



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ September 11, 2020

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

On Tuesday morning the Collier County Commission unanimously approved the zoning for the land for the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance project. The land purchase can now proceed and the infrastructure work will begin. Thank you to all the churches and individuals who have supported this project so far. There is a new [website](#) and Facebook [page](#) where you can get more information on how we are partnering with farmworkers to improve life in Immokalee.

The Presbyterian Mission Agency has been promoting the [Matthew 25 initiative](#) for over a year and several of our churches have used parts of the materials provided. The initiative consists of three parts: Building Congregational Vitality, Dismantling Structural Racism, and Eradicating Systemic Poverty. The work that Peace River Presbytery does at Misión Peniel, Beth El, and with the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance puts a real focus on eradicating poverty and working to change the systems that keep it in place. On Wednesday, September 16, at 3pm, the Rev. Miguel Estrada and I will be part of a webinar around the third focus of the Matthew 25 initiative. If you would like to participate in that webinar, you can register [here](#).

Tomorrow is our first virtual Stated Meeting of Presbytery and I look forward to “seeing” many of you. Our worship and education time will focus on how we hear one another even when we disagree. If you would like to share some of what is covered with your session or another group after the meeting, please let me know. Our current culture does not promote listening and the church can be a model of how that can happen in way that we can all grow.

Blessings,
Melana

[Webinar](#)

**Holy Imagination + Race:
How the Church Can Be a Healing Force in
America’s Racial Divide
Tuesday, September 15, 2:00 pm ET**

Presented by Kerry Connelly, author of Good White Racist.
Sponsored by The Presbyterian Outlook/Presbyterian Publishing
Click on “Webinar” above for the registration information and link.

[Faith Homes of Lehigh](#)

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Tuesday, September 22

By Presbyterian Homes and Housing Foundation

All are invited – click on link for details.

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

Tuesday, September 29, 2020 – Zoom Event
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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>

## 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)

## Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

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

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

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

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**Presbytery Calendar: September 2020**

*You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: [www.peacriverpresbytery.org](http://www.peacriverpresbytery.org)  
Please email corrections or additions to [lori@peacriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peacriverpresbytery.org)*

**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)  
*\*Registration closed Thursday, 9/10.*
- Finance Forum with Presbytery's Finance Team (8:15-8:45 am by Zoom Conference\*\*)  
*\*\* Registration closed Thursday, 9/10.*

**Thursday, September 17**

- Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (10:00 am by Zoom Conference)

**Wednesday, September 30**

- 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:**

- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill (HR) – Diagnosed with cancer. Please pray for his treatment and recovery.  
Address for notes and cards:  
Rev. Dr. Harry and Janet Schill / 16001 Via Solera Cir., #105 / Ft. Myers, FL 33908
- 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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