                  |
| - (Kirkwood)                                   | Bill O'Neill (Moorings)              |
| - (Oak Pointe)                                 | Steven Dear (Moorings)               |
| - (Oak Pointe)                                 | Price Lindsay (Vanderbilt)           |
| Roy Williams (United)                          | Jack Tanner (Vanderbilt)             |
| - (United)                                     | Janet Daly (Holy Trinity)            |
| Linda Ferguson (Faith)                         | Vera Day (Holy Trinity)              |
| Rusty Shunk (Faith)                            | Bob White (St. Paul's)               |
| - (Community/Englewood)                        | Mike Boeldt (St. Paul's)             |
| - (Community/Englewood)                        | Joan Bryden- (Palmetto)              |

Jeff Bryden (Palmetto)  
Ambrose E. Woods (First Port Charlotte)  
Sandy Asaro (First Port Charlotte)  
- Wintergarden  
- Wintergarden  
Kathy Tardy (Burnt Store)  
Lenny Bredthner (Burnt Store)  
Linda Frizzell (Bee Ridge)  
Joyce Kelly (Bee Ridge)  
Linda Getzen (Church of the Palms)  
Marlene Petro (Church of the Palms)  
- (Church of the Palms)  
- (Church of the Palms)  
Carrie Mills (First Sarasota)

Lean Cotter (First Sarasota)  
Sandra M. Stiles (Northminster)  
Sally H. Kirby (Northminster)  
- (Pine Shores)  
- (Pine Shores)  
Carol Taylor (P. Church of the Covenant)  
Alice Sherwin (P. Church of the Covenant)  
- (Siesta Key Chapel)  
- (Siesta Key Chapel)  
- (Trinity)  
- (Trinity)  
Chris O'Brien (Venice)  
Jim Weeks (Venice)

### **Corresponding Members Present**

Rev. Jon Paulus (ELCA)  
RE Charmaine Ponkratz (Treasurer)  
RE Carson Brown (former Moderator)

### **Candidates & Inquirers**

Carson Brown

### **Teaching Elders Excused**

Timothy Boggess  
Elizabeth Deibert  
Richard Deibert  
Karla Dias  
Edward Dunn  
Silvana Ferreira

Laurie Haas  
Paul Kirbas  
Pam Masten  
Mary Beth McSwain  
Ron Miller  
Chuck Moffett

Lynne Moffett  
Conor Peters  
Julia Piermont  
Sarah Soboleski  
Margaret E. Towner  
Holly Wildhack

|                                                                  |                  |
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| <b>Voting Teaching Elders Present:</b>                           | <b>30</b>        |
| <b><u>Voting Ruling Elders Present:</u></b>                      | <b><u>58</u></b> |
| <b>Voting Members Present:</b>                                   | <b>88</b>        |
| <br><b>Corresponding Members Present:</b>                        | <br><b>3*</b>    |
| <b>Preparing for Ministry Present:</b>                           | <b>1</b>         |
| <b>Visitors Present:</b>                                         | <b>23</b>        |
| *One also Preparing for Ministry                                 |                  |
| <br><b>Total Attendance:</b>                                     | <br><b>113</b>   |
| <br><b>Total Excuses Approved:</b>                               | <br><b>20</b>    |
| <br><b>Eligible Teaching Elder Voters:</b>                       | <br><b>135*</b>  |
| <b><u>Eligible Ruling Elder Voters:</u></b>                      | <b><u>85</u></b> |
| <b>Total Eligible Voters:</b>                                    | <b>220</b>       |
| *78 Retired Teaching Elders, appx. 50 unable to attend           |                  |
| *12 Validated Ministry, not in congregation                      |                  |
| <br><b>Congregations with Ruling Elder Representation:</b>       | <br><b>27</b>    |
| <b><u>Congregations without Ruling Elder Representation:</u></b> | <b><u>9</u></b>  |
| <b>Total number of Congregations</b>                             | <b>36</b>        |

**Worship Offering for Madagascar mission of Dan & Elizabeth Turk: \$1,195.00**

## Stated Meeting Minutes October 18, 2025

The Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery was called to order in the worship space of Estero Community Church, Presbyterian, Estero, FL at 9:00 am by Moderator TE Ed Brandt. He offered the opening prayer.

Moderator Brandt called upon the Pastor Host, TE Kevin Morris, to give greetings.

The Stated Clerk, TE Randy Moody, was recognized to present a report.

**Motion** by Stated Clerk Randy Moody: Presbytery approve the published docket, subject to adjustments at the Moderator's discretion to facilitate the business, with two edits (Moderator TE Ed Brandt presiding and RE Bill Kraft presenting Committee on Ministry Report).

**Adopted.**

**Motion** by Stated Clerk Randy Moody: Peace River Presbytery enroll the Reverend Matthew Shapton (ELCA) as a Temporary Member under the terms of the Formula of Agreement between the ELCA, PCUSA, RCA, and UCC. **Adopted.**

**Motion** by Stated Clerk Randy Moody: Presbytery seat PRP Treasurer RE Charmaine Ponkratz and Rev. Jon Paulus (ELCA) as corresponding members with voice. **Adopted.**

Moderator TE Ed Brandt seated Candidate for Ministry RE Carson Brown as a corresponding member as a former PRP Moderator without objection.

**Motion** by Stated Clerk Randy Moody: Presbytery grant excused absence to the Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders who submitted a request to be excused from the meeting. **Adopted.**

An allegation of offense was filed and an investigation initiated according to Standing Rule 2.7.

**Motion** by Stated Clerk Randy Moody: Presbytery authorize the Moderator and Stated Clerk to read and approve the minutes of this meeting. **Adopted.**

The Moderator recognized the General Presbyter TE Melana Scruggs to present a report.

RE Bill Kraft presented the Committee on Ministry Report.

**Motion** from Committee on Ministry: Presbytery approve a recommendation of a 3.0% cost-of-living increase for 2026 for all clergy and certified Christian educators in addition to any merit/additional duty pay increases, plus raise the minimum base salary (cash and housing) by 3% to \$64,882.00 for clergy and \$38,316.00 for certified Christian educators. **Adopted.**

TE Terri Jo Crego presented the report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Rachel Mallet was interviewed by the presbytery as a part of the report.

**Motion** from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry: Rachel Mallet, having been endorsed by the Session of The Church of the Palms and the CPM of Peace River Presbytery, be approved as an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery. **Adopted.**

TE Jennifer Kirbas, a member of CPM offered a prayer for the new Inquirer.

TE Rob Marrow presented the Steering Committee Report.

**Motion** from the Steering Committee: Delete Standing Rule Article VII. Steering Committee, 7.3.10 and renumber 7.3.11 to 7.3.10:

~~7.3.10 — To set up processes to review and evaluate all Blessing Grant applications in the context of the Blessing Grant Program then grant and report the awards as appropriate.~~

**Adopted.**

**Motion** from the Steering Committee: Delete “plus supervision of education for Ruling Elders preparing for limited Commissioned Pastoral Service” from Standing Rule Article VIII.

Presbytery Committees 8.5.2.1:

8.5.2.1 This committee shall provide care and supervision of all Inquirers and Candidates, carrying out all responsibilities detailed in the Book of Order ~~plus supervision of education for Ruling Elders preparing for limited Commissioned Pastoral Service.~~

**Adopted.**

**Nominations:** The Steering Committee nominates the following individuals to the Human Resources Committee:

RE Christine Larson, Covenant, Fort Myers (2026-1)

RE Bill Kraft, Community, Englewood (2028-1)

TE Tim Stewart, Retired (2028-1)

TE Chuck Wiggins, Retired (2028-2)

**Elected** unanimously.

**Motion** from the Steering Committee: The October 18, 2025 Stated Meeting offering be directed to the work of missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar. **Adopted.**

RE Geoff Baker presented the Human Resources Committee Report.

**Nominations** (terms begin January 1, 2026, except those filling the balance of a term effective immediately):

**Officers of the Presbytery**

Janice Croley (RE First Bonita Springs) to Moderator of Presbytery/President of Corporation

Steven Dear (RE Moorings) to Vice Moderator of the Presbytery/Vice President of Corporation

**Steering Committee**

Becky Schwandt (TE Covenant Ft Myers) as MAL and Moderator for a 3 year term

Rob Marrow (TE Vanderbilt Naples) as MAL for 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

**Finance Committee**

Rex Childs (TE First Naples) to a 3 year term

Edward Maassen (RE First Arcadia) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Ambrose Woods (RE First Port Charlotte) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Kevin Morris (TE Community Estero) to fill balance of a term through 2027

**CCC Committee**

Dennis Piermont (RE Christ Church Longboat) to a 3 year term

Alex Regets (TE Kirkwood Bradenton) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Jonas Hayes (TE Lely Ft Myers) to a 3 year term

**Committee on Ministry**

Pam Masten (TE First Bradenton) to fill balance of term through 2027

Paul Kirbas (TE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Winston Lawson (TE HR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Jill Maassen (RE First Arcadia) to 3 year term

Tom Grundstrom (RE Vanderbilt) to 3 year term

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rusty Shunk (RE Faith Cape Coral) to 3 year term

Sandra Asaro (RE First Port Charlotte) to 3 year term

**Beth-el**

Robin Miller (RE Peace LWR) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

**Cedarkirk Board**

Allen Simmons (RE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

Julia Simmons (RE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

**GA Commissioners****TE**

Steve Aguzzi, Moorings Naples

Becky Schwandt, Covenant Ft. Myers

**RE**

Luceal Curry, Burnt Store Punta Gorda

Richard Shafer, Covenant Ft. Myers

Steven Dear, Moorings Naples (Alt)

Katherine Baillargeon, Community Englewood (Alt)

**YAAD**

Dylon Hurd, Kirkwood Bradenton

**Elected** unanimously.

HR **moves** a 9% increase in compensation for increased work plus a 3% COLA for 2026 for elected professional staff.

- a. That \$47,000 of the proposed compensation for the General Presbyter be designated as housing allowance.
- b. That \$24,000 of the proposed compensation for the Stated Clerk be designated as housing allowance.

**Rev. Melana Scruggs, General Presbyter, 2026 Terms of Call**

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Wages                              | \$80,680.00         |
| Housing Allowance                  | 47,000.00           |
| <b>Compensation</b>                | <b>\$127,680.00</b> |
| SECA Allowance                     | 8,500.00            |
| Continuing Education               | 3,000.00            |
| Travel & Lodging                   | 3,000.00            |
| Auto Expenses                      | 10,000.00           |
| Professional Expenses              | 2,300.00            |
| Pastoral Relations                 | 2,000.00            |
| Medical & Pension Benefits         | 28,000.00           |
| Dental Allowance                   | 1,200.00            |
| Additional Insurance Reimbursement | 3,000.00            |
| <b>Total Cost to Presbytery</b>    | <b>\$191,756.00</b> |

**Rev. Dr. Randy Moody, Stated Clerk, 2026 Terms of Call**

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Wages                            | \$24,160.00        |
| Housing Allowance                | 24,000.00          |
| <b>Compensation</b>              | <b>\$48,160.00</b> |
| Membership Fees/Meeting Expenses | 3,000.00           |
| Professional/Auto Expenses       | 2,900.00           |
| <b>Total Cost to Presbytery</b>  | <b>\$54,060.00</b> |

**Motion to amend** by TE Courtney Ducharme: To bring the 2026 budget into balance, the Presbytery reduce combined salary and housing expenditure for this salaried position from a 12% increase to an 8% increase. That adjustment will impact certain Board of Pensions calculations and, in combination with the same action for our other salaried member, will erase the remaining budget deficit. Further, I move that should church giving levels exceed current planning assumptions, following evaluation by the Finance Committee, a recommendation to restore the 12% increase may be made to the Steering Committee in August 2026.

***Amendment failed 27 yes, 52 no, 3 abstain on secret ballot***

**Original Motion Adopted.**

TE Jody McKewen presented the Communication, Connection and Community Report.

Moderator TE Ed Brandt declared the Presbytery to be in **recess** at 11:05 am for Worship with the Installation of RE Janice Croley as the 2026 Moderator and celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper plus lunch.

Moderator TE Ed Brandt **reconvened** the Presbytery at 12:52 pm.

TE Jay Mumper presented the Viability Resource Grant Special Committee Report.

**Motion** from the Special Committee: The commissioners of the Peace River Presbytery approve the Viability Grant Proposal. **Adopted.**



RE Mary Lynn Myers presented the Finance Committee Report.

**Motion** from the Finance Committee: Peace River Presbytery merge the Chapel Grant Program with the Blessing Grant Program into a single fund, to be named for the purpose of transformational church development, using the distribution formula currently defined by Finance policies. **Adopted.**<sup>1</sup>

Treasurer RE Charmaine Ponkratz made a presbytery finances and budget presentation.

**Motion** by TE Jonas Hayes: Peace River Presbytery approve the 2026 Budget as printed in the meeting packet. **Adopted.**

TE Miguel Estrada, Pastor/Executive Director of Misión Peniel which is a PRP Mission Partner, presented an oral report.

The business docket complete, Moderator TE Ed Brandt adjourned the meeting at 1:26 pm and offered the closing prayer.

**Randy Moody**, D.Min., Stated Clerk

Approved 23 Oct 2025

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<sup>1</sup> The “Chapel Grant Program” referenced is the Viability Grant established in the previous motion adopted.



**PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY  
STATED MEETING DOCKET  
ESTERO COMMUNITY CHURCH  
ESTERO, FL  
OCTOBER 18, 2025**



|                 |                                                                                                                     |                      |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>9:00 am</b>  | <b>Opening Prayer</b>                                                                                               | Moderator, Ed Brandt |
|                 | Greetings from Host Church                                                                                          | Kevin Morris         |
|                 | Report of the Stated Clerk                                                                                          | Randy Moody          |
|                 | Report of the General Presbyter                                                                                     | Melana Scruggs       |
|                 | Committee on Ministry Report                                                                                        | Bill Kraft           |
| <b>9:30 am</b>  | Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report                                                                        | Terri Jo Crego       |
|                 | Steering Committee Report                                                                                           | Rob Marrow           |
|                 | Human Resource Committee Report                                                                                     | Geoff Baker          |
|                 | Communication, Connection, Community Committee                                                                      | Jody McKewen         |
|                 | Viability Resource Grant Special Committee Report                                                                   | Jay Mumper           |
|                 | Finance Committee Report                                                                                            | Mary Lynn Myers      |
|                 | Report of the Treasurer                                                                                             | Charmaine Ponkratz   |
|                 | 2026 Presbytery Budget                                                                                              |                      |
|                 | <b>Closing Prayer for Business</b>                                                                                  | Moderator, Ed Brandt |
| <b>11:00 am</b> | <b>Worship including Celebration of the Lord's Supper, Installation of 2026<br/>Moderator &amp; 2026 Commitment</b> |                      |
|                 | Preacher: Rev. Jaco Bester, Pastor of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church                                               |                      |
|                 | Offering Recipient: Global Missions<br>(Payable to <i>Estero Community Church</i> , memo: <i>Global Missions</i> )  |                      |
| <b>12:00 pm</b> | <b>Lunch and Fellowship</b>                                                                                         |                      |
| <b>12:45 pm</b> | <b>Continuation of Business, if required</b>                                                                        |                      |
|                 | <b>Written reports for information only:</b>                                                                        |                      |
|                 | Overtures Committee Report                                                                                          |                      |
|                 | Presbyterian Women                                                                                                  |                      |
|                 | Representation Committee                                                                                            |                      |

**Peace River Presbytery Stated Meeting, October 18, 2025**  
**Stated Clerk's Report**

1. Approval of Docket
2. Appointment of Temporary Clerks
3. Formula of Agreement between the ELCA, PCUSA, RCA, and UCC, orderly exchange of ministers

The Reverend Matthew Shapton, a member of Florida-Bahamas Synod, ELCA, is the pastor of The Community Church, Babcock Ranch which is the newest congregation of the presbytery, approved as union congregation in July. Rev. Shapton accepts the required policies of Peace River Presbytery and meets all requirements in the Formula of Agreement between the ELCA, PCUSA, RCA, and UCC.

**Motion:** Peace River Presbytery enroll the Reverend Matthew Shapton as a Temporary Member under the terms of the Formula of Agreement between the ELCA, PCUSA, RCA, and UCC.
4. Seating Corresponding Members
5. Members of Presbytery who requested to be excused
6. The following Commissions to Ordain and/or Install Pastors/Associate Pastors have completed their work:
  - Ordain Karla Dias, Temporary Pastor, Cypress Lake PC, Fort Myers, June 22, 2025
  - Ordain and Install Conor Peters, Associate Pastor, Church of the Palms, Sarasota, July 6, 2025
  - Install TE Steve Aguzzi at Moorings PC, Naples, July 20, 2025
7. The following individuals completing terms on the Permanent Judicial Commission the previous six-years are eligible to be recalled in 2026, if necessary:
  - Class of 2025
    - RE Sally Kirby, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Sarasota
    - TE Kevin Morris, Estero Community Church, Estero
  - Class of 2023
    - RE Robin Doyle, Moorings Presbyterian Church, Naples
  - Class of 2021
    - RE Judy Bremer, Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, Sarasota
8. An allegation of offense has been filed and an investigation initiated
9. The offering rotation for Stated Meetings includes Global Missions, designated for work of PCUSA Mission Co-Workers Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar. The Interim Unified Agency released all Mission Co-Workers earlier this year in favor of Global Mission Liaisons. ([pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/2/5/interim-unified-agency-pcusa-announces-shift-approach-global-ministry-engagement](https://pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/2025/2/5/interim-unified-agency-pcusa-announces-shift-approach-global-ministry-engagement)). Today's offering is scheduled for Global Mission, but it cannot be directed as originally approved. The Turks continue their mission work without denominational funding; a motion was approved at the May Stated Meeting to explore ways to continue funding their mission.
10. **Motion:** Presbytery authorize the Moderator and Stated Clerk to read and approve the minutes of this meeting.

## **General Presbyter's Report - October 18, 2025**

### **Accomplished since November 1, 2024**

The following is from the Position Description for the General Presbyter that was revised in 2022:

**Relationships:** The General Presbyter is the head of staff for the presbytery staff and works with pastors, elders, and church members to facilitate the mission and ministry of congregations in their communities. The General Presbyter collaborates with the Stated Clerk in the ministry of the Presbytery and maintains relationships with other mid-council leaders in the Synod and the PC(USA).

**Position Summary:** The General Presbyter of Peace River Presbytery shall provide leadership, support and care as needed by the congregations, pastors, presbytery committees/teams and presbytery staff as they carry out the ministry of Jesus Christ. The General Presbyter will work to empower and unite congregations as a presbytery, while equipping and celebrating the ministries of individual congregations. The General Presbyter will encourage a culture of permission-giving that energizes our connectional commitment to mission in an ever-changing community and world.

**Position Qualifications:** The General Presbyter shall be a ruling elder or minister of the Word and Sacrament. The individual must possess comprehensive knowledge of the Book of Order and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised plus demonstrate the ability to apply that knowledge in a practical manner to support the ministry of the presbytery and resource congregations. The General Presbyter will have a strong understanding of systems theory and be able to relate that to congregations in crisis. Ideally the GP would have some training in conflict mediation.

**Character Expectations:** The General Presbyter must be a person of integrity who collaborates with colleagues, honors confidentiality, is calm in conflict, and has the ability to cast vision.

To fulfill those expectations, I have been doing the following work for the last year. It is always my hope to increase trust and collegiality within the presbytery and for the presbytery to facilitate the work of its member churches. Please know that I am always ready to meet with pastors, sessions, and leaders of congregations to promote the mission and ministry of God's kingdom in this part of Florida.

#### **Preached**

1. November 3, 2024 – Braden River
2. November 10, 2024 – First Lehigh Acres
3. November 17, 2024 – Siesta Key Chapel
4. December 1, 2024 - Moorings
5. December 8, 2024 - Lely
6. December 15, 2024 - Cypress Lake
7. December 22, 2024 - Lely
8. December 24, 2024 - Lely
9. December 29, 2024 – Cypress Lake
10. January 5, 2025 – Covenant Ft Myers before new pastor began
11. January 12, 2025 – First Lehigh Acres
12. January 19, 2025 – Christ Church Longboat Key
13. January 26, 2025 - Lely
14. February 9, 2025 – Burnt Store
15. February 23, 2025 – Lely
16. February 23, 2025 – Covenant Ft Myers Installation Service

17. March 5, 2025 – Christ Church Longboat Key (Ash Wednesday)
18. March 9, 2025 – First Lehigh Acres
19. March 23, 2025 – taught at Siesta Key Chapel
20. May 18, 2025 - First Lehigh Acres
21. May 25, 2025 – First Naples (as head of staff retired)
22. June 1, 2025 – Peace Lakewood Ranch (as head of staff retired)
23. June 8, 2025 – Church of the Palms
24. June 22, 2025 – First Lehigh Acres
25. June 29, 2025 – Christ Church Longboat Key
26. July 6, 2025 – Siesta Key Chapel
27. July 20, 2025 – Moorings Installation Service
28. July 27, 2025 – Covenant Ft. Myers
29. August 3, 2025 – First Bradenton
30. August 10, 2025 – Burnt Store
31. August 17, 2025 – Siesta Key Chapel
32. August 24, 2025 – First Bradenton
33. August 31, 2025 – Bee Ridge
34. September 7, 2025 – Buckingham
35. September 28, 2025 – Bee Ridge
36. October 5, 2025 – Siesta Key Chapel
37. October 12, 2025 – Braden River
38. October 26, 2025 – Presbyterian Church of the Covenant

Moderated or attended 23 session meetings during the year to facilitate the work of congregations, to answer questions, or to challenge sessions to consider how best to move forward. In a changing world it becomes more important than ever to discern what it means to be the church in mission and ministry. Sometimes difficult decisions need to be made and the presbytery stands ready to support those conversations and decisions.

Boundaries training is now required for members of all councils, including sessions. In the last year I have provided that training in seven places. Vanderbilt and First Port Charlotte invited neighboring churches to their events and we were able to provide training for session members from four different churches at both. Having folks from other congregations increases the depth and breadth of the conversation. I would be happy to work with any pastor or session who wants to provide an opportunity for training, particularly with several churches at once.

Preaching, teaching, moderating/attending session meetings, and leading boundaries or officer training provides the opportunity for church members to get to know me and for me to learn about church dynamics and leadership. I see these as high priorities for my work that help ascertain the ways the presbytery needs to interact with congregations.

The 2024 hurricane season hit parts of the presbytery hard, and I provided support to those churches affected by being present and by helping find financial support to move forward. In the last year, working with FLAPDAN, I have written 15 letters for various churches and long-term recovery groups to receive funding from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

I have had over 30 individual and group meetings with pastors and church leaders to support, encourage, brainstorm, and pray for the work that God is doing and calls us to do in this place. This is

another opportunity to build trust and relationships within the presbytery. I am also available by phone or Zoom to provide support to pastors and leaders.

Committee and Task Force meetings are also important ways to support the work of the connectional church. We can do much more together than we can separately and I have attended at least 95 such meetings in the past year. We could not support the work of congregations without the gifts of time and talents from so many leaders in the presbytery who serve on commissions and committees that support, encourage, and enrich the work of congregations.

One of the great joys of this position is getting to celebrate milestones with congregations: retirements of loved pastors, the beginning of a new pastor, the start of the search process, the celebration of anniversaries of ministry in a community. We had many vacant pulpits for several years and in the last year have celebrated six installations/ordinations.

Another important piece of the work that the presbytery does is to facilitate congregations as they search for a new pastor. Members of Committee on Ministry spend many hours working with search committees as they discern who will be the next leader of the congregation. I have worked closely with those COM liaisons and the PNCs for 8 churches this year. We now have four pastor nominating committees at work and one more soon to be.

After about 8 years of various levels of conversations we were able to celebrate a joint congregational charter with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the PCUSA in the congregation in Babcock Ranch. We hope there will be other opportunities for collaboration in the future. How we think about church planting and growth is changing and we need to be open to new experiments.

What has been added to my workload, but not my job description, is some of the administrative work that Alesia Sharpe did before her retirement. Some of that includes running background checks for churches, working with the insurance company on coverage and paperwork, preparing the COM agenda and collecting and sending supporting documents for interviews with pastoral candidates, providing information to pastors and clerks as they connect with others, and facilitating the work of committee moderators.

I also continue to learn and share about the changing culture and how that impacts the church. This is God's church, and we are its stewards. Thank you for your service.

## **Committee on Ministry Report**

Stated Meeting, October 18, 2025

### **We welcome:**

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Naples

Rev. Dr. Pam Masten, Interim Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton

### **We recognize the ordinations of:**

Karla Dias, ordained June 22 at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers

Conor Peters, ordained July 6 at Church of the Palms, Sarasota

### **Motions:**

COM **moves** to approve a recommendation of a 3.0% cost-of-living increase for 2026 for all clergy and certified Christian educators in addition to any merit/additional duty pay increases, plus raise the minimum base salary (cash and housing) by 3% to \$64,882.00 for clergy and \$38,316.00 for certified Christian educators.

The figure was calculated on the Consumer Price Index-All Urban Consumers, Not Seasonally Adjusted, South Florida Urban, provided by the US Bureau of Labor Statistics of June 30, 2025.

### **For information, only:**

May 13, 2025 Meeting

- Authorized Palmetto PC to update their MDP to a full time Designated Pastor position.
- Studied Book of Order references for a presbytery to “authorize a ruling elder to be commissioned to limited pastoral service” (G-2.1001) plus a Constitutional Musing by the Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly.
- Approved a Commission Ruling Elder Policy, describing purpose, goals, and requirements.
- Recommended Presbytery ordain Candidate Karla Dias (Tropical Florida Presbytery) and approve a pastoral relationship with Cypress Lake PC.
- Approved commissioning RE Tom Grundstrom to administer the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and perform marriages in the absence of the installed Pastor at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church; also, to add Tom Grundstrom to the PRP Pulpit Supply List with the option to administer the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at other PRP congregations with the permission of any 2 leaders consisting of the COM Co-Moderators, General Presbyter, and Stated Clerk on a case by case basis upon advance request.
- Approved the Interim Pastor Contract between TE Scott Kenefake and First Presbyterian, Naples.
- Approved a request for TE Dino Rustin to perform a wedding at First Presbyterian, Bradenton
- Approved a request from TE Elizabeth Deibert to host Peace PC members at her home in Montreat and to delay removal of all personal items from her current office.

June 10, 2025

- Received TE Scott Kenefake by transfer from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities
- Approved TE Paul Kirbas as Interim Pastor for Peace Presbyterian Church, Lakewood Ranch
- Authorized RE Sandy Asaro (First Port Charlotte), RE Gary Miconi (Buckingham), RE Tim Smith (Northminster), and RE Bob White (St. Paul’s) to administer the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper with stipulations; also approved to add them to the Pulpit Supply List
- Approved the Mission Study by First Presbyterian Church, Naples

September 9, 2025

- Approved TE Pam Masten as Interim Pastor for First Presbyterian Church, Bradenton and approved transfer of her membership from Tropical Florida Presbytery to Peace River
- Transferred TE Genevieve Beauchamp to Eastern Virginia Presbytery
- Approved Temporary Contract renewal for Rev. Vinod Gnanaraj (UCC) with Holy Trinity PC
- Approved Temporary Pastor Contract renewal for TE Jay Mumper with St. Paul's PC
- Initiated Annual Administrative Review of congregations by congregational advocates



**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report**  
Stated Meeting, October 18, 2025

**Inquirers under care:**

- None

**Candidates under care:**

- Carson Brown – Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church
- Amy Cerniglia (Certified Ready for a Call) – Peace Presbyterian Church

**Motion:**

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry **moves** that Rachel Mallet, having been endorsed by the Session of The Church of the Palms and the CPM of Peace River Presbytery, be approved as an Inquirer under care of the Presbytery.

**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*

**When individuals who have been endorsed by a session and CPM are presented before the presbytery for examination, questions should be limited to the biographical statement of faith journey and their sense of call.**

**Rachel Mallet**  
**Biography and Faith Journey**

My story of faith centers community, as it served as a safety net following my mother's passing when I was 4 years old. I grew up in Sarasota, FL, with my dad and was deeply involved in Church of the Palms. The adults around me were genuinely interested in my upbringing. As I grew older, I began to see how formative that environment had been. It offered me a space to step outside of myself through service, while also providing a space to be honest about my own questions and needs. Those experiences gave me an early sense that God works through relationships and through the ordinary ways people care for one another. Also, that balance, between outward service and inward reflection, shaped how I came to value religious community. This is the central theme in my call to ministry.

For undergrad, I attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where I studied political science and philosophy. During the summers, I worked at both a non-denominational church and an Episcopal church. I also spent much of my time playing ultimate frisbee. Now I live in Boston, where I am in my final year at Harvard Divinity School. I have been able to explore theology in depth, ask difficult questions, and study a range of traditions. My thesis will focus on the political theology of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

At the same time, I have fortunately been involved in the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church in South Boston, which serves as a major resource for the wider Boston community, whether individuals attend on Sundays or not. There is also no shortage of pastor-mentors in my life to demonstrate ministerial models, like Rev. Dave Woessner, who has a contemplative, compassionate presence and Rev. Burns Stanfield, who has an energetic, community-oriented model of leadership. Both have shown me that ministry can take many forms, but is always about connecting people to God and to one another.

At one point, I wanted to ask myself honestly: why the PC(USA)? My experiences outside of Presbyterianism gave me perspective, but it was ultimately my return to PCUSA church life at Fourth, a Presbyterian Polity course, and my own background in philosophy and political science that I came to appreciate the strength of Presbyterian polity and theology. I have grown fond of it as a thoughtful and practical system for structuring power and community. The emphasis on being "reformed and always reforming" also accurately responds to and accounts for fallibility, which encourages humility, accountability, and the openness to keep asking questions.

Taken together, these experiences have led me to understand my call as an invitation to help create communities where people can bring their whole selves, where service and reflection are held together, and where God's love is encountered through relationships. My hope is to serve in ways that make that same kind of space possible for others.

Peace River Presbytery  
**Steering Committee Report**  
October 18, 2025

**For Presbytery Action:**

1. **Motion:** Delete Standing Rule Article VII. Steering Committee, 7.3.10 and renumber 7.3.11 to 7.3.10.  
~~7.3.10 — To set up processes to review and evaluate all Blessing Grant applications in the context of the Blessing Grant Program then grant and report the awards as appropriate.~~  
**Rationale:** Presbytery assigned all grant programs to the Communication, Connection and Community Committee in February. This removes any conflict and/or redundancy.
2. **Motion:** Delete “plus supervision of education for Ruling Elders preparing for limited Commissioned Pastoral Service” from Standing Rule Article VIII. Presbytery Committees 8.5.2.1.  
8.5.2.1 This committee shall provide care and supervision of all Inquirers and Candidates, carrying out all responsibilities detailed in the Book of Order ~~plus supervision of education for Ruling Elders preparing for limited Commissioned Pastoral Service.~~  
**Rationale:** This removes a conflict with Standing Rule 8.5.1.1(1) which predates this portion of Standing Rule 8.5.2.1. SR 8.5.1.1 states that the Committee on Ministry “...shall oversee and administer...Ruling Elders Commissioned to Pastoral Service...”
3. **Nominations:** The Steering Committee nominates the following individuals to the Human Resources Committee:  
RE Christine Larson, Covenant, Fort Myers (2026-1)  
RE Bill Kraft, Community, Englewood (2028-1)  
TE Tim Stewart, Retired (2028-1)  
TE Chuck Wiggins, Retired (2028-2)
4. The Steering Committee **moves** the October 18, 2025 Stated Meeting to direct the offering to the work of missionaries Dan and Elizabeth Turk in Madagascar.

**For Information Only:**

Approved the following dates and locations for the 2026 Stated Meetings of Peace River Presbytery:

- Feb 19, 2026 @ United in Bradenton
- May 14, 2026 @ First Arcadia
- October 17, 2026 @ Vanderbilt, Naples

**Peace River Presbytery**  
**Human Relations Committee**  
**October 18, 2025**

1. The Human Resources Committee **nominates** the following:

**Officers of the Presbytery**

Janice Croley (RE First Bonita Springs) to Moderator of Presbytery/President of Corporation  
Steven Dear (RE Moorings) to Vice Moderator of the Presbytery/Vice President of Corporation

**Steering Committee**

Becky Schwandt (TE Covenant Ft Myers) as ML and Moderator for a 3 year term  
Rob Marrow (TE Vanderbilt Naples) as ML for 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

**Finance Committee**

Rex Childs (TE First Naples) to a 3 year term  
Edward Maassen (RE First Arcadia) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Ambrose Woods (RE First Port Charlotte) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Kevin Morris (TE Community Estero) to fill balance of a term through 2027

**CCC Committee**

Dennis Piermont (RE Christ Church Longboat) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Alex Regets (TE Kirkwood Bradenton) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Jonas Hayes (TE Lely Ft Myers) to a 3 year term

**Committee on Ministry**

Pam Masten (TE First Bradenton) to fill balance of term through 2027  
Paul Kirbas (TE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Winston Lawson (TE HR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Jill Maassen (RE First Arcadia) to 3 year term

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

Rusty Shunk (RE Faith Cape Coral) to 3 year term  
Sandra Asaro (RE First Port Charlotte) to 3 year term

**Beth-el**

Robin Miller (RE Peace LWR) to a 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

**Cedarkirk Board**

Allen Simmons (RE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term  
Julia Simmons (RE Peace LWR) to 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 year term

## GA Commissioner Applications

### TE

Steve Aguzzi, Moorings Naples

Becky Schwandt, Covenant Ft. Myers

### RE

Luceal Curry, Burnt Store Punta Gorda

Richard Shafer, Covenant Ft. Myers

Steven Dear, Moorings Naples (Alt)

Katherine Baillargeon, Community Englewood (Alt)

### YAAD

No Nominees

2. The HR Committee recognizes that the General Presbyter and Stated Clerk assumed roughly 80% of the responsibilities and tasks of the Office Administrator upon her retirement at the end of 2024 without remuneration consideration for the additional work they are performing. The compensation package with benefits for the discontinued position was approximately \$75,000.00. For 2025 the Stated Clerk and General Presbyter only received a COLA based upon their 2024 compensation and responsibilities.

To address the unintentional disparity of the situation, HR **moves** a 9% increase in compensation for increased work plus a 3% COLA for 2026.

- c. That \$47,000 of the proposed compensation for the General Presbyter be designated as housing allowance.

| <b><u>Rev. Melana Scruggs</u></b> | <b><u>2025</u></b>   | <b><u>2026</u></b>            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| General Presbyter                 | <b><u>Budget</u></b> | <b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b> |
| Salary                            | \$67,000.00          | \$80,680.00                   |
| Housing Allowance                 | \$47,000.00          | \$47,000.00                   |
| SECA Allowance                    | \$8,500.00           | \$9,576.00                    |
| Continue Education                | \$3,000.00           | \$5,000.00                    |
| Traveling & Lodging               | \$3,000.00           | \$3,000.00                    |
| Auto Expenses                     | \$9,000.00           | \$10,000.00                   |
| Professional Expenses             | \$2,100.00           | \$2,300.00                    |
| Pastoral Relations                | \$2,000.00           | \$2,000.00                    |
| Medical & Pension Benefits        | \$24,510.00          | \$28,000.00                   |
| Dental Allowance                  | \$1,200.00           | \$1,200.00                    |
| Add. Insurance Reimb.             | \$12,000.00          | \$3,000.00                    |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>\$179,360.00</b>  | <b>\$191,756.00</b>           |

b. That \$24,000 of the proposed compensation for the Stated Clerk be designated as housing allowance.

| <b><u>Rev. Dr. Randy Moody</u></b> | <b>2025</b>        | <b><u>2026</u></b>            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Stated Clerk                       | Budget             | <b><u>Proposed Budget</u></b> |
| Salary                             | \$22,000.00        | \$24,160.00                   |
| Housing Allowance                  | \$21,000.00        | \$24,000.00                   |
| Mbrship Fees/Mtg Expenses          | \$3,000.00         | \$3,000.00                    |
| Professional Expenses/Mileage      | \$2,700.00         | \$2,900.00                    |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>\$48,700.00</b> | <b>\$54,060.00</b>            |

## Member Submitted Amendment for HR Motion on Staff Compensation

*Parliamentary Comment from the Vice Moderator: Ordinarily a planned commissioner or member proposed amendment to a committee motion is not published in the packet as it is not in order until the committee makes its motion, but due to the fact the published Finance Committee Budget Presentation includes “ALTERNATIVE w/ compensation amendment” an exception is made in the interest of transparency since the Finance Committee has advance consideration.*

Whereas the following facts apply to the proposed 2026 budget:

1. Proposed 2026 PRP reflects a \$85,266 projected budget deficit. PRP has to date and continues to apply 4% of PRP investments towards the deficit. After applying \$78,900 from investments, the 2026 Proposed budget deficit is \$6,366.
2. US Department of Labor published in June 2025 the annual rate of inflation as 3%.
3. The consolidated HR committee budget reflects a 6% increase from the 2025 budget.
4. Combined expenditures of salary and housing for each of the two salaried positions reflect a 12% increase from 2025.

And

Whereas the following planning assumptions apply to the proposed 2026 budget:

1. The Presbytery is prudent and wise to plan a balanced budget, safeguarding PRP resources for dire emergencies in the future.
2. Anticipated church giving levels reflect a reasonable planning figure based upon historical data.

Therefore,

I **move** that to bring the 2026 budget into balance, the Presbytery reduce combined salary and housing expenditure for this salaried position from a 12% increase to an 8% increase. That adjustment will impact certain Board of Pensions calculations and, in combination with the same action for our other salaried member, will erase the remaining budget deficit.

Further, I **move** that should church giving levels exceed current planning assumptions, following evaluation by the Finance Committee, a recommendation to restore the 12% increase may be made to the Steering Committee in August 2026.

Peace River Presbytery  
**Communications, Connection, and Community Committee**  
October 18, 2025

**Information Only:**

Since the last stated meeting of the presbytery, the Communications, Connection, and Community (CCC) Committee held meetings by Zoom on June 17, July 8, September 9, and October 7, 2025.

In addition, the committee brought motions to the Special Meeting of Presbytery on July 31, 2025, to charter The Community Church of Babcock Ranch, as a union congregation of the Peace River Presbytery (PCUSA) and Florida-Bahamas Synod (ELCA), authorizing the Stated Clerk to represent the presbytery in finalizing the agreement, and to grant The Community Church \$750,000 for capital needs. The committee expresses its gratitude to the presbytery for approving these motions and invites everyone to seek and deepen our unity in Christ through welcome of The Community Church.

**Invitation to Ground-Breaking Ceremony for The Community Church: Saturday, October 25, 11am.** Please plan to attend the ground-breaking ceremony for the first house of worship, The Community Church, to be erected in Babcock Ranch, Florida! Meet (and park) at Bloom Academy, 17775 Commons Drive, Punta Gorda (that's actually Babcock Ranch), for a short walk to the church property on Commons Drive. Join with brothers and sisters in Christ to put the first shovels in the ground!

And if you're unable to attend, please send a card expressing your congregation's blessings to The Community Church, P.O. Box 3508, North Fort Myers, FL 33918.

**2025 Blessings Grants.** The PRP Blessing Grant program awards grants to congregations and presbytery entities in order to support church development, redevelopment, and/or transformation by initiating, altering, or expanding outreach ministry in their local communities or, by creating PCUSA new church developments, worshipping communities, and/or fresh expressions of faith. The fund is replenished by using earnings from the invested corpus as well as any gifts designated for this purpose. For the 2025 grant cycle, available funds totaled \$42,500.

This is the first year the CCC Committee has been responsible for evaluating and awarding grants. The Sessions of 5 congregations submitted applications. At our September meeting, we approved awarding the following grants:

- Lely Presbyterian Church (Naples) -- \$950 for a new Sunday School initiative
- Peace Presbyterian Church (Lakewood Ranch) -- \$2,000 for an initiative to enhance children's participation in worship
- Presbyterian Church of the Covenant (Sarasota) -- \$10,000 for redevelopment initiatives
- Siesta Key Chapel -- \$8,000 for materials to begin two community partnership projects

We look forward to reports from these congregations as their projects are launched.

**2024 Blessings Grants.** We also received reports from last year's grantees. We would like to feature the report from Siesta Key Chapel. This congregation received \$25,000 to facilitate their Sunday beach worship service by simplifying the volunteer efforts. Although the details shifted somewhat from the original plan, the goal was met: they now have a truck which transports 100 chairs every



Sunday morning AND stores them during the week. This means volunteers move them twice per Sunday rather than four times.

We also note that Siesta Key Chapel was featured in an August 21, 2025 story by the Presbyterian News Service: “Ten months after back-to-back hurricanes, Florida church’s recovery continues.” The story may be found by entering the title on the [pcusa.org](https://www.pcusa.org) search line.

**Report to the Peace River Presbytery  
For the Stated Meeting  
October 18, 2025**

**Viability Resource Grant Proposal**

It has been three years since Hurricane Ian struck Fort Myers Beach and all of SW Florida with fury, leaving death and destruction in its path. Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church suffered irreparable damage as a physical presence, and the congregation struggled valiantly to create a spiritual presence “on the Beach.” An Administrative Commission was formed by the Presbytery in 2023, which met for two years, “walking alongside the CBTS Session,” until the commissioners felt the need to assume original jurisdiction. As the COM and members of the Presbytery know, that decision ultimately led to the painful, but regrettably realistic, decision to dissolve the congregation.

The history of this church, however, did not end with that decision. Earlier documents detail how the assets of CBTS were distributed to “honor and preserve God’s legacy of service by Chapel by the Sea.” The gift from Chapel that funds the attached grant proposal is part of that mission to “honor and preserve” by providing opportunities for selected churches to advance their vision of service to the Lord on earth. As noted in the following text, these grants are not meant to be temporary band aids, but rather long-term and transformational.

The background, application process, and application form are enclosed for your review, comments, and, we hope, your approval. At its September 10, 2025 meeting, the members of the Viability Resource Grant Committee moved and passed unanimously the elements of the grant proposal, application, and process, and now therefore

**moves** that the commissioners of the Peace River Presbytery approve the Viability Grant Proposal at the October 18, 2025 meeting.

Those of us on the Viability Resource Grant Committee have been honored to serve and look forward to seeing the fruits of these special grants for years to come.

Rev. Jay Mumper, HR, Moderator  
Elder Janice Croley  
Elder Mary Lynn Myers  
Elder Rusty Shunk  
Elder B. Elaine Woods  
Rev. Melana Scruggs, EP, Staff Liaison



## Viability Resource Grant

### Background

Out of tragedy sometimes come gifts. On September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian wreaked havoc on SW Florida causing loss of lives and horrific destruction of property, particularly on the barrier islands in the Gulf. Such was fate of Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church, the very first church to be founded on Fort Myers Beach. Many members had no homes to return to, and despite being welcomed by other churches, the members had no physical home, no furniture, no pastor, and dwindling membership and giving. An Administrative Commission was formed in March of 2023 to work with the Session, but, most regrettably, after a year of work and ultimately taking original jurisdiction, the AC concluded the congregation was neither viable nor sustainable.

From this tragic situation came gifts to several nearby churches and the Presbytery in the form of assets from Chapel by the Sea. In creating this fund, the assets are the remainder of insurance payments made to Chapel and one of several gifts intended to “honor and preserve God’s legacy of service by Chapel by the Sea.”

### Executive Summary

Peace River Presbytery has established a fund from this gift to enable churches to dream dreams to advance their overall mission. Think visionary, aspirational, transformative, even transformational, perhaps life changing.

Therefore, this is not an emergency fund nor is it a box of band aids. Based on the payout from the physical destruction of CBTS, the intent of this grant is to build, not simply to sustain; to help fund the high cost of essential services which heavily impact a church budget. These may include but are not limited to wind loss coverage, clergy salaries and benefits, staff support, or capital needs. But more than that, it is meant to be a starter grant to do that something a church wants to do, dreams and prays about doing, but currently cannot move forward without some assistance.

This \$1.7 million gift has been invested and will generate annual funding at 4% (approximately \$68,000 for 2026). The grant is renewable in decreasing amounts for a second and perhaps third year upon submission of a year-end report evidencing satisfactory outcomes as a result of the award.

After the grant application and committee interview period is concluded, the Grant Committee will base its decisions on whether or not the award will enable the church to enhance, extend, and transform its viability as a congregation.

### A Biblical, Theological, Confessional Rationale

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.” (Acts 2: 42-45 ESV)

2000 years later, there are still those who have need, including churches who help those who have need. Through the marriage of funding from CBTS and hands-on connections with you, the members, Peace River Presbytery will be able to accomplish the goal of helping to establish vitality and viability for any church with the vision and desire to move forward in God’s plan.



**Peace River Presbytery  
Viability Resource Grant  
Application Process**

Hurricane Ian destroyed Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church in 2022, but from that tragic loss a transformational opportunity was born.

We are pleased that you have taken this step to learn more about this new grant. The packet includes a bit of the history of Chapel, information about the process, and the application itself.

Please read the material carefully before filling out the application. The criteria are more detailed than many grants require, and the commitment a church must make necessitates thoughtful deliberation and prayer.

In addition to the application, finalists will be invited to interview with the selection committee to discuss in greater detail the information provided.

This is a competitive process and, therefore, it is important that you file on time and be as specific as possible in your responses. Should you have questions regarding the process, please send them to General Presbyter Rev. Melana Scruggs.

The deadline for the 2026 cycle is December 1, 2025 and the Application must be emailed, preferably earlier, to [melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org).

Blessings to you as you pursue the possibilities of this grant.

The Selection Committee

*He has sent me to...provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.  
Isaiah 61: 1,3*



## Viability Resource Grant Application

### APPLICATION INFORMATION REQUIRED

REQUESTING CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

AVERAGE WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 2025 YTD \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: 2025 YTD \_\_\_\_\_ 2024 \_\_\_\_\_ 2023 \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON FOR GRANT APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT REQUESTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SUBMITTED \_\_\_\_\_

Request Summary (Brief explanation of the need and the total cost estimate)

**Other funding** (How will the church fund any remaining balance?)

**Ongoing funding** (How will the church continue to fund the need after the grant ends?)

**Will this grant support an existing initiative or a new initiative?**

#### Grant Criteria

1. Leadership and discipleship development for Session members, key staff, and congregation.
2. Session support and approval of the grant request.
3. Evidence of governance and leadership engagement.
4. Church financial viability as evidenced by financial statements for prior 2 fiscal years and the current fiscal year to date.
5. Progress report 6 months after grant disbursement with final grant evaluation report 12 months after grant disbursement.
6. Funding for one year, with up to 2 renewal options following satisfactory evaluation(s) at the end of each year.
7. Plans for ongoing funding for the need after the grant period(s) is/are concluded.
8. Evidence that the grant award will extend, enhance and transform the church's viability and grow the body of Christ.

**Required Attachments**

1. Signed and dated Session minutes authorizing the submission of the grant application.
2. If the request is for insurance premium costs, at least 2 written quotes for the coverage to be funded, along with evidence that the coverage is adequate to the need.
3. If the request is for utility costs or other essential operating expenses, copies of the 3 most recent invoices for these expenses.
4. If the request is for capital expenditures, copies of at least two bids for the proposed project.
5. If the request is for clergy or staff salary and/or benefits, a copy of the terms of call (for clergy) or the terms and conditions of employment (for staff).
6. Financial statements for the church for the prior two fiscal years and for the current fiscal year to date.

**Instructions:**

This Application must be submitted in time to reach the General Presbyter by **December 1** to be considered for the 2026 award. Please print the application, complete it, and return it with the supporting documents either by mail to: PO Box 510179, Punta Gorda, FL 33951 or you may scan and send the documents by email to: [melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

Peace River Presbytery  
**Finance Committee Report**  
Stated Meeting October 18, 2025  
Community Church, Estero



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

**For Action:**

**GRANT FUND CONSOLIDATION:** If the way be clear, to merge the Chapel Grant Program with the Blessing Grant Program into a single fund, to be named for the purpose of transformational church development, using the distribution formula currently defined by Finance policies.

Important caveat: After reviewing the carrying expenses for the Chapel property it is noted that if the Presbytery approves the grant fund action, it is understood that the monies will not be merged until such time as a contingency can be set aside from the Chapel monies to cover carrying costs of the vacant property. In the event that the contingency account has a surplus balance at the time of the sale of the property, those monies shall be transferred to the grant fund. On the other hand, if adequate monies are not set aside in the contingency, then the corpus of the grant fund will be used to cover carrying costs. In the latter situation, the grant fund will be reimbursed for that amount at the time the Chapel property is sold.

**For Information Only:**

**2026 BUDGET:** The 2026 budget cycle was initiated with a request to the committees. The reader is directed to the budget tidbits and budget details immediately following this narrative report. The Committee provides this consolidated budget, without recommendation, for your review. Specifically, the Committee was concerned about presenting an unbalanced budget and anticipates a motion from the floor to address the deficit.

Investment Performance Review: The committee conducted a review of the performance provided by the investment management services from New Covenant Trust Company to a satisfactory conclusion.

Memorial Funds Distribution: The interest earned on memorial funds was approved for distribution as follows:

| Fund   | \$          | Distribution to:                                                                          |
|--------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hughey | \$ 1,341.34 | Cedarkirk                                                                                 |
| Arnall | \$ 642.46   | Equally to covenant partners: Beth-el, Cedarkirk, FLAPDAN, Mission Workers, Mision Peniel |
| Evans  | \$ 297.46   | Presbyterian Homes                                                                        |
| Young  | \$ 2,541.80 | Equally to covenant partners: Beth-el, Cedarkirk FLAPDAN, Mision Peniel                   |
| Morris | \$ 105.01   | Church Development account #2635                                                          |

|                            |             |                                                                                           |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Murphy                     | \$20,684.25 | Equally across 4 years for purpose of Christian education and women's conferences         |
| Chapel Parish Nurse        | \$ 3,854.24 | Equally to covenant partners: Beth-el, Cedarkirk, FLAPDAN, Mission Workers, Mision Peniel |
| Chapel Ford Scholarship    | \$ 468.54   | Installation Offering account #2661                                                       |
| Chapel Brachman New Church | \$ 467.34   | Church Development account #2635                                                          |

*It is noted that in all cases when money is directed to covenant partners, this counts toward fulfilling the budget pledge made to the partners.*

Brachman Donor-Restricted Music Fund: The Finance Committee referred to the Communication, Connection and Community Committee the task of developing, promoting and administering a new grant program designed to distribute the Chapel Brachman Music fund. Current balance is \$16,687.54. Future distributions are anticipated at \$1,500 to \$2,000 per year. To be used for the music program ....compensation for music composed and published before 1938 and, if desired, the purchasing of classical oratorio scores.

Lovell Donor-Restricted Gift for Retired Pastors: the Presbytery is the beneficiary of an estate gift from Carol Lovell, a snowbird worshipper at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, in the approximate amount of \$700K. It is a donor-restricted gift to be directed to supporting retired pastors. It is understood that once this money is received by the Presbytery it will be invested with New Covenant Trust Company in a separate sub-account. Melana is over-seeing the definition of the grant structure.

Presbyterian Women Review of Financials: Vice-moderator of the committee and the treasurer conducted a review of the Presbyterian Women financial records for 2024 with a report affirming the process the group has made in recordkeeping. Appreciation is expressed for the work of the Presbyterian Women leadership.

Financial Records Audits: As noted in May, the firm that Peace River Presbytery has used in the past for the annual audit has discontinued conducting audits. We are exploring all alternatives to include the role that Artificial Intelligence might play to supplement the work of a review team. If any church is using a CPA firm that might conduct the presbytery's audit at a reasonable price, please contact either Moderator Mary Lynn Myers or treasurer Charmaine Ponkratz.

Several smaller churches have had their financial review conducted by Ambrose Woods, member of the Finance Committee or Roy Lipsett, member at Buckingham. We are deeply grateful to these generous men for their volunteer services. If there are other accountants across the presbytery that could offer review services, please contact Mary Lynn or Charmaine.

Insurance: We offer appreciation to Ed Burkett, the Presbytery's insurance agent, who presented a helpful webinar covering a broad spectrum of insurance coverage issues. As a result of these conversations, we have initiated a conversation to explore the possibility of a group insurance rate – Presbytery and multiple churches – to see if there would be a savings in premium. It is unclear where this idea may go, but any church interested in participating should contact Mary Lynn or Charmaine prior to year end.

Other Property Matters Under Consideration: Three property matters are on the radar screen.



The first is the Chapel by the Sea property on Fort Myers Beach. The committee took action to install a chain link fence to protect the vacant property from dumping and reduce the access to the property that might lead to liability issues.

The second 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. After submitting questions to the developer there has been no additional action on this matter.

The third 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 having retired, the private property is planned to be sold and the presbytery will close out the equity sharing transaction.

Review of June, July, August 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 2025 financials appear on the following pages. Of special interest is the giving report through August 2025. We celebrate every gift of money and support for the work of the presbytery. Detailed August 2025 financial reports appear in the Appendix.

Peace River Presbytery  
**2026 Budget Tidbits**  
 October 2025

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

| Category                                  | JUNE 2025<br>YTD Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Budget | 2026<br>Budget | Per Member<br>for each<br>stream *** |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| MISSION                                   |                         |                |                |                |                                      |
| Revenue                                   | \$ 89,077               | \$ 208,539     | \$ 209,350     | \$ 222,200     |                                      |
| Expense                                   | \$ 96,063               | \$ 217,110     | \$ 216,011     | \$ 222,200     | \$ 21.06                             |
| NET                                       | \$ ( 6,986)             | \$ ( 8,571)    | \$ ( 6,661)    | \$ 0           |                                      |
| PER CAPITA                                |                         |                |                |                |                                      |
| Revenue                                   | \$ 29,716               | \$ 66,827      | \$ 59,200      | \$ 67,000      |                                      |
| Expense                                   | \$ 36,482               | \$ 101,260     | \$ 72,964      | \$ 67,000      | \$ 13.26 **                          |
| NET                                       | \$ ( 6,766)             | \$ ( 34,433)   | \$ ( 13,764)   | \$ 0           |                                      |
| PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS                     |                         |                |                |                |                                      |
| Revenue                                   | \$ 149,779              | \$ 300,475     | \$ 310,000     | \$ 300,000     |                                      |
| Expense                                   | \$ 169,429              | \$ 405,612     | \$ 347,610     | \$ 382,266     | \$ 35.27                             |
| NET                                       | \$ ( 19,650)            | \$ (105,137)   | \$ (37,610)    | \$ ( 82,266)   |                                      |
| Three Thread NET                          | \$ ( 33,402)            | \$ (148,141)   | \$ (58,035)    | \$ ( 82,266)   |                                      |
| Investment Draw Permitted by<br>Policy 4% | \$ 47,600               | \$ 80,000      | \$ 66,700      | \$ 75,900      | TOTAL<br>\$ 69.59                    |
| NET AFTER DRAW                            | \$ 14,198               | \$ (68,141) *  | \$ 8,665       | \$ ( 6,366)    | per member                           |

The PCUSA Special Offerings have been removed from all prior time periods for the mission steam. With the change in handling for One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost (discontinued in 2026), Peace and Global Witness (World Communion in 2026) and Christmas Joy, churches are encouraged to send offerings collected directly to PCUSA, 100 Witherspoon St. Louisville, KY 40202.

\*deficit was covered by COVID money and cash reserves

\*\*represents the per capita ask from General Assembly and Synod

\*\*\*Year end 2024 membership of Peace River Presbytery was 10,704 church members, plus 133 clergy = 10,837 – down from 11,148 in the prior year. All income projections are based on a flat membership, year over year.

**Headline:** In a word, the 2026 Budget can be characterized as filled with more difficult decisions. In the past four years the Presbytery has completed the following rightsizing. But, with a strong commitment to mission and diminishing membership, the net result is still showing red ink.

- Savings from 2022 - Financial Administrator \$66K Offset by 2024 Accounting Services expense of \$40K
- Savings from 2023 - Vital Congregations Facilitator \$44K
- Impact of sale of building to virtual office - favorable \$45K+
- Elimination of Office Administrator position beginning in 2024 - \$53-59K

To approach a balanced budget, the assumption adjusts the amount forwarded to both General Assembly and Synod for per capita, FLAPDAN, and Synod mission to the level of church restricted giving for that purpose without any supplement from unrestricted investment reserves. Other covenant partner commitments will be met with donor-restricted giving and supplemented by unrestricted monies. If restricted giving exceeds the budgeted commitment, excess funds will be forwarded to the partner. By approving the budget, this effectively makes a Financial Policy change.

On a consolidated basis, the ‘ask’ for all three streams, fully funded, is \$69.59 per member, up 7.5% from 2024.

**Assumptions:**

**Mission Stream:** (expenses are 33% of total)

- Covenant partner revenue is calculated at January thru June 2025 and July thru December 2024. It is noted that the projection is higher than the first six months annualized, by \$16K.
- Centsability, PDA and Installations are calculated at 2024 actual.
- PCUSA Special Offerings have been removed from the budget process. Churches are encouraged to send any offerings collected directly to the PCUSA , 100 Witherspoon St. Louisville, KY 40202
- Beth-El, Cedarkirk, Mision Peniel and Mission Turks are committed at levels in the expense section. Financial Policy calls for donations to these four covenant partners to be forwarded at the budgeted level or the actual amount received in restricted giving, whichever is greater.
- FLAPDAN and Synod Mission expenses are calculated to match giving since these will be treated as pass-thru.

**Per Capita Stream:** (expenses are 10% of total).

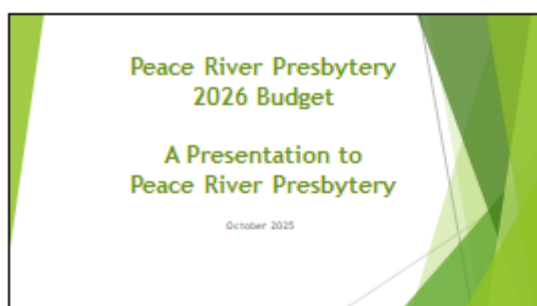
- Per Capita revenue is calculated at January thru June 2025 and July thru December 2024. It is noted that the projection is higher than the first six months annualized by \$7K.
- 2026 Synod per capita goal: \$2.00. (2027 preliminary amount = \$2.75). At 100% of goal = \$21,674.
- 2026 General Assembly per capita goal \$11.26. At 100% of goal = \$122,025.
- For the first year since 2020 the budget is presented with the assumption that the amount forwarded to General Assembly and Synod will match the amount of donor-restricted giving for per capita from the churches.

Background: For a decade, since about 2012, the Presbytery only forwarded the restricted giving for Per Capita that was provided by the churches for GA and SYNOD. After a decade of shortfall, a decision was made to *move toward* 100% of the goal amount. In 2021: 75% was budgeted and forwarded to GA and SYNOD. In 2022: 100% was budgeted and forwarded to GA and SYNOD. In 2023: once again 100% was budgeted, but mid-year that was adjusted to 75% and paid forward to GA and SYNOD at that level. In 2024 it was budgeted at 75% even at that level generating a \$34K deficit which was deemed unsustainable. In 2025 it was budget at 50%, reducing the projected deficit. The 2026 budget reverts to the pass-thru.

**Presbytery Operations Stream:** (expenses are 57% of total)

- Effective base salary (salary and housing) increased 12% to reflect additional workload with the elimination of the office administrator position. Total human resources budget increased 6%.
- Presbytery Ministry Operations revenue is calculated at January thru June annualized which is \$28K higher than if using January thru June 2025 and July thru December 2024. In 2023 the second half of the year reflected a stronger revenue than the first half.
- Facilities and operations categories were guided by the 12-month inflation rate, ending in June 2025, that was published by the U.S. Labor Department of 2.7% and guidance from others.
- Committee budget requests are presented as submitted. Any committee requesting more than a 10% increase in any line item was requested to provide rationale.

- Based on 12 available quarters ending June 2025, a 4% draw on the investment portfolio = \$75,900. Over that amount needs to be approved by the Presbytery in the budget process. With the approval of \$750K for the union church with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America in Babcock Ranch that will reduce the unrestricted investment account by \$250K (\$500K is earmarked from the church development fund.) The impact on future year draws (based on existing policy) of a reduction of \$250K is that \$10K less will be available to supplement the presbytery's budget.



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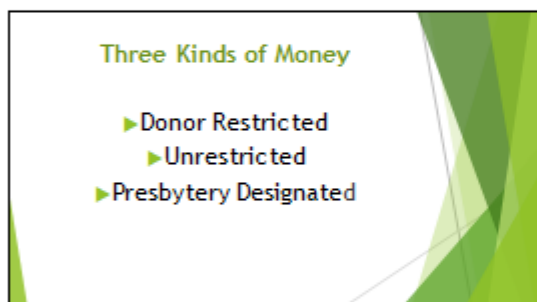
|                | 2023<br>Actual | 2024<br>Actual | 2025<br>Projected |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| ▶ Missions     | 304K           | 217K           | 209K              |
| ▶ Per Capita   | 70K            | 67K            | 59K               |
| ▶ PRP Min Ops* | 266K           | 261K           | 310K**            |

▶ In 2024 all churches gave to at least one of the three streams. YTD 31 of 36.

▶ \* does not include money from unrestricted funds

▶ \*\* if July-Dec giving in 2025 matches 2024 - \$272K

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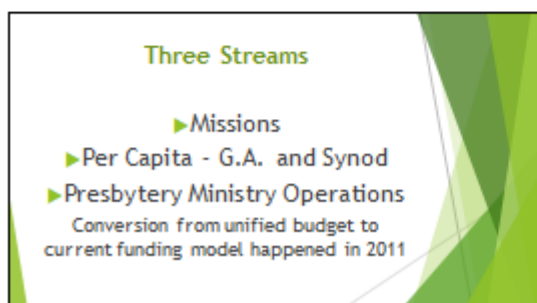
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PRP 2026 Budget - Church Giving

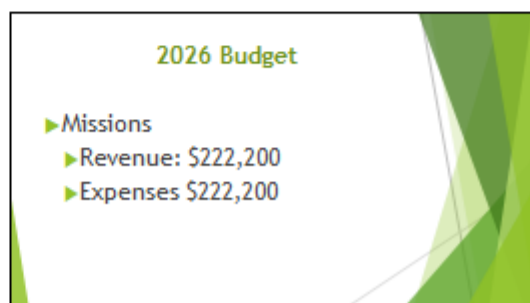
|               | 2025<br>Projected | 2026<br>Budget |
|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| ▶ Missions    | 209K              | 222K           |
| ▶ Per Capita  | 59K               | 67K            |
| ▶ PRP Min Ops | 310K**            | 300K           |

\*\*if July-Dec giving in 2025 matches 2024 - \$272K

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### Missions

- ▶ Beth-El, Cedarkirk, Mision Peniel and Mission-Turks
  - ▶ will use unrestricted funds to meet budgeted commitments
  - ▶ If church giving exceeds commitments, then excess is passed thru
- ▶ FLAPDAN and Synod Mission
  - ▶ will pass thru all church restricted giving, but not supplement with unrestricted funds

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### Giving level needed to support all three streams (based on 2024 membership)

- ▶ Mission \$21.06 per member
- ▶ Per Capita \$13.26 per member\*
- ▶ PRP Ministry Ops \$35.27 per member
- ▶ Total \$69.59 per member per year

\*fully funding the GA and Synod 'ask'

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### 2026 Budget

- ▶ Per Capita
  - ▶ Revenue: \$ 67,000
  - ▶ Expenses: \$ 67,000
    - ▶ Will pass thru all church restricted giving, but not supplement with unrestricted fund

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### Per Member Funding Gap

- ▶ 2026 funding needed \$69.59\*
- ▶ Historical church giving
  - ▶ 2023 \$55.48
  - ▶ 2024 \$59.79
- ▶ \*fully funding the GA and Synod 'ask'

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### 2026 Budget

- ▶ Presbytery Ministry Operations
  - ▶ Revenue: \$300,000
  - ▶ Expenses: \$382,266
  - ▶ Deficit: \$ 82,266

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### How do we cover the deficit?

- ▶ Unrestricted reserves - 4% draw
  - ▶ \$2.5 million (end of August 2025)
  - ▶ Calculated draw for 2026: \$ 75,900
  - ▶ Remaining deficit: \$ 6,366

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### Giving level needed to support all three streams (based on 2024 membership) ALTERNATIVE w/ compensation amendment

- ▶ Mission \$21.06 per member
- ▶ Per Capita \$13.26 per member\*
- ▶ PRP Ministry Ops \$34.69 per member
  
- ▶ Total \$69.01 per member per year  
\*fully funding the GA and Synod 'ask'

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### Review of Reserves

- ▶ Unrestricted \$2.489 million - end of August  
\$2.239 million after Babcock draw  
\$2.163 million after 2026 deficit
- ▶ Remember, three kinds of money
  - ▶ Unrestricted
  - ▶ Donor Restricted
  - ▶ Prebiliary Designated

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### Per Member Funding Gap ALTERNATIVE w/ compensation amendment

- ▶ 2026 funding needed \$69.01\*
- ▶ Historical church giving
  - ▶ 2023 \$55.48
  - ▶ 2024 \$59.79
- ▶ \*fully funding the GA and Synod 'ask'

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### Review of Reserves (cont)

- ▶ Donor Restricted
  - ▶ Church Development \$495K - end of August  
\$ 0 - after Babcock draw
  - ▶ Lovell Estate - Retired Pastors  
\$700K estimate  
distribution to be defined

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### How do we cover the deficit? ALTERNATIVE w/ compensation amendment

- ▶ Unrestricted reserves - 4% draw
  - ▶ \$2.5 million (end of August 2025)
  - ▶ Calculated draw for 2026: \$ 75,900
  - ▶ Remaining deficit: \$ 0

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### Review of Reserves (cont)

- ▶ Donor Restricted
  - ▶ Memorial Funds - interest only - currently available - \$46K
    - ▶ Murphy - Christian Education and Women's Conferences - \$21K
    - ▶ Bachman Music - composed and published before 1938/classical oratorio scores - \$17K

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### Review of Reserves (cont)

- ▶ Presbytery Designated - end of August
  - ▶ Chapel/New Fund \$1.696 million
  - ▶ Blessing Grant \$1.232 million
    - ▶ After 2025 awards \$1.212 million

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### Appreciation Challenges Questions



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### Review of Reserves (cont)

- ▶ Reserves are all invested with New Covenant Trust Company
- ▶ 60% equities/40% fixed income
- ▶ Balances subject to market fluctuation

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### Next Steps

- ▶ Invite Session to be in prayer about support
- ▶ Present your church/pastor pledge
  - ▶ If you are a pacesetter.... drop it in the offering plate during worship TODAY!
  - ▶ Email it to [porkin@comcast.net](mailto:porkin@comcast.net), you'll still be a pacesetter
  - ▶ Drop it in the offering plate at the February Presbytery meeting.
- ▶ Pledge form, Remittance form, Three Streams brochure
  - ▶ Pop onto the Presbytery website, click on forms and resources, click on treasurers...it's waiting for you!

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**Peace River Presbytery  
2026 Budget  
Three Streams of Support**

|                                                | Actual Jan - June<br>2025 | 2024 ANNUAL<br>Actual* | 2025 ANNUAL<br>Projected | 2026 ANNUAL<br>Budget |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>3A • MISSION STREAM</b>                     |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>31 • Mission Revenue</b>                    |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>31a • Peace River Mission Revenue</b>       |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 311 • Beth-El Mission                          | 7,951                     | 17,348                 | 17,000                   | 17,680                |
| 312 • Cedarkirk                                | 5,804                     | 11,531                 | 17,000                   | 17,680                |
| 313 • Mision Peniel                            | 61,098                    | 150,412                | 150,000                  | 155,640               |
| 314 • Mission - Turk                           | 683                       | 2,058                  | 2,200                    | 2,300                 |
| 315 • FLAPDAN                                  | 1,848                     | 4,400                  | 4,700                    | 4,900                 |
| 316 • Synod Mission Support                    | 1,584                     | 3,850                  | 4,800                    | 5,000                 |
| <b>Total 31a • Peace River Mission Revenue</b> | <b>78,968</b>             | <b>189,599</b>         | <b>195,700</b>           | <b>203,200</b>        |
| <b>31b • Special Giving</b>                    |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 352 • Centsability                             | 1,033                     | 5,017                  | 4,350                    | 5,000                 |
| 353 • PDA                                      | 7,615                     | 8,354                  | 3,500                    | 8,400                 |
| 354 • Cuba Partnership                         | 0                         | 0                      | 0                        | 0                     |
| 355 • Installation Offering                    | 1,461                     | 5,569                  | 5,800                    | 5,600                 |
| <b>Total 31b • Special Giving</b>              | <b>10,109</b>             | <b>18,940</b>          | <b>13,650</b>            | <b>19,000</b>         |
| <b>Total 31 • Mission Revenue **</b>           | <b>89,077</b>             | <b>208,539</b>         | <b>209,350</b>           | <b>222,200</b>        |
| <b>41 • Mission Expenses</b>                   |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>411 • Mission Partners</b>                  |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4111 • Beth-El                                 | 8,500                     | 17,348                 | 17,000                   | 17,680                |
| 4112 • Cedarkirk                               | 8,500                     | 16,500                 | 17,000                   | 17,680                |
| 4113 • Mision Peniel                           | 59,774                    | 150,412                | 150,000                  | 155,640               |
| 4114 • Mission - Turks                         | 1,100                     | 2,750                  | 2,200                    | 2,300                 |
| 4115 • FLAPDAN                                 | 3,900                     | 7,768                  | 7,800                    | 4,900                 |
| 4116 • Synod Missions                          | 4,180                     | 8,961                  | 8,361                    | 5,000                 |
| <b>Total 411 • Mission Partners</b>            | <b>85,954</b>             | <b>203,739</b>         | <b>202,361</b>           | <b>203,200</b>        |
| 452 • Centsability                             | 1,033                     | 5,017                  | 4,350                    | 5,000                 |
| 453 • PDA                                      | 7,615                     | 8,354                  | 3,500                    | 8,400                 |
| 454 • Trsf Cuba Partnership                    | 0                         | 0                      | 0                        | -                     |
| 455 • Trsf Installation Offering               | 1,461                     | 0                      | 5,800                    | 5,600                 |
| <b>Total 41 • Mission Expenses</b>             | <b>96,063</b>             | <b>217,110</b>         | <b>216,011</b>           | <b>222,200</b>        |
| <b>Total 3A • NET MISSION STREAM</b>           | <b>-6,986</b>             | <b>-8,571</b>          | <b>-6,661</b>            | <b>-</b>              |
| <b>3B • PER CAPITA</b>                         |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>32 • Per Capita Revenue</b>                 |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 321 • Per Capita - General Assembly            | 26,388                    | 59,707                 | 54,200                   | 55,610                |
| 322 • Per Capita - Synods                      | 3,328                     | 7,120                  | 5,000                    | 11,390                |
| <b>Total 32 • Per Capita Revenue</b>           | <b>29,716</b>             | <b>66,827</b>          | <b>59,200</b>            | <b>67,000</b>         |
| <b>42 • Per Capita Expenses</b>                |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 421 • Per Capita - General Assembly            | 30,211                    | 87,818                 | 60,422                   | 55,610                |
| 422 • Per Capita - Synod                       | 6,271                     | 13,442                 | 12,542                   | 11,390                |
| <b>Total 42 • Per Capita Expenses</b>          | <b>36,482</b>             | <b>101,260</b>         | <b>72,964</b>            | <b>67,000</b>         |
| <b>Total 3B • PER CAPITA</b>                   | <b>-6,766</b>             | <b>-34,433</b>         | <b>-13,764</b>           | <b>-</b>              |

**Peace River Presbytery  
2026 Budget  
Three Streams of Support**

|                                            |                                                   | Actual Jan - June<br>2025 | 2024 ANNUAL<br>Actual* | 2025 ANNUAL<br>Projected | 2026 ANNUAL<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>3C - PRESBYTERY MINISTRY OPERATIONS</b> |                                                   |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 33                                         | Presby Ministry Operations Rev                    |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 331                                        | Ministry Operations Support                       | 149,779                   | 260,764                | 310,000                  | 300,000               |
| 332                                        | 4% Draw New Covenant - Other                      | see below                 | see below              | see below                | see below             |
| 333                                        | Transfer from New Covenant - Other                | see below                 | see below              |                          |                       |
| 337                                        | Other Income                                      | 0                         | 5,968                  | 0                        |                       |
| 34                                         | Released from Restricted Funds                    | 0                         | 33,743                 | 0                        |                       |
|                                            | <b>Total 33 - Presby Ministry Operations Rev</b>  | <b>149,779</b>            | <b>300,475</b>         | <b>310,000</b>           | <b>300,000</b>        |
| 43                                         | Presby Ministry Operations Exp                    |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 431                                        | CCC Committee                                     |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4313                                       | Church Development (account title change)         | 0                         | 0                      | 0                        | 1,500                 |
| 4314                                       | Communications                                    | 402                       | 1,304                  | 3,000                    | 3,000                 |
| 4316                                       | Special Events (Includes speakers)                | 957                       | 3,188                  | 10,000                   | 8,000                 |
| 4345                                       | Cuba Partnership                                  | 0                         | 0                      | 2,000                    | 1,000                 |
|                                            | <b>Total 431 - CCC Committee</b>                  | <b>1,359</b>              | <b>4,492</b>           | <b>15,000</b>            | <b>13,500</b>         |
| 432                                        | Committee on Ministry                             |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4321                                       | Background Screenings                             | 286                       | 465                    | 500                      | 500                   |
| 43210                                      | Pastor Assistance                                 | 1,006                     | 7,500                  | 0                        | -                     |
| 4322                                       | Career Evaluations                                | 0                         | 0                      | 1,250                    | 1,250                 |
| 43220                                      | Coaching                                          | 300                       | 0                      | 1,000                    | 2,000                 |
| 4323                                       | Shared Needs Grant                                | 0                         | 0                      | 2,500                    | 2,000                 |
| 4325                                       | Boundaries Training                               | 0                         | 0                      | 500                      | 500                   |
| 4344                                       | Mission Insite (Demographic)                      |                           | 0                      | 2,000                    | 2,000                 |
|                                            | <b>Total 432 - Committee on Ministry</b>          | <b>1,592</b>              | <b>7,965</b>           | <b>7,750</b>             | <b>8,250</b>          |
| 433                                        | Committee Preparation Ministry                    |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4331                                       | Candidate Testing Costs                           | 0                         | 0                      | 500                      | 500                   |
| 4332                                       | Career Assessment Costs                           | 1,183                     | 0                      | 1,500                    | 1,500                 |
| 4333                                       | Scholarship                                       | 0                         | 0                      | 0                        | -                     |
|                                            | <b>Total 433 - Committee Preparation Ministry</b> | <b>1,183</b>              | <b>0</b>               | <b>2,000</b>             | <b>2,000</b>          |
| 435                                        | Steering Committee                                |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4351                                       | Miscellaneous                                     | 0                         | 254                    |                          |                       |
|                                            | <b>Total 435 - Steering Committee</b>             | <b>0</b>                  | <b>254</b>             | <b>300</b>               | <b>500</b>            |
| 436                                        | Facilities and Operations                         |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4366                                       | Computer Hardware & Support                       | 16                        | 1,051                  | 2,000                    | 1,500                 |
| 4367                                       | Computer Software & Support                       | 580                       | 1,086                  | 1,000                    | 1,500                 |
| 4368                                       | IT Support                                        | 0                         | 75                     | 500                      | 500                   |
| 4372                                       | Postage                                           | 56                        | 486                    | 600                      | 100                   |
| 4373                                       | Office Supplies                                   | 122                       | 486                    | 600                      | 600                   |
| 4378                                       | Auditor                                           | 3,200                     | 4,900                  | 3,200                    | 6,000                 |
| 4379                                       | Insurance                                         | 4,520                     | -226                   | 5,500                    | 5,500                 |
| 4380                                       | Legal Fees                                        | 620                       | 509                    | 5,000                    | 5,000                 |
| 4382                                       | Hospitality Supplies                              | 0                         | 106                    | 500                      | 200                   |
| 4311                                       | Presbytery Moderator Expenses                     | 0                         | 0                      | 500                      | 500                   |
| 4312                                       | Stated/Called Meetings                            | 673                       | 1,417                  | 3,000                    | 3,000                 |
| xxxx                                       | Parliamentary Supplies                            | 0                         | 0                      | 0                        | 300                   |
| 4386                                       | Accounting Services                               | 30,716                    | 40,445                 | 41,400                   | 60,000                |
| 4387                                       | Security                                          | 0                         | 30                     | 0                        | -                     |
|                                            | <b>Total 436 - Facilities and Operations</b>      | <b>40,503</b>             | <b>50,365</b>          | <b>63,800</b>            | <b>84,700</b>         |
| 439                                        | Human Resources Committee                         |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 4391                                       | General Presbyter                                 |                           |                        |                          |                       |

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**Peace River Presbytery  
2026 Budget  
Three Streams of Support**

|                                                                                                              | Actual Jan - June<br>2025 | 2024 ANNUAL<br>Actual* | 2025 ANNUAL<br>Projected | 2026 ANNUAL<br>Budget |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 43911 · GP Salary                                                                                            | 33,500                    | 63,100                 | 67,000                   | 80,680                |
| 43912 · GP Housing Allowance                                                                                 | 23,500                    | 45,900                 | 47,000                   | 47,000                |
| 43913 · GP SECA Allowance                                                                                    | 4,275                     | 8,339                  | 8,550                    | 9,576                 |
| 43914 · GP Continuing Education                                                                              | 1,500                     | 3,000                  | 3,000                    | 5,000                 |
| 43915 · GP Travel & Lodging                                                                                  | 168                       | 320                    | 3,000                    | 3,000                 |
| 43916 · GP Automobile Expenses                                                                               | 2,328                     | 7,247                  | 9,000                    | 10,000                |
| 43917 · GP Professional Expenses                                                                             | 270                       | 818                    | 2,100                    | 2,300                 |
| 43918 · GP Pastoral Relations                                                                                | 146                       | 860                    | 2,000                    | 2,000                 |
| 43919 · GP Medical & Pension Benefits                                                                        | 12,683                    | 40,957                 | 24,510                   | 28,000                |
| 43920 · Dental Allowance                                                                                     | 600                       | 1,125                  | 1,200                    | 1,200                 |
| 43921 · Additional Insurance Reimbursable                                                                    | 0                         | 0                      | 12,000                   | 3,000                 |
| <b>Total 4391 - General Presbyter</b>                                                                        | <b>78,970</b>             | <b>171,666</b>         | <b>179,360</b>           | <b>191,756</b>        |
| 4393 · Office Administrator                                                                                  |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 43931 · ES Salary                                                                                            | 12,397                    | 54,200                 | 10,000                   | 0                     |
| 43932 · ES Employer Payroll Taxes                                                                            | 948                       | 4,111                  | 0                        | 0                     |
| 43933 · ES Medical & Pension Benefits                                                                        | 5,649                     | 14,126                 | 5,700                    | 0                     |
| 43934 · ES Additional BOP Clearing                                                                           | 23                        | 0                      | 0                        | 0                     |
| <b>Total 4393 - Office Administrator</b>                                                                     | <b>19,017</b>             | <b>72,437</b>          | <b>15,700</b>            | <b>0</b>              |
| 4395 · Stated Clerk                                                                                          |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 43951 · SC Salary                                                                                            | 11,000                    | 20,900                 | 22,000                   | 25,160                |
| 43952 · SC Housing Allowance                                                                                 | 10,500                    | 20,450                 | 21,000                   | 23,000                |
| 43953 · Membership Fees/Meeting Expense                                                                      | 534                       | 1,075                  | 3,000                    | 3,000                 |
| 43954 · Professional Expenses/Mileage                                                                        | 705                       | 2,337                  | 2,700                    | 2,900                 |
| <b>Total 4395 - Stated Clerk</b>                                                                             | <b>22,739</b>             | <b>44,762</b>          | <b>48,700</b>            | <b>54,060</b>         |
| 4397 · Other Staff Expenses                                                                                  |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| 43973 · Staff Automobile Expenses                                                                            | 0                         | 94                     | 0                        | 0                     |
| 43974 · Staff Professional Expenses                                                                          | 0                         | 74                     | 0                        | 0                     |
| 43975 · GA Expenses (even years only)                                                                        | 0                         | 4,569                  | 0                        | 5,500                 |
| 43976 · Worker's Compensation Policy                                                                         | 966                       | 1,023                  | 0                        | 0                     |
| <b>Total 4397 · Other Staff Expenses</b>                                                                     | <b>3,100</b>              | <b>5,760</b>           | <b>0</b>                 | <b>5,500</b>          |
| 4398 Support Staff, Inc. Payroll Taxes                                                                       | 0                         | 8,200                  | 15,000                   | 22,000                |
| <b>Total 439 · Human Resources Committee</b>                                                                 | <b>124,792</b>            | <b>302,825</b>         | <b>258,760</b>           | <b>273,316</b>        |
| Transfers Out                                                                                                | 0                         | 39,711                 |                          |                       |
| <b>Total 43 - Presby Ministry Operations Exp.</b>                                                            | <b>169,429</b>            | <b>405,612</b>         | <b>347,610</b>           | <b>382,266</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL 3C - PRESBYTERY MINISTRY OPERATIONS - NET</b>                                                       | <b>-19,650</b>            | <b>-105,137</b>        | <b>-37,610</b>           | <b>(82,266)</b>       |
|                                                                                                              |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>NET INCOME - THREE STREAMS - SUMMARY and NOTES</b>                                                        | <b>-33,402</b>            | <b>-148,141</b>        | <b>-58,035</b>           | <b>82,266</b>         |
|                                                                                                              |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| <b>NET INCOME - THREE STREAMS - SUMMARY and NOTES</b>                                                        | <b>-33,402</b>            | <b>-148,141</b>        | <b>-58,035</b>           | <b>82,266</b>         |
| Draw from PRP Investment Reserves at 4%                                                                      | 47,600                    | 80,000                 | 66,700                   | 75,900                |
| <b>NET INCOME after draw</b>                                                                                 | <b>14,198</b>             | <b>-68,141</b>         | <b>8,665</b>             | <b>(6,366)</b>        |
|                                                                                                              |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| *Hurricane, COVID and Chapel by the sea assets received have been removed for better year to year comparison |                           |                        |                          |                       |
| IMPORTANT: Please read budget tidbits for more detailed disclosure of assumptions and estimates              |                           |                        |                          |                       |

Peace River Presbytery  
**Tidbits from the Treasurer**  
 August 2025

If you have any questions about this report, please call Treasurer,  
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| Category               | August Actual     | August Budget  | YTD Actual – Aug - 2025 | YTD Budget – Aug - 2025 | YTD Actual Aug - 2024 |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| MISSION                |                   |                |                         |                         |                       |
| Revenue                | \$ 4,537          | \$ 19,488      | \$151,667               | \$155,900               | \$178,453             |
| Expense                | \$ 21,623         | \$ 19,559      | \$152,533               | \$156,474               | \$177,233             |
| NET (before transfers) | <b>\$(17,086)</b> | <b>\$ (71)</b> | <b>\$ (866)</b>         | <b>\$ (574)</b>         | \$ 1,220              |

|                                |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| NET Funds Transfers IN/OUT +/- | \$ (2,598)        | \$ (483)        | \$ (4,058)      | \$ (3,867)    | \$ (8,988)        |
| NET                            | \$(19,684)        | \$ (554)        | \$ (4,924)      | \$ (4,441)    | \$ (7,768)        |
|                                |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
| PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS          |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
| Revenue                        | \$ 24,570         | \$ 25,833       | \$184,087       | \$206,667     | \$190,180         |
| Expense                        | \$ 21,236         | \$ 27,659       | \$208,414       | \$236,973     | \$240,085         |
| NET (before transfers)         | \$ 3,334          | \$ (1,826)      | \$(24,327)      | \$(30,306)    | \$(49,906)        |
| NET Funds Transfers IN/OUT +/- | \$ 0              | \$ 5,558        | \$ 49,989       | \$ 44,467     | \$ 40,000         |
| NET                            | \$ 3,334          | \$ 3,732        | \$ 25,662       | \$ 14,161     | \$ (9,906)        |
|                                |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
| PER CAPITA                     |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
| Revenue                        | \$ 1,065          | \$ 4,934        | \$ 32,476       | \$ 39,467     | \$ 48,399         |
| Expense                        | \$ 6,080          | \$ 6,080        | \$ 48,643       | \$ 48,643     | \$ 50,630         |
| NET                            | \$(5,015)         | \$ (1,146)      | \$(16,167)      | \$ (9,176)    | \$ ( 2,231)       |
|                                |                   |                 |                 |               |                   |
| <b>COMBINED STREAM NET</b>     | <b>\$(21,365)</b> | <b>\$ 2,031</b> | <b>\$ 4,571</b> | <b>\$ 544</b> | <b>\$(19,905)</b> |

Rounding may cause \$1 over/under

Headline: August revenue for Presbytery Ministry Operations held strong, but mission and per capita revenue lagged. YTD all three streams are running below 2024 revenue.

Mission Stream: PDA hurricane recovery monies were distributed with \$25K going to Hope DeSoto Long Term Recovery and \$40K going to United Way South Sarasota County. Mission partner giving is lagging the budgeted commitments; it is noted that unrestricted reserves will be used to meet pledges to the covenant partners. Based on corrections requested from the Treasurer's office, the following were adjusted in August and reflect accurate YTD information: July's revenue was overstated by \$3.5K and for some reason Special Offerings revenues received in July were not passed through in the month which effectively over reported income of \$5.5K without the partnering expense. Both were corrected in August.

PRP Ministry Operations: Expenses are understated as a result of the accounting services invoice not being presented for the month. \$45K was moved from the Chapel by the Sea investment account into the operating checking account to cover the fencing expenditure approved by the Finance Committee (\$25K), survey costs, ongoing weed control and utilities.

Per Capita Stream: The expenses are calculated at 1/12 of the budgeted per capita commitment each month. The budgeted reduction in support of the General Assembly more closely reflects the income donated by the churches.

Summary of Funds and Accounts Report: Already noted was the \$45K transfer from the Chapel by the Sea investment account. Additionally, a \$4K scholarship was granted from the Installation Offering fund.

Giving Report: 31 of 36 churches participate financially in at least one of the three streams of revenue. Seven churches have not supported Presbytery Ministry Operations in 2025.

| PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY - 2025 GIVING REPORT |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                                             |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  | AS OF 8/31/2025 |                                      |                             |                                    |
| Members 12/31/2021                          | Members 12/31/2022 | Members 12/31/2023 | Members 12/31/2024 |                     |                  | Synod Mission   | Unrestricted Covenant Partner Giving | General Assembly Per Capita | Synod of South Atlantic Per Capita |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    | Name                | Location         |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |
| 91                                          | 89                 | 88                 | 79                 | Bee Ridge           | Sarasota         | -               | -                                    | 820.00                      | 150.00                             |
| 50                                          | 42                 | 35                 | 37                 | Braden River        | Bradenton        | 28.67           | 437.17                               | 299.92                      | 42.84                              |
| 110                                         | 76                 | 81                 | 75                 | Buckingham          | Fort Myers       | -               | 1,600.00                             | 590.00                      | -                                  |
| 429                                         | 403                | 448                | 438                | Burnt Store         | Punta Gorda      | -               | 5,375.44                             | -                           | -                                  |
| 169                                         | 172                | 170                | 171                | Christ Church       | Longboat Key     | 100.00          | 2,500.00                             | 1,000.00                    | 150.00                             |
| 1,812                                       | 1,877              | 1,894              | 1910               | Church of the Palms | Sarasota         | -               | -                                    | 8,668.25                    | 805.25                             |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    | Community           | Babcock Ranch    | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 135                                         | 128                | 116                | 95                 | Community           | Englewood        | 76.50           | 949.50                               | 913.25                      | 115.00                             |
| 55                                          | 57                 | 43                 | 46                 | Community           | Estero           | -               | 1,450.00                             | 400.00                      | -                                  |
| 299                                         | 299                | 256                | 238                | Covenant            | Fort Myers       | -               | 1,170.35                             | 1,966.68                    | -                                  |
| 102                                         | 95                 | 95                 | 44                 | Covenant            | Sarasota         | -               | 2,763.00                             | -                           | -                                  |
| 231                                         | 232                | 153                | 148                | Cypress Lake        | Fort Myers       | -               | -                                    | 1,138.24                    | 28.33                              |
| 1,020                                       | 942                | 729                | 739                | Faith               | Cape Coral       | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 154                                         | 150                | 91                 | 90                 | First               | Arcadia          | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 2,015                                       | 2,037              | 2,076              | 2074               | First               | Bonita Springs   | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 207                                         | 226                | 242                | 242                | First               | Bradenton        | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 65                                          | 49                 | 30                 | 29                 | First               | Lehigh Acres     | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 657                                         | 657                | 612                | 577                | First               | Naples           | -               | 6,142.50                             | 2,680.65                    | 941.85                             |
| 119                                         | 101                | 105                | 95                 | First               | Port Charlotte   | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 542                                         | 545                | 528                | 438                | First               | Sarasota         | -               | -                                    | 2,861.76                    | 396.00                             |
| 168                                         | 149                | 147                | 106                | Holy Trinity        | North Fort Myers | 106.00          | 648.00                               | 1,166.00                    | 212.00                             |
| 231                                         | 207                | 196                | 212                | Kirkwood            | Bradenton        | -               | 13.33                                | 1,305.00                    | 195.00                             |
| 90                                          | 102                | 119                | 90                 | Lely                | Naples           | 66.00           | 3,417.00                             | 715.44                      | 99.00                              |
| 940                                         | 590                | 408                | 454                | Moorings            | Naples           | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 156                                         | 150                | 161                | 188                | Northminster        | Sarasota         | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 29                                          | 29                 | 25                 | 23                 | Oak Pointe          | Sarasota         | -               | 2,000.00                             | 271.25                      | 37.50                              |
| 40                                          | 39                 | 40                 | 38                 | Palmetto            | Palmetto         | 28.00           | 700.00                               | 303.80                      | 42.00                              |
| 204                                         | 234                | 254                | 255                | Peace               | Lakewood Ranch   | -               | 2,809.00                             | 1,617.26                    | 150.24                             |
| 351                                         | 340                | 218                | 216                | Pine Shores         | Sarasota         | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 161                                         | 143                | 142                | 142                | Siesta Key Chapel   | Sarasota         | 142.00          | -                                    | 1,540.70                    | 213.00                             |
| 118                                         | 112                | 40                 | 39                 | St. Paul's          | North Port       | -               | 888.00                               | 434.00                      | 60.00                              |
| 231                                         | 218                | 157                | 153                | Trinity             | Venice           | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 189                                         | 163                | 143                | 128                | United              | Bradenton        | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 519                                         | 519                | 462                | 462                | Vanderbilt          | Naples           | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 643                                         | 639                | 602                | 601                | Venice              | Venice           | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 38                                          | 41                 | 44                 | 32                 | Wintergarden        | Port Charlotte   | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
|                                             | 135                | 133                | 133                | Pastors             |                  | -               | 180.00                               | 136.52                      | 9.00                               |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    | Other               |                  | -               | -                                    | -                           | -                                  |
| 12,531                                      | 12,083             | 11,013             | 10,704 *           |                     |                  | 547.17          | 33,043.29                            | 28,828.72                   | 3,647.01                           |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |
|                                             |                    |                    |                    |                     |                  |                 |                                      |                             |                                    |

2025 Giving Report (continued)

|                     |                  | Presbytery<br>Ministry<br>Operations | Restricted<br>Giving | Presbytery<br>Special<br>Giving | Hurricane<br>and Tropical<br>Storms | TOTAL<br>RECEIVED | TOTAL<br>PLEDGED | Covenant<br>Partner<br>Giving Direct<br>Donation |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Name                | Location         |                                      |                      |                                 |                                     |                   |                  |                                                  |
| Bee Ridge           | Sarasota         | 2,200.00                             | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 3,170.00          | 3,170.00         |                                                  |
| Braden River        | Bradenton        | 957.83                               | 248.92               | -                               | -                                   | 2,015.35          | 2,462.00         | -                                                |
| Buckingham          | Fort Myers       | 3,200.00                             | 400.00               | 2,862.57                        | -                                   | 8,652.57          | 0.00             | 2,094.35                                         |
| Burnt Store         | Punta Gorda      | 8,960.00                             | -                    | 6,092.50                        | -                                   | 20,427.94         | 24,575.00        | 6,500.00                                         |
| Christ Church       | Longboat Key     | 7,000.00                             | 1,000.00             | -                               | -                                   | 11,750.00         | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Church of the Palms | Sarasota         | 16,434.50                            | 11,033.50            | 2,137.00                        | -                                   | 39,078.50         | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Community           | Babcock Ranch    | -                                    | -                    | -                               | -                                   | -                 | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Community           | Englewood        | 5,495.75                             | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 7,550.00          | 6,100.00         |                                                  |
| Community           | Estero           | 850.00                               | 3,000.00             | 540.00                          | -                                   | 6,240.00          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Covenant            | Fort Myers       | 7,254.00                             | 2,000.00             | 2,655.52                        | -                                   | 15,046.55         | 20,715.00        | 1,025.00                                         |
| Covenant            | Sarasota         | 4,900.00                             | 2,800.00             | 660.00                          | -                                   | 11,123.00         | 2,917.20         | 1,045.00                                         |
| Cypress Lake        | Fort Myers       | 166.66                               | 852.00               | 3,201.00                        | -                                   | 5,386.23          | 0.00             | -                                                |
| Faith               | Cape Coral       | -                                    | -                    | 4,032.00                        | -                                   | 4,032.00          | 22,100.00        | -                                                |
| First               | Arcadia          | 4,000.00                             | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 4,000.00          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| First               | Bonita Springs   | 46,875.00                            | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 46,875.00         | 62,500.00        |                                                  |
| First               | Bradenton        | 1,625.00                             | -                    | 69.00                           | -                                   | 1,694.00          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| First               | Lehigh Acres     | -                                    | -                    | 1,104.75                        | -                                   | 1,104.75          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| First               | Naples           | 18,375.00                            | 8,000.00             | 809.00                          | -                                   | 36,949.00         | 56,280.00        |                                                  |
| First               | Port Charlotte   | 10,000.00                            | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 10,000.00         | 0.00             | 600.00                                           |
| First               | Sarasota         | 2,891.74                             | 6,800.00             | 7,232.00                        | -                                   | 20,181.50         | 24,299.00        |                                                  |
| Holy Trinity        | North Fort Myers | 2,592.00                             | 1,184.00             | -                               | -                                   | 5,908.00          | 7,208.00         | 50.00                                            |
| Kirkwood            | Bradenton        | 3,000.00                             | -                    | 440.41                          | -                                   | 4,953.74          | 5,830.00         | 2,000.00                                         |
| Lely                | Naples           | 2,195.36                             | 1,852.20             | 742.00                          | -                                   | 9,087.00          | 8,330.00         |                                                  |
| Moorings            | Naples           | -                                    | -                    | -                               | -                                   | -                 | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Northminster        | Sarasota         | 3,000.00                             | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 3,000.00          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Oak Pointe          | Sarasota         | 1,000.00                             | 3,000.00             | 500.00                          | -                                   | 6,808.75          | 6,858.00         |                                                  |
| Palmetto            | Palmetto         | 980.00                               | -                    | -                               | -                                   | 2,053.80          | 2,934.00         |                                                  |
| Peace               | Lakewood Ranch   | 4,439.00                             | -                    | 7,959.00                        | -                                   | 16,974.50         | 18,031.00        |                                                  |
| Pine Shores         | Sarasota         | -                                    | -                    | -                               | -                                   | -                 | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Siesta Key Chapel   | Sarasota         | 4,518.50                             | 3,595.40             | -                               | -                                   | 10,009.60         | 9,999.60         |                                                  |
| St. Paul's          | North Port       | 1,270.00                             | -                    | 420.00                          | -                                   | 3,072.00          | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Trinity             | Venice           | -                                    | -                    | -                               | -                                   | -                 | 0.00             |                                                  |
| United              | Bradenton        | 2,000.00                             | 3,592.67             | 4,542.00                        | -                                   | 10,134.67         | 10,241.00        |                                                  |
| Vanderbilt          | Naples           | 6,666.67                             | -                    | 2,621.00                        | 2,502.35                            | 11,790.02         | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Venice              | Venice           | 4,500.00                             | 1,250.00             | -                               | -                                   | 5,750.00          | 0.00             | 6,919.20                                         |
| Wintergarden        | Port Charlotte   | -                                    | -                    | -                               | -                                   | -                 | 0.00             |                                                  |
| Pastors             |                  | 6,645.61                             | 150.00               | -                               | -                                   | 7,121.13          | 6,000.00         |                                                  |
| Other               |                  | -                                    | 11,379.61            | 23.97                           | 135,700.00                          | 147,103.58        | 0.00             | 16,344.12                                        |
|                     |                  | 184,087.27                           | 62,138.30            | 48,643.72                       | 138,202.35                          | 499,137.83        | 300,549.80       | 36,577.67                                        |
|                     |                  |                                      |                      |                                 |                                     |                   |                  |                                                  |

August 31, 2025

|                                            |  |  |  |                                             | Beginning<br>Balance | Revenue    | Expenses   | Changes in<br>Investments | Transfers   | Ending<br>Balance |
|--------------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 26 - Investments and Checking              |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
| 260a - Unrestricted / Undesignated         |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2601 - General                              | 2,425,277.89         |            | 46,700.00  | 110,340.04                |             | 2,488,917.93      |
| 260b - Donor Restricted                    |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2602 - Church Development                   | 472,327.65           |            |            | 22,536.67                 |             | 494,864.32        |
| 260c - Presbytery Designated               |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2601b - Chapel - Ins. / Sm. Church          | 1,662,845.67         |            |            | 79,070.66                 | (45,000.00) | 1,696,916.33      |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2631a - Blessing Grants                     | 1,177,533.53         |            |            | 54,490.82                 |             | 1,232,024.35      |
| Total 260c Presbytery Designated           |  |  |  |                                             | 2,840,379.20         | -          | -          | 133,561.48                | (45,000.00) | 2,928,940.68      |
| Total 260                                  |  |  |  |                                             | 5,737,984.74         | -          | 46,700.00  | 266,438.19                | (45,000.00) | 5,912,722.93      |
| 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             |            | 16,130.24  |                           | 45,000.00   | 33,756.42         |
|                                            |  |  |  | 29 - PRP Net Income/Loss                    | (73,709.56)          | 6,343.30   |            |                           | 73,709.56   | 6,343.30          |
| Total 268a - Unrestricted / Undesignated   |  |  |  |                                             | (47,752.28)          | 6,343.30   | 16,130.24  | -                         | 45,000.00   | (12,539.22)       |
| 268b - Donor Restricted                    |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2621 - Peacemaking - PRP Portion            | 999.83               | 296.38     |            |                           |             | 1,296.21          |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2635a - Church Development                  | 3,051.56             | 241.89     |            |                           | 467.34      | 3,760.79          |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2643a - Mision Peniel Pass Through          | -                    |            |            |                           |             | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 267 - Memorial Funds Interest               |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2671 - Hughey Memorial Fund                 | 2,194.71             | 894.61     | 3,089.32   |                           |             | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2672 - Arnall Memorial Fund                 | 1,051.17             | 428.49     | 1,479.66   |                           |             | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2673 - Evans Memorial Fund                  | 241.60               | 55.86      | 297.46     |                           |             | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2674 - Young Memorial Fund                  | 2,070.18             | 1,513.40   | 3,583.58   |                           | -           | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2675 - Morris Memorial Fund                 | 171.86               | 70.03      | 241.89     |                           |             | 0.00              |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2676 - Murphy Trust Fund                    | 20,684.25            |            |            |                           |             | 20,684.25         |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2677 - Chapel - Bachman - Music             | 15,405.72            | 1,281.82   |            |                           |             | 16,687.54         |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2678 - Chapel - Parish Nurse                | 1,282.19             | 2,572.05   | 3,854.24   |                           |             | 0.00              |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2680 - Chapel - Ford - Scholarship          | 468.54               | -          |            |                           | (468.54)    | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2681 Chapel - Chachman - New Church Develop | 467.34               | -          |            |                           | (467.34)    | -                 |
| Total 267 - Memorial Funds Interest        |  |  |  |                                             | 44,037.56            |            |            |                           |             | 37,371.79         |
|                                            |  |  |  | 26814 - Cuba Partnership                    | 2,596.98             | -          |            |                           |             | 2,596.98          |
|                                            |  |  |  | 26817 - Hurricane Recovery                  | 49,675.65            | 138,202.35 | 187,878.00 |                           |             | -                 |
|                                            |  |  |  | 26818 - Marg Towner Women Stole             | 2,583.60             | -          | 2,100.00   |                           |             | 483.60            |
| Total 268b - Donor Restricted              |  |  |  |                                             | 102,945.18           | 145,556.88 | 202,524.15 | -                         | (468.54)    | 45,509.37         |
| 268c - Presbytery Designated               |  |  |  |                                             |                      |            |            |                           |             |                   |
|                                            |  |  |  | 26312 - Blessing Grant Funds                | 1,638.65             |            |            |                           |             | 1,638.65          |
|                                            |  |  |  | 2661 - Installation Offering                | 17,142.62            | 4,058.47   | 4,000.00   |                           | 468.54      | 17,669.63         |
|                                            |  |  |  | 26807 -Pastor Assistance                    | 446.90               | 7,000.00   |            |                           |             | 7,446.90          |
|                                            |  |  |  | 268c1 - GP Study Leave Fund                 | 2,700.00             | 1,500.00   |            |                           |             | 4,200.00          |
| Total 268c - Presbytery Designated         |  |  |  |                                             | 21,928.17            | 12,558.47  | 4,000.00   | -                         | 468.54      | 30,955.18         |
| Total 268 - CHECKING ACCOUNT               |  |  |  |                                             | 77,121.07            | 164,458.65 | 222,654.39 | -                         | 45,000.00   | 63,925.33         |
| Total 26 - Investment and Checking Account |  |  |  |                                             | 5,815,105.81         | 164,458.65 | 269,354.39 | 266,438.19                | -           | 5,976,648.26      |



**Overture Committee Report**  
October 2025 Stated Meeting

The following overture was submitted by the Braden River Session on September 28 with a request for action at the February 2026 Stated Meeting.

**OVERTURE TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
CONCERNING WORLD MISSION**

Whereas the final command of the Risen Christ declares that ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...’ **Matthew 28:18,19** and

Whereas the opening paragraph of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) states that: *The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules, and transforms all things and all people...in proclaiming to all people the good news of God’s love.* **F-1.01 God’s Mission** and

Whereas the first of the six GREAT ENDS OF THE CHURCH is *the proclamation of the Gospel for [all] humankind.* **Great Ends F-1.0304** and

Whereas, the Presbyterian Church (USA) is a connectional church that both sends and receives Mission Partners on a global level, and

Whereas, the recent elimination of the World Mission co-workers would seem to undermine both the sending and receiving of our ecumenical Mission Partners:

Therefore, be it resolved that Peace River Presbytery respectfully overtures the 227<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2026) meeting in Milwaukee, June 28-July 2, 2026 for our denomination to

- (1) Diligently seek restoration of our former mission co-workers as we renew those covenant relationships in support of world-wide missions and establish new relationships as appropriate.**
- (2) And be it further resolved that the work of these mission co-workers be supported and continued as consistent with the goals of the Presbyterian Church (USA) as put forth in Scripture, the Constitution and the Confessions of our church.**

Adopted by the Session of Braden River Presbyterian Church at a special meeting on Sunday, September 28, 2025.

It is further requested that this be distributed at the October 18, 2025 Meeting of Peace River Presbytery and to be acted on as a matter of business at the Stated February meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois McGill, Clerk of Session  
Charles J. Wiggins, Moderator

**Peace River Presbyterian Women**  
October 18, 2025

Coordinating Team:

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Co-Moderator | Kathy Shannon<br>Betty Mangos     |
| Secretary    | Gail Adams                        |
| Treasurer    | Judy Colvin<br><br>Janet Steenrod |

PRPW supports \_\_12\_\_ missions plus the national offerings of PW the annual birthday and thank offerings.

From the Margaret Day Fund, we assisted 9 members to attend Fall Retreat at Epsworth on St. Simons for the Triennial South Atlantic Synod meeting in October. 2025.

From the scholarship fund, \$2000 was gifted to Carson Brown for his seminary studies.

A Fall Retreat is not scheduled this year due to the Triennial meeting.

A Spring Retreat is being planned and will be held at Burnt Store PC Feb. 21, 2026.

## **Representation Committee Report October 2025 Stated Meeting**

The Representation Committee acknowledges a lack of diversity within the membership of the presbytery. The Human Resources Committee recruits and nominates leadership within the demographics to reflect existing diversity of Peace River Presbytery.

Ethnic composition of Peace River Presbytery as reported by congregations on the 2024 Annual Statistical Report (5 congregations did not complete this section of the report):

|                              |       |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Asian/Pacific Islander       | 0.5%  |
| Black/African                | 1.0%  |
| Middle Eastern/North African | 0.1%  |
| Hispanic/Latino              | 1.3%  |
| Native American/Indigenous   | 0.1%  |
| White                        | 95.7% |
| Multiracial                  | 1.3%  |