



PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ January 29, 2021

From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

Maybe it's just me, but it seems like January zipped by very quickly. We were hoping that 2021 would be significantly different than most of 2020, but it looks like we need to continue distancing and masking for quite a while yet. Churches and pastors continue to be creative about making connections safely. It is a joy to see what God is doing in this presbytery.

As the new year begins, I want to remind church leadership to encourage pastors and staff to take vacation and study leave opportunities. Congregations benefit from pastors who are rested and rejuvenated. There are many online continuing education options that cost little. I am posting those events on our resource [website](#). I invite you to visit the site and see if any of those events interest you.

One of those events, featuring Tod Bolsinger, is sponsored by the Synod and will be free to all participants. It would be wonderful to have attendees from all of our churches at this event in April. Tod has a new book entitled Tempered Resilience. If you would be interested in being part of a discussion group around this book, please email me at melana@peacriverpresbytery.org.

The Outreach and Nurture team is in the process of finalizing our application to be part of the next cohort of the Vital Congregations initiative. I have posted the Toolkit on our resource website so that sessions can begin to look at the initiative. In the next few newsletters, I will highlight some of the seven marks of vital congregations and hope that congregations might begin to have conversations about where they are with regard to those marks. We are hoping to have at least ten congregations who participate in the initiative over the next two years. If you have questions, please let me know. This is an exciting opportunity for the presbytery and its congregations.

As always, I continue to pray for each church and its leadership. Please let me know if there are ways I can facilitate your work.

Blessings,
Melana

Association of Smaller Congregations Online Conference: March 19 & 20, 2021

Conference registration by January 31, 2021 is FREE using code "COMMUNITY".
After that it will be \$80 per person.

Register online at www.presbyacs.org. Contact registrar at (706) 373-9480 or email at registrarasc@bellsouth.net for further information. Keynoter is Maryanne McKibbon.

Please use this link to get to the special registration form:
[Products – Association of Smaller Congregations \(presbyasc.org\)](http://Products – Association of Smaller Congregations (presbyasc.org))

<https://www.presbyasc.org/shop/>

Save the Date: April 27, 2021

Leading the Church into the Post Covid World

Presenter: Rev. Tod Bolsinger

Sponsored by the Synod of South Atlantic

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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Information on the Presbytery's Web Site

The *Presbytery's Covid-19 Resource Page* includes:

- Links to various continuing education opportunities.

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The *PRP Web Site Resource Tab* (top of home page) includes:

- The 2021 PRP *Remittance Form* for Churches
- Handbook for Clerks of Session

There is a lot of other information on the web site that might of use or interest to you.

Take time to explore.

If you have any corrections or updates to information, please contact

Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org)

Please note, some areas, such as *Teams and Committees*, are currently being updated for the new year.

### **From the Finance Team**

Churches, if you have not submitted your *2021 Estimate of Giving Form*, please do so as soon as possible.

You may email it to Lori Doyal, [lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org](mailto:lori@peaceriverpresbytery.org) or mail it to the Presbytery Office, Attn. Lori Doyal, Finance Administrator.

If you have any questions, please contact Lori Doyal.

### Save the Date!

#### **Stated Meeting of Presbytery**

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am  
By Zoom Conference

### Job Opportunity

Northminster Presbyterian Church in Sarasota is seeking a part-time, full-charge Bookkeeper (approximately 16 hours a week) with knowledge of fund accounting.

For more information, please call 941-355-4729 or email [office@npcsarasota.org](mailto:office@npcsarasota.org).

### Presbytery Calendar: February 2021

*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)*

#### ***Thursday, February 4***

Mision Peniel Team (10:30 am by Zoom Conference)

#### ***Tuesday, February 9***

Committee on Ministry (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

#### ***Wednesday, February 10***

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

Cuba Partnership Task Force (5:00 pm by Zoom Conference – private account)

#### ***Thursday, February 11***

Finance Team/Board of Trustees (9:30 am by Zoom Conference)

#### ***Thursday, February 18***

Steering Committee (9:00 am by Zoom Conference)

#### ***Thursday, February 25***

Finance Forum (8:15 am by Zoom Conference) – Open to All

Stated Meeting of Presbytery (9:00 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](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 continue to pray for:

- Our Nation
- The Congregations and Pastors of Peace River Presbytery
- 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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