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From General Presbyter Roy Martin

What a wonderful day for DiscipleFest 2019! The weather was beautiful, the food was fabulous, spirits were high, and the Holy Spirit was present!

Eighty people participated in the day's workshops, representing 18 congregations. The evaluations were very positive, and several excellent suggestions for improving the next one were offered. It is clear to me that there is a hunger for learning and living our faith in God, and I am excited about the possibilities for such learning and living our faith going forward.

To that end, I will be planning regional gatherings of elders, deacons, and trustees for training in the work they do. This might be particularly helpful for congregations without regular pastoral leadership, but all will be invited. I am open to suggestions for when to conduct such training, but I am thinking that sometime in the Fall might work best,

particularly for those just elected to an ordered ministry.

Now here is the BIG announcement: Lisa and I will be leading a trip to Germany in 2020 to see the famed Oberammergau Passion Play. The good people of Oberammergau have been performing this play every ten years since they were spared from the Black Plague 387 years ago. I conducted this tour back in 2000 and can personally attest to the quality of the production including the beauty of the music.

The Passion Play, however, is only a part of the trip. We will also visit German towns and cities such as Munich, Berlin, and Heidelberg as well as Lake Lucerne, Switzerland and Innsbruck, Austria.

I will have more details soon but, if you might be interested in joining us for this trip, please contact me at rmartin@presbyteryofflorida.com.

Lisa and I will be getting away for some rest and refreshment for the next two weeks as we

travel to the Presbyterian motherland of Scotland. I will be back in the office on April 15 just in case you need some

last minute help with your taxes. If you need anything in the meantime, Melissa will be available in the office to help you.

In case I don't see you beforehand, I pray you have a meaningful journey to the cross and beyond it to the resurrection of Christ. And may that journey renew your faith and challenge you deeper dedication to things unseen and eternal.

Blessings,
Roy



**The Rev. Dr.
Roy Martin**

From the
Office of the
General
Assembly



View voting tallies on proposed constitutional amendments

**Proposed Amendments to the
Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Approved by the 223rd General Assembly (2018)
As of March 26, 2019**

		Affirmative	Negative	Have Voted	To Vote	Needed to Pass
18-A	Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons: On Amending G-2.0401 (Item 06-11)	135	3	138	32	Approved
18-B	Renunciation of Jurisdiction					
18-B.1.	On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-09)	103	33	136	34	Approved
18-B.2.	On Amending D-10.0401d (Item 06-09)	118	18	136	34	Approved
18-C	Officers: On Amending G-3.0104 (Item 06-16)	37	99	136	34	Disapproved
18-D	Membership of Presbytery: On Amending G-3.0306 (Item 06-05)	136	2	138	32	Approved
18-E	Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations: On Amending G-3.307 (Item 06-02)	137	1	138	32	Approved
18-F	Welcoming to the Table: On Amending W-4.0202 (Item 14-03)	135	1	136	34	Approved
18-G	Disciplinary Offense: On Amending D-2.0203b (Item 06-04)	112	22	134	36	Approved
18-H	Time Limit: On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-24)					
18-H.1.	On Amending D-10.0401b	128	8	136	34	Approved
18-H.2.	On Amending D-10.0401c(1)	134	2	136	34	Approved

How the Presbytery of Florida Voted:

											Total	
18-A	18-B.1.	18-B.2.	18-C	18-D	18-E	18-F	18-G	18-H.1.	18-H.2.	A	N	
A	A	A	N	A	A	A	A	A	A	9	1	

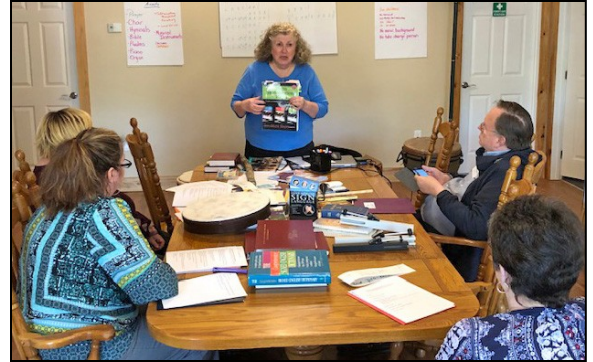


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FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE NETWORK

In Partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PCUSA)



Hurricane Michael Update

April 2019

April 10th will mark the six-month anniversary of Hurricane Michael's landfall in the Florida panhandle. The type of destruction left by Michael has not been seen in Florida since Hurricane Andrew devastated Homestead in 1992. The Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN) has been working hard to support the response and recovery efforts within the Presbytery of Florida. Working closely with Florida Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (Florida VOAD), FLAPDAN has been instrumental in helping to match available resources with needs on the ground.



Volunteer response to Hurricane Michael has been strong, including many Presbyterian mission teams. Several groups have come to help clean up some of our churches and members' homes and many have put in countless hours helping to clear trails and repair structures at Dogwood Acres.

VOLUNTEER TEAMS NEEDED!

If you would like to bring a team to the panhandle to help with recovery, please contact

PDA.CallCenter@pcusa.org
for information and scheduling.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been walking alongside the presbytery since the storm hit, providing guidance, resources and grant funding to the presbytery and damaged churches. PDA is working with Volunteer Host Sites at Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church and Dogwood Acres and will also be supporting local communities with recovery grants.

Several Long-Term Recovery Groups (LTRGs) have formed in order to organize community resources, fundraise, recruit volunteers and facilitate repairs to homes for survivors that do not have the means to recover on their own. Disaster case managers work with clients to vet their needs, construction estimates are done on the damaged homes and volunteers do the needed repairs with materials that have been donated or purchased with donated funds.



removal at Dogwood Acres.

We are so thankful for the support of PDA, PCUSA churches from far and near and our Florida partner organizations coming together in disaster response and recovery. Together we can make a great impact to assist survivors and help rebuild communities. For information on how you can help, please contact Kathy Broyard at fla.pdan@pcusa.org.

Kathy Broyard, FLAPDAN's Executive Director

and Emergency Management Specialist, has been working with the LTRGs to connect them to PDA and other resources. Kathy continues to make periodic trips to the panhandle from the FLAPDAN office in Gainesville to attend LTRG and other meetings and keeps presbytery and camp staff up to date. Through FLAPDAN's relationship with Volunteer Florida, we were able to secure a grant for \$25,000 for debris and tree

Long-Term Recovery Groups

Community members with skills or interest in construction, communications, fundraising, management, spiritual care and more are needed to be part of these recovery groups.

Rebuild Bay County

Citizens of Gulf County Recovery Team

North Florida Inland LTRG (Jackson & Calhoun)

Washington County LTRG

To become involved with a local LTRG, please contact fla.pdan@pcusa.org for more information.

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, Inc.

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www.flapdan.org

Gulf Beach to serve as long term recovery host site

Volunteer mission teams helping to rebuild and repair homes in Bay County, FL, after Hurricane Michael will now have comfortable, safe lodging during their stay there. Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church, Panama City Beach, has been preparing to serve as a Presbyterian Disaster Assistance long-term host site for up to 20 volunteers at a time.

After visits with members from PDA's National Response Team following the hurricane, the church session took time for discernment and voted unanimously to take on the mission of becoming a host site. The congregation is excited about the opportunity, and the hosting committee has been moving forward as quickly as possible to make the necessary recommended improvements to their facility in order to begin hosting volunteer teams.

A PDA National Recovery Grant has aided the congregation in installing showers, wifi, phone lines and other safety-, comfort- and privacy-related features at their GulfTreat facility. Additionally, they have received local donations of furnishings such as a television, kitchen

supplies and 20 cots, and well as building supplies such as shower tiles.

GulfTreat features multiple rooms, including a common lounge area, a large kitchen, and two rooms with cots to serve as separate male and female sleeping rooms for work team members. Two showers are provided on site in the hosting area, with restrooms located in the back of the dining hall. Volunteers will be asked to clean up after themselves.

Volunteer teams will be scheduled through the PDA Call Center and work on repair and rebuild projects through coordination with our partners at Lutheran Disaster Response and

Catholic Charities, who will be providing disaster case management and construction supervision.

Gulf Beach will be listed on the PDA website as a host site, as well as promoted through the Bay County Long Term Disaster Recovery Organization (BCLTDRO). Other Presbytery of Florida churches involved in BCLTDRO are Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church and Grace and St. Andrews Presbyterian Churches of Panama City. State and local officials have projected a three- to five-year year recovery period for Panama City, Lynn Haven, Mexico Beach, Tyndall AFB and other Michael-affected areas.

Our Connectional Churches

Shown below, members of Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church's congregation participate in the March 10 "Blue-Out" Sunday, supporting the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. *(Photo courtesy of Parkway Presbyterian Church)*



**From the
Presbyterian
Women
of the
Presbytery of
Florida**



PW Gathering blends business with worship, fellowship

The 113th Annual Spring Gathering of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Florida was held Saturday, March 16, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, and co-hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Pensacola. Among the day's highlights:

Shown above at right, Presbytery of Florida General Presbyter Rev. Dr. Roy Martin (a PW Honorary Life Member) brought greetings and an update from the Presbytery.



Shown at left, Erin Rosica, candidate for PC(U. S. A.) ministry under Presbytery of Florida care, preached a sermon entitled, "The Ripple Effect," based on John 4:1 – 26.



Pictured above are 2019 – 2020 Presbytery PW Coordinating Team members installed March 16 by *Horizons* representative and Synod of the South Atlantic PW Moderator Sandra Winslett (1st, Pensacola), at podium: From left – Cherie Boyce (Trinity, Pensacola), West District Coordinator Elect; Norma Meier (1st, Tallahassee), Search Committee; JRoanne Bergman (Westminster, Pensacola), *Pelicanette* Editor; Barbara Overholt (Northminster, Pensacola), West District Coordinator; Wanda Segers (Parkway, Panama City, Treasurer; Kelly Slorahn (Trinity, Pensacola), Moderator Elect; Sherl Morden (Parkway, Panama City), Moderator; Sue Hightower (1st, Tallahassee), Secretary; Suzanne Hinman (1st, Pensacola), Historian; Lin Brannon (Fellowship, Tallahassee), East District Coordinator; and Rosa Stanley (1st, Lynn Haven), Central District Coordinator. (Photo by Erin Rosica)

Presbytery welcomes new Gulf Breeze pastor and wife

The Rev. William G. Lamont began his ministry at Gulf Breeze Presbyterian Church March 24. Rev. "Bill" Lamont was born, raised, and schooled in Ontario, Canada. He married his high school sweetheart, Sue in 1982, and they have two adult children – David and Beth.

David is married to Ashley, and they have two young children, Logan (5) and Oliver (3). David owns and operates Little Caesar Pizza stores in Kingston, Ontario, while Ashley is a special education teacher. Beth is a soloist with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, whose work has taken her all over the world.

Bill received his Bachelor of Arts degree from York University in Toronto and his Masters of Divinity at Knox College, University of Toronto, Ontario. He was ordained in 1983 and has served churches in Saskatchewan, Ontario and, for the last 14 years, at Hidenwood Presbyterian Church in Newport News, Virginia.

Hidenwood is a busy congregation with a longstanding preschool program and an active basketball program and is home to a large variety of

community groups. Bill encouraged congregational outreach to the community through an annual fall festival, an outdoor "Blessing of the Animals" service, the Hampers and Hope program, and the Sunday Breakfast Circle. He has served on the campus ministry board, Midtown Interfaith, and chaired a clergy support group for over 13 years.

He loves music and organized a guitar group to augment worship. He believes that a sung faith is a vibrant faith. He and Sue are avid dog lovers.

Bill recently completed a three-year term as Vice-Moderator, Moderator and Chair of



The Rev. William Lamont and wife, Sue

the Presbytery Council. He is a guitarist, woodworker, puppeteer and golfer and feels that his grandchildren are among God's greatest blessings. Bill and Sue are excited about sharing in the fellowship, life and mission of God as

From the Committee on Ministry

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Save the date:

In April

Saturday, April 6 UKirk Tallahassee
8 a.m. – Noon EDT Work Day

Sunday, April 7 UKirk Tallahassee’s 2nd
3 p.m. EDT Annual Spring Benefit
Concert at Faith, Tallahassee

Sunday, April 7 Celebrate SDOP Sunday

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

Friday, April 19 Good Friday
(Presbytery office closed)

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday
(One Great Hour of Sharing)

Monday, April 22 Earth Day

Monday, April 22 Committee on Preparation
9 a.m. CDT for Ministry meeting at
Presbytery office

Tuesday, April 23 – Princeton Theological
Friday, April 26 Seminary Forum on
Youth Ministry

Thursday, April 25 DCEs/Youth Workers’
10 a.m. CDT Gathering at Presbytery
office

Thursday, April 25 Columbia Friendship
Circle’s See Columbia Day
at Columbia Theological
Seminary, Decatur, GA

Saturday, April 27 Committee on Ministry
9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT teams/Committee on
Congregational
Revitalization joint meeting

Saturday, April 27 Laurel Hill Arts & Heritage
11 a.m. – 3 p.m. CDT Festival at Laurel Hill
Church yard

Looking ahead

Thursday, May 2 National Day of Prayer

Tuesday, May 7 Committee on Ministry
9:30 a.m. CDT meeting at Presbytery office

Wednesday, May 8 Jazz for the Soul, at Gulf
6:45 – 8 p.m. CDT Beach, Panama City Beach

Saturday, May 11 Lay Pastor Training at
Dogwood Acres

Sunday, May 19 Presbyterian Heritage Sunday

Sunday, May 19 Hymn Sing Sunday, at Gulf
10 – 10:15 a.m. CDT Beach, Panama City Beach

Tuesday, May 21 Spring Stated Presbytery
10 a.m. CDT Meeting, at 1st, Lynn Haven
(Registration at 9 a.m. CDT)

Wednesday, May 22 “Engaging Aging in Today’s
8:30 a.m. – 4:40 p.m. EDT World”, POAMN Regional
Conference, St. Leo, FL

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day
(Presbytery office closed)

Tuesday, June 18 Presbyterian Foundation
Noon – 2 p.m. CDT Forum at Grace,
Panama City



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