



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ September 4, 2020

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

September 12 is our first stated virtual Presbytery meeting. If you would like training before the meeting, there is still one opportunity on September 8 at 5pm. Email me at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org for the link. You should have received an email today about registering for the Presbytery meeting with an attachment about the special rules for a virtual meeting. Please make sure your commissioners received that email since no one will be able to attend without pre-registering by September 10.

We will conduct the business portion of the meeting first and then have worship and a time of education. The education will focus on how we listen to one another while discussing difficult topics, something the church could be leading for the culture. I hope you will join in that time of learning.

There are two announcements about free educational events in this newsletter. One is on leadership in these strange times and the other is offered by the Presbyterian Mental Health Network, focusing on Pandemic Fatigue. Even if you have Zoom fatigue, these are both worthwhile opportunities.

Misión Peniel continues important ministry with the essential workers who put food on our tables. You can share a [video](#) about that work during your worship time. The video link is also posted on our [resource page](#). Thank you for the support given to this ministry during the pandemic.

Have a blessed and safe holiday weekend.

Melana

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Saturday, September 12, 2020

Virtual by Zoom Conference*

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Check-In begins at 8:00 am

Meeting begins at 9:00 am

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*Pre-Registration for the Stated Meeting will be required by Thursday, September 10.

An email was sent out this morning with instructions for registering.

If you did not receive that email, please contact alesia@peacriverpresbytery.org

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A Finance Forum will be held before the meeting for anyone who has questions about the Presbytery's Mission and Finances or who needs assistance with planning their church's finances.

This Zoom meeting will be held from 8:15-8:45 am.  
Email Melana Scruggs, [melana@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peacriverpresbytery.org),  
for a separate Zoom link for this Finance Forum.

### From Your Human Resources Team

The Human Resources Team of the Presbytery  
is seeking volunteers to serve on Presbytery Teams and Committees.  
To see brief descriptions of the Presbytery Teams and Committees, click [here](#).  
To access and download the "Volunteer Nomination Form", click [here](#).  
For additional information, please contact Human Resources Team Co-Moderator,  
Rev. Laurie Haas, [lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org)

### PRP Employee Handbook Revision – Draft

[Letter to PRP Commissioners](#)  
[Handbook Revision - Draft](#)

### Synod of South Atlantic, PC(USA) Church Leaders' Forum

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – Zoom Event  
Presenter: Rev. Rosemary Mitchell, CFRE,  
Senior Director for Mission Engagement and Support  
of the Presbyterian Mission Agency  
*Click on the link above to register.*

### Mental Health Seminar



## **Pandemic Fatigued?**

Spiritual and Mental Health in the Time of COVID-19

*A Panel Conversation hosted by the Presbyterian Mental Health Network*

**September 30, 2020 @**

1:00-2:30 p.m. Eastern  
10:00-11:30 a.m. Pacific

#### Panelists



**Rev. Dr. Bridget Piggue**, Director of Spiritual Health at Emory University Hospital Midtown in Atlanta, Georgia



**Dr. Valerie Lipscomb**, Ruling Elder/Clerk of Session for Kirkwood Church in Bradenton, Florida



**Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon**, Head of Staff at C.N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, North Carolina

**Register for Free:** <http://bit.ly/PMHNsept30>

### Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

Web Site: [www.misionpeniel.org](http://www.misionpeniel.org)

As a mission of the Presbytery, we rely on the churches of Peace River Presbytery for 100% of our budget. Thank you for your faithful support of this presbytery ministry.

Additional ways to support during this pandemic:

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

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

## **Presbytery Calendar: September 2020**

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peaceriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org)

Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

### **Monday, September 7**

- Labor Day – Presbytery Offices Closed

### **Tuesday, September 8**

- Committee on Ministry (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)
- Cuba Partnership Task Force (10:00 am by Zoom Conference – Private Acct.)
- Zoom Training for Stated Meeting (5:00 pm; Pre-Registration Required\*)  
\*Email [melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org) to register for training.

### **Wednesday, September 9**

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

### **Thursday, September 10**

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

### **Saturday, September 12**

- Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery (by Zoom Conference\*)  
(Check-In begins at 8:00 am / Meeting begins at 9:00 am)  
\*Pre-Registration by Thursday, September 10 required. Register through the email that was sent on September 4.
- Finance Forum with Presbytery's Finance Team (8:15-8:45 am by Zoom Conference\*\*)  
\*\*Email [melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:melana@peaceriverpresbytery.org) to register for the Finance Forum.

### **Wednesday, September 16**

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

Team, Committee, and other meetings are being conducted via Zoom Video Conference until further notice.  
Please check the web site calendar regularly for additions or changes.

## **Covenant Partners of Peace River Presbytery**

Click on the links to visit each ministry's web site:

- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry – Wimauma: [www.beth-el.org](http://www.beth-el.org)
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center: [www.cedarkirk.org](http://www.cedarkirk.org)
- Presbyterian Homes & Housing Foundation of FL: [www.phhf.com](http://www.phhf.com)

## Prayer Needs

### Please pray for:

- Our Nation
- Beth-El Farmworker Ministry (in Wimauma)
- Misión Peniel Farmworker Ministry (in Immokalee)
- Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center
- Dan and Elizabeth Turk, PCUSA Mission Co-Workers in Madagascar

## Churches of Peace River Presbytery

Please visit our web site, [www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches](http://www.peaceriverpresbytery.org/churches)

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



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