



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ October 23, 2020

2020 BLESSING GRANTS AWARDED

“I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.”

-Acts 2:17

In a time when the world seems to focus only on itself - its own protection, its own way forward, its own future. A few folks have had a greater vision for their community and the world that surround them. The Blessing Grants allow congregations and mission organizations in Peace River Presbytery to secure funds in order to make their dreams and visions a reality.

We are blessed to be able to distribute funds to the following organizations:

Mision Peniel - \$10,000 grant awarded to begin a music academy.

Palmetto Presbyterian Church - \$15,000 grant awarded to start an organic community garden.

Wintergarden Presbyterian Church - \$5,120 grant awarded to continue the good works of its established community garden project.

As we celebrate with and pray for the good work and good intentions of these important projects - you can also dream about your own organization in your own context. What is God calling you to do in your community? Where is the Spirit calling you to pour energy and imagination in order to help or inspire God's people? How could a Blessing Grant be a blessing to your and your organization?

Six churches submitted an application for funding this year. 2 were referred to the presbytery's *Church in the Virtual World* grant program. 1 application was not completed. We did not spend all that was available for this year's awards. That money will be saved for next year's process.

Thanks be to God for the opportunity to give gifts that will support the communities in which we live, work, and worship. Prayers for the good work that lies ahead.

From the Outreach and Nurture Committee (to join the good work of our team, contact co-moderators Rev. Terri-Jo Crego or Rev. Kelly Fitzgerald to learn more!)



DREAMING OF A NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CONGREGATION?

CONSIDER A BLESSING GRANT

Stated Meeting of Presbytery

Thursday, November 19, 2020

By Zoom Conference

9:00 am – Meeting Begins

Pre-Registration will be required. Information will be posted soon.

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### **Pre-Meeting Finance Forum**

By Zoom Conference

8:15-8:45 am

Open to all who are interested in learning more about the Presbytery's finances and budget, or who have a question for their church.

Pre-Registration will be required. Information will be posted soon.

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These meetings will be through separate Zoom links, but you will have time to do both.

Madagascar Mission Network

Mission Conference 2020: November 12-14

For information, click: [Virtual Conference Information](#)

Safe Gatherings

It is very important to assure that church staff and volunteers have the needed training when leading and managing programs for children and youth. Peace Presbyterian Church is successfully using a *Safe Gatherings* (<https://safegatherings.com>) module that focuses on this subject and may be of interest to your church. Please consult the Peace Presbyterian Church website or contact the Director of Ministries to Children, Youth, and Families at Peace Presbyterian Church, Eirinn Camphire, at e.eirinn@gmail.com

Position Opening

First Presbyterian Church of Port Charlotte

[Office Administrator](#)

Part Time: 28 hours/week, Monday-Thursday

Click on the Office Administrator link for the application.

Misión Peniel: a Ministry of Peace River Presbytery

Web Site: 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: October 2020

You may view the entire calendar on the Presbytery web site: www.peacriverpresbytery.org

Please email corrections or additions to lori@peacriverpresbytery.org

Monday, October 26

Finance Team (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

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

Covenant Partners of Peace River Presbytery

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

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

Prayer Needs

Please pray for:

- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill (HR) – Continued prayer for his treatment and recovery from bile duct cancer.
Address for cards – 16001 Via Solera Cir., #105, Fort Myers, FL 33908
- Rev. Alan Adams (HR) – Continued prayer for his treatment and recovery from tonsil cancer.
Address for cards – 69 Windmill Blvd., Punta Gorda, FL 33950
- 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

Go to [Peace River Presbytery Churches](#)

to visit each of the church's web sites.



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