



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ September 24, 2021

### Peace and Global Witness Offering

September 5 – October 3, 2021

Did you know? “The *Peace and Global Witness Offering* encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace our God’s mission of reconciliation to those around the corner and around the world.” (from the PCUSA website, *Special Offerings* page).

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. This offering “draws Presbyterians together and provides exposure to active peacemakers as well as education and resources to empower congregations and individuals to become peacemakers themselves. These collective efforts support resources in dealing with conflict, provide nurturing reconciliation, and stand in support of our global siblings, because the peace of Christ belongs to people everywhere.” (from the PCUSA website, *Special Offerings* page).

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is received during the *Season of Peace*, which ends on World Communion Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

How is the offering distributed?

25% of the Offering stays with local congregations and 25% with mid councils (Presbytery) to unite congregations to support peacemaking in their regions. The remaining 50% is remitted to the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

Churches may send the 75% (25% for Presbytery and 50% for Presbyterian Mission Agency) of the offering to the Presbytery for distribution.

For more information and resources, visit [Special Offerings - Peace & Global Witness](#)

**World Communion Sunday: October 3, 2021**

### Stated Meeting of Presbytery

**Thursday, October 14, 2021**

9:00 am via Zoom Conference

Watch for details and registration information.

Valuable and Important Meeting for Clergy on October 6<sup>th</sup>

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Paul Simeone  
VP-Medical Director of Behavioral Health at Lee Health  
Clinical Assistant Professor, FSU College of Medicine.

**Topic:** Living, Learning & Growing In A Time of Great Unrest: A Brief View from the Frontlines

**Date/Time:** October 6, 2021, 12:00-1:30 pm

**Where:** Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church  
8260 Cypress Lake Drive  
Fort Myers, FL 33919

**Cost:** [Free. A boxed lunch will be provided. \*Click here to reserve a meal and to confirm you are attending.\*](#)

*This may be one of the most important meetings we have had in years!* COVID has hit us hard and the clergy are on the front lines helping others cope with the pandemic. This has created stress on the clergy and on those we work with day to day.

Dr. Simeone has a presentation that will help the clergy in clear and practical terms in helping themselves deal with the stress of the pandemic but also help clergy in helping others. It is fully expected that much of the socio-psychological fallout of the pandemic has yet to happen, so this is a meeting not to be missed as it will directly help you and those you serve!

**Who is Dr. Paul Simeone?**

Paul Simeone, Ph.D. is currently the VP-Medical Director of Behavioral Health at Lee Health, and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral Sciences & Social Medicine, Florida State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Simeone received his M.A. in experimental psychology from Mount Holyoke College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. in clinical psychology from The Institute for Advanced Psychological Studies at Adelphi University in New York.

Dr. Simeone has a long list of qualifications including extensive work at Harvard and in Cambridge and is uniquely qualified to speak on the issues we are facing with COVID unrest.

**Peace River Presbytery**  
**Church Leadership Retreat**

at

Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center  
Wednesday, November 17 and Thursday, November 18  
**Registration Deadline Extended To: Thursday, October 7, 2021**

All are welcome!

[Registration and Information Packet](#)

Includes:

Letter from the Communication, Connection, and Community Team

Registration Information and Schedule  
Registration Form

## Advent Sermon and Worship Resources

An online Bible Study Series led by nationally known leaders and pastors

Register Now! Sessions start September 29<sup>th</sup>

Click for [Information and Registration](#)

## Around the Presbytery

### *Events:*

**Rev. Dr. Cleo LaRue Preaching Seminar**

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

Sponsored by Church of the Palms and Light of the World International Church

[Information Letter](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

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**Faith Focus Weekend: "Bridging the Gap"**

**Sunday, October 24, 2021**

First Presbyterian Church, Sarasota

[Invitation Letter](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

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### *In Need Of:*

**St. Paul's Presbyterian Church**

is in need of an Advent Wreath and Stand.

If you have these items that you would be willing to give to  
or share with St. Paul's, please call Debbie at 941-426-2552.

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### *Position Openings:*

**Community Presbyterian Church, Englewood**

**Bell Choir Director**

[Position Description](#)

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**Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church, Fort Myers**

**Spanish Pastor (Temporary Part-Time)**

[Job Posting](#)

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**First Presbyterian Church, Port Charlotte**

**Organist**

[Job Posting](#)

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**Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota**  
**Music Director**  
[Job Posting](#)  
[Position Description](#)

### **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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### **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. Jeff DeYoe (Covenant, Ft. Myers) - health
- Afghanistan, Haiti, Cuba, Myanmar, and all those affected by Hurricanes Ida and Nicholas
- Rev. Dr. Taylor Hill – health
- Rev. Dr. Harry Schill – health
- 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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