



# PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY



## Presbytery Weekly E-Newsletter ~ November 12, 2021

### From the General Presbyter

Dear Friends,

This coming week is the retreat at Cedarkirk and we are looking forward to seeing many of you in person for fellowship, worship, and sharing. It has been such a long time since we were able to be together. It will be a great reunion! For those who are unable to attend, we look forward to seeing you in person at our February presbytery meeting.

There are several exciting things to share, some are later in the newsletter. One big change coming for the Presbytery is a move of the office. We do have a contract to buy the current property on Peace River Road. The closing date is set for December 15. We will lease back our office space for a time until we can get everything moved. We have a contract with First Port Charlotte to be approved by the Steering Committee in December. We are excited about the opportunity to share in ministry with one of our congregations. First Port Charlotte has already been hosting the Committee on Ministry in person meetings for the last two months and we look forward to other opportunities to partner with them. In order to begin the transition, we will be getting a PO Box for receiving mail and will be asking churches to begin to shift mail to that even before the move so that we don't miss anything when we do make the physical move. We will let you know more information about that in future communications. If you have questions or concerns, please let me know and we will do our best to address those.

The next exciting change is a new website that will launch before the end of the year. Part of our opportunity with the new website was a newly designed logo. The CCC Team is working with a designer to create a logo that will let people know that we are in the business of sharing Jesus Christ in this beautiful part of southwest Florida. The new website will be more user friendly, will have a donate button and registration form options, and will help us do our work together in new ways. We look forward to this new tool for ministry and mission.

As the seasonal visitors return, I pray for each church and the work you are doing for the kingdom of God. Please let me know if there are ways I can support that work.

In Christ,  
Melana



## GROUNDBREAKING!

On Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, the Immokalee Fair Housing Alliance officially broke ground at the site on the corner of Lake Trafford Rd. and 19<sup>th</sup> St. People from all over Collier County were in attendance to hear several agencies talk about the importance of safe, affordable, hurricane resistant housing for farmworkers and other low-income families. What the 128 units are completed, families will have opportunities for their children to succeed better in school, will have less exposure to environmental health issues, and will be safe in their homes. No one will pay more than 30% of their income to live in the 2- and 3-bedroom apartments.

The need for this housing became more apparent after Hurricane Irma did tremendous damage to the already dilapidated housing for farmworkers in Immokalee. Several people came together to talk about this vision four years ago and it is now a reality. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided over \$300,000 to help with the infrastructure and planning phases as part of their work. Kathy Broyard was present on Wednesday to represent PDA at the groundbreaking.

Below are some pictures and a link to a news station video from the event. If your church is interested in learning more about this endeavor, please contact Melana through the Presbytery Office.



Above: The IFHA Board of Directors and Friends



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Above: Left – Kathy Broyard, Executive Director of FLAPDAN, representing PDA





Above: L-R – Ruth DeYoe (Mision Peniel Mission Coordinator), Rev. Melana Scruggs (General Presbyter, Peace River Presbytery), Rev. TJ Remaley (Co-Moderator, Mision Peniel Team), Betty Mangos (Mision Peniel Team Member), Darci Hillyer (Mision Peniel Team Member)

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Following is the link from the news on [nbc-2.com](https://www.nbc.com):

<https://www.nbc-2.com/news/local/2021/11/10/immokalee-fair-housing-alliance-to-build-low-income-farmworker-housing/>

### Around the Presbytery

#### ***Position Opening:***

**Siesta Key Chapel, Sarasota**

**Music Director**

[Job Posting](#)

[Position Description](#)

*Please note that Siesta Key has a new (2017) Schantz pipe organ and is located in a lovely, woodsy chapel surrounded by trees!*

### A Birthday Card Shower

We have been praying for the Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe as he is going through treatment for a serious health matter.

We offer an opportunity for folks to bless him and his wife, Ruth, with cards for their birthdays this month.

Jeff's birthday is November 15 / Ruth's birthday is November 20  
Cards may be sent to their home address:  
8920 Cypress Preserve Place  
Fort Myers, FL 33912

### **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:**

- The Gilmore Family – loss of Elizabeth “Betty” Gilmore on November 9. Betty was married to The Rev. Ernie Gilmore, who was the pastor of FPC Bradenton for 25+ years. Betty's funeral will be held at FPC Bradenton on Saturday, November 13, at 11:00 a.m.
- Rev. Dr. Sally Bull (HR) – loss of her husband on October 31
- Rev. Dr. Jeff DeYoe (Covenant, Ft. Myers) – health
- Mía Estrada (Pastor Miguel's 7-year old daughter) – health
- Rev. Dr. Taylor Hill – health
- Afghanistan, Haiti, Cuba, Myanmar
- 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, PC(USA) Mission Co-Workers in Madagascar

## Churches of Peace River Presbytery

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to visit each of the church's web sites.



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