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## From General Presbyter Roy Martin

As many of you are aware, your presbytery has been journeying down a new road for the last five years. Together, we created a new committee structure designed to be more responsive to the needs of our congregations. Since then, we have developed a process for assisting congregations in discerning where God is leading them, begun work in starting a new congregation, strengthened our relationship with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network, begun conversation with the Presbyterian Church of Guatemala to form a mission partnership, and a host of other accomplishments.

Yet, at the same time, we have struggled to fill our committees with the number of members, elders, and clergy needed to fulfill these accomplishments without over burdening those who have committed to presbytery mission and ministry. Further, we have

yet to secure the level of funding needed from our congregations and have had to rely on reserves; something that cannot go on forever.

The Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC) of presbytery, which is made up of all committee chairs, the presbytery moderator, vice moderator and past moderator, has agreed with me that it would be wise to engage in a period of presbytery discernment for the purpose of getting a clear perspective on what God intends for our life together in mission and ministry. Questions like, are we on the right track? Are there changes that need to be made? Does God have something entirely different in mind for us?

Even if we were firing on all cylinders, I think that it is usually appropriate to do a thorough evaluation every five years just to keep the cobwebs at bay. By the way, I think congregations should do the same thing. It is just too easy to become settled and no

longer open to the new thing God is doing.

CPC has approved the formation of a Strategic Planning Task Force to begin an in-depth study of who we are and what we need to be about. They have also approved the membership of this task force. They are The Rev. Mark Broadhead, First, Crestview and Laurel Hill, chair; Sue Coleman, Trinity, Pensacola; The Rev. Eric Spoon, Grace, Panama City; Mary Hodges, First, Tallahassee; Karen Weaver, First, Monticello; The Rev. Hugh Hamilton, Trinity, Pensacola; and Don Mowat, First, Lynn Haven.

They will be spending the next several months engaging people in our presbytery in their understanding and experience of as well as commitment to the presbytery using a test instrument from

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**The Rev. Dr.  
Roy Martin**

## Groundbreaking ceremony held for new presbytery office



**M**embers of the Presbytery's staff, Coordinating and Planning Commission (CPC), Committee on Presbytery Administration (CPA), Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA) and other guests gathered January 26, 2023, to break ground for a 2,504-square-foot Presbytery office to be built just inside the entrance to Dogwood Acres (DWA) Retreat Center and Camp's grounds. Shown, from left, are Presbytery Committee on Ministry Relational Ministry Team Chair Rev. Lisa Martin, Presbytery Accountant/Treasurer Denise Vandiver, Personnel Subcommittee Chair Rev. Eric Spoon, Committee on Nominations Vice Chair Rich Kangas, CPC Chair Rev. Michael Askew, Presbytery Moderator Rev. Trinity Whitley, Presbytery Vice Moderator Don Mowat, Stated Clerk Jeannie Dixon, Committee on Congregational Revitalization Chair Rev. Mark Broadhead, General Presbyter Rev. Dr. Roy Martin, Project Contractor Nick Dillard, CDWA member Rev. Brant Copeland, CPA member Grady McDaniel, DWA volunteer James Vance, CPA Chair Rev. Dr. Brad Clayton, Committee on Mission and Outreach Chair Rev. Dr. Hugh Hamilton, DWA Program Director Eric Hearn, Committee on New Congregational Development Chair Rev. A. J. Mealor, CDWA Chair Ken Densmore, and Committee on Ministry Chair Rev. Dr. Joan Wooten.

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Holy Cow! Consulting, reviewing financial reports, evaluating the current staffing model, and exploring options for the future health of the presbytery. In short, everything will be looked at. They are committed to bringing their final report and any proposals to the October 2023 meeting of presbytery.

I ask you to keep them in prayer throughout this year as they open themselves to God's guidance and direction.

Roy

## Winter Presbytery Meeting

**Tuesday, February 28 • 9 a.m. CST/10 a.m. EST**

**(Registration begins 1 hour before)**

**1st Presbyterian Church of Marianna**

**2898 Jefferson Street, Marianna, Florida**



<http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/presbytery-meetings/>

## Group discussions focus on committee engagement needs

The Committees on Nominations and Representation (CN and CR) led the education hour at the October 2022 Florida Presbytery meeting. The committees are responsible for identifying individuals with gifts to serve at the Presbytery level. The purpose of the education hour was to inspire individuals and congregations to build the capacity to participate at the Presbytery level.

The educational hour included six breakout groups that addressed barriers to participation and ways to increase participation. Specifically, the groups addressed the following questions:

1. Why is it hard for people to serve?
2. How can we increase engagement?

The content of group discussions was reviewed and analyzed to identify emerging themes and topics. A summary of comments follows:

### Why is it hard for people to serve?

The groups identified temporal and cultural factors as barriers to committee participation. Challenges exist for non-clergy who work full-time and for those who are retired. Driving to meetings increases in-person meeting time, and some find driving at night difficult. Many people cannot attend in-person meetings because of family needs.

Zoom videoconferencing is often a double-edged sword. While Zoom is convenient, it requires a time commitment. Also, people from different denominations do not understand the relationship between the local congregation and the Presbytery. Many burn out after a three-year-long committee service commitment.

### How can we increase engagement?

The groups identified the importance of communicating and

promoting the benefits of Presbytery work. Congregations must be more aware of committees' goals, objectives, and functions.

The Presbytery should boost and promote the importance of working on committees and volunteerism, particularly among young people, through a media campaign that uses videos, websites, and social media like Facebook. Holding committee meetings concurrent with Presbytery meetings may be a way to encourage committee participation better.

“Servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them (John 13:16).” Our fellowship with Jesus is grounded in events that contradict practical reason. Nevertheless, it opens up a fellowship among ourselves. As we fellowship, the power of discipleship binds us together through the Holy Spirit. If we believe in the life and works of Jesus, then we believe in the service we render in the name of Christ’s binding power. If our fellowship with Christ exists, our actions make the latter a reality. “For we are God’s servants, working together (1 Corinthians 3:3-9).”

The Committees on Nominations and Representation will present a report at the next Presbytery meeting.

## From the Committee on Representation (CR)



By Glenn Hodges, Chair, and 1st, Tallahassee Elder

## From the Committee on Nominations (CN)



*By Ruth Bedell,  
CN member and  
Faith, Tallahassee,  
elder*

## Presbytery Committee Corner: Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR)

The focus of the 2023 Presbytery Committee Corner's monthly columns is to dive deeper into the work of the presbytery's committees. This month, we interviewed Rev. Mark Broadhead, Chair of the Committee on Congregational Revitalization (CCR).

**What are some (or the most important) trends within the geographic area of the presbytery or nationwide that are relevant to your committee (CCR)? Why are they relevant?**

Since the onset of COVID-19 and its aftermath, trends regarding "doing church" have changed drastically. The panhandle of Florida has not been unaffected by these trends. Fewer people are attending worship; fewer are willing to join a congregation; a number of persons that attended worship previously stopped participating. New avenues for doing ministry are being sought, but the new trends have not been discovered – yet.

**What are the major challenges that churches are facing?**

Some congregations are at a loss as to next steps in ministry. With dwindling finances, membership, and

participation, some congregations are in "panic mode." Perhaps the biggest challenge facing congregations is the dreaded word "change." A new mindset is being called for, which means looking differently at the way church is done. For a congregation to move into an unknown future, it must accept the fact that the traditional ways of doing ministry will no longer work. Thus, the need for change.

**What are CCR's plans for dealing with these trends or challenges?**

CCR is able and willing to work with congregations that are feeling the pinch as well as those that are strong and vital to discern what is best for their congregation and its ministry. Using the *Congregational Assessment Tool* from Holy Cow! Consultants, as well as data from demographic studies provided through MissionInsite, current energy levels and desires for ministry, as well as the needs of the community surrounding the church, can be ascertained and plans of action developed.

**Where are the areas of growth and optimism for churches?**

By looking at demographic information from the community surrounding the church and discerning the congregation's strengths, ministry(ies) can be developed to meet the needs of the community in the name of Jesus Christ. Millennials and GenZ persons are mission-oriented. Short-term, community outreach is what appeals to these two younger generations.

**What are the particular volunteer skill sets that you are looking for that will help the committee address these trends or challenges?**

Persons with strong presentation skills, the ability to listen carefully and answer questions insightfully. Persons willing to be trained as a consultant and dedicate their time to work with one or two congregations, as they discern God's future for the congregation.

If you would like to volunteer to serve on this committee, please contact Committee on Representation (CR) Chair Glenn Hodges at [ghodges37@comcast.net](mailto:ghodges37@comcast.net). See you at "The Corner" next month!



# DOGWOOD ACRES

CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER

COME CAMP WITH US  
SUMMER 2023 DATES

HIGH SCHOOL WEEK – JUNE 25TH – 30TH

BUDDY CAMP – JULY 5TH – 8TH

INTRO CAMP – JULY 9TH – 12TH

DISCOVERY CAMP (3RD – 5TH)

ADVENTURE CAMP (6TH – 8TH)

JULY 9TH – 14TH, JULY 16TH – 21ST,

JULY 23RD – 28TH



GET REGISTERED!

VISIT – [DOGWOODACRE.ORG/SUMMER](http://DOGWOODACRE.ORG/SUMMER)  
OR SCAN BELOW



## TTT TEAM MEMBER TRAINING MARCH 17 & 18 \* 8:30AM-5:00PM

Teach To Transform equips partners around the world with medical and vocational skills they can use to share the gospel of Christ. This 2-day interactive training shares our vision, curriculum and teaching techniques.

### Participants will learn how we train national evangelists & missionaries to:

- teach health & hygiene
- take vital signs
- treat wounds and burns
- resuscitate newborns who have stopped breathing
- identify warning signs in a newborn



### To Register

There are roles for medical and non-medical people and educational levels. Register at [www.teachtotransform.org/event-signup](http://www.teachtotransform.org/event-signup).



### TTT Impact

*To God be the glory!*

Through 2022, our partners have reported almost 1,000,000 people have heard the gospel through the impact of Teach To Transform:

- 1,002,206 people screened medically
- 41,645 wounds & burns treated
- 5,942 babies resuscitated upon delivery of 26,284 births.
- 120,913 trained in health, hygiene and disease prevention
- 8,125 new villages entered
- 938,124 heard the gospel
- 810 new house churches

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**Training Location**  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
3400 Bayou Blvd  
Pensacola, FL 32503

The cost is \$25, and includes a workbook, lunches, and refreshments for both days.

All women are invited to join us for  
Worship, Conversation, and Fellowship!



New Beginnings

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)

The **SPRING GATHERING**  
of PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
**March 17 & 18, 2023**

### Friday, March 17, 2023

Florida Presbytery PW Coordinating Team Meeting, 3 PM CT, Church Parlor Office  
Dinner, 5 PM CT, Fellowship Hall

### Saturday, March 18, 2023

Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women  
9 AM – 2:30 PM CT

Catered Lunch: \$18

(check payable to FPCLH PW)

### KEYNOTE PREACHER

Rev. Lisa Martin, Pastor, 1st Church, Lynn Haven

### WORSHIP LEADERS

1st Church Chancel Choir

Brad Thoreson, Music Director, Organist

Rev. Lisa Martin



Register online:  
[www.firstchurchlh.org/  
events-1/pw-2023](http://www.firstchurchlh.org/events-1/pw-2023)



**From the  
Committee on  
Educational  
Resources (CER)**



*By  
Rev. John Stringer,  
CER member and  
1st, Ft. Walton Beach  
Interim Pastor*

## Agapefest: Celebrate the greatest love this Valentine's Day

Having just completed the Advent season and all the joys of family gatherings, we welcome a new year filled with new possibilities. Our thoughts turn to Valentine's Day as the stores are displaying candies, cards, and stuffed animals, all encouraging us to celebrate the romantic love in our lives. Perhaps we plan to attend dinners or dances with our sweethearts, filled with flowers and love songs.

While honoring a spouse or significant other is important, it seems that we are forgetting the most important type of love that we as Christians must embrace: Agape love. Agape love is selfless and focuses on the greatest good for others. This requires faithfulness, commitment, and sacrifice without expecting anything in return. We must practice loving kindness to all people in the name of Christ and sacrifice our time, our energy, and our resources. This Valentine season, let us remember this greatest of loves and truly give of ourselves to others.

There are many ways we can give and show our greatest gift as Christians. We can offer money to help others by making donations to those in need. We can offer our time by



volunteering. Whether it be for an hour or a day, the gift of time is a gift of love. There are many places that need your time – your child's school, your church, a local homeless shelter, or assisted living center.

Do a favor for someone: open their door, help carry their groceries, take their trash can to the curb, or bake a treat for them. Show your support for someone and offer words of encouragement and affirmation. Give someone your undivided attention and be present – no phones or distractions – truly give them your whole focus so that they feel heard and loved.

Stand up for others, especially those whose voice is not heard and acknowledged. Give of your talents and skills and help others to create or fix things. Then, teach them your skills so they are able to help themselves and others.

Always smile and show kindness in every situation, for a smile has great power. Offer a hand and a hug, using them to lift up others in times of need. Finally, open your heart and offer the gift of prayer, which can be so powerful.

A meaningful way for your church to celebrate Agape love this Valentine's season is with a feast similar to those celebrated by early Christians. These Agape feasts originated in the first century and were communal meals and services that promoted true fellowship, unity, and Christian love.

Modern Agape feasts can include food, prayer, scripture readings, and hymns. Often the participants bring food served family style, and the meal is reminiscent of Christ and his disciples breaking bread together. This can be a wonderful and loving tradition for church members of all ages and a way to celebrate the love we have for each other, and the love that our God has for all humankind.



## Disciplefest 2023 explores the theme “Nurturing the Garden”

Jesus told many parables based on agrarian settings – the Parable of the Sower, the Master’s Vineyard, and the Parable of the Fig Tree, just to name a few. This spring, Disciplefest will explore what it means to cultivate the garden – specifically, the church and the communities where our congregations live and serve.

You are cordially invited to join in the fun at the Spring 2023 Disciplefest. Come out to Dogwood Acres Camp and Retreat Center Friday and Saturday, March 3 and 4, to learn more about leading the church today. The Committee on Educational Resources has put together a diverse selection of trainings and discussions to instruct elders, educators and members in ways to nurture the church.

Bring your family and friends Friday night. Enjoy delicious hot dogs



and s’mores while forming joyful memories around the campfire. Then stay overnight in one of DWA’s newly-renovated cabins.

On Saturday, select from a variety of workshops to meet your spiritual and educational needs. Topics include interpreting scripture, hurricane preparedness, engaging young adults, and understanding your spiritual type. Clerks can also attend clerk training workshops on this day. And new elders are especially encouraged to attend the Polity workshop being taught by Rev. Dr. Roy Martin.

Child care will be available Saturday to engage the kids in fun Bible activities.

Find details and register beginning February 3 at [www.presbyteryofflorida.net/disciplefest/](http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/disciplefest/).

We can’t wait to see you there!

### Spring 2023 Disciplefest

*Friday, March 3, 2023*

Check-in begins at 5 p.m. CT/6 p.m. ET

*Saturday, March 4, 2023*

Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. CT/  
9:45 a.m. ET

Worship: 9:30 a.m. CT/  
10:30 a.m. ET

Workshop Session A:  
10:15 a.m. CT/  
11:15 a.m. ET

Lunch: 11:45 a.m. CT/  
12:45 a.m. ET

Workshop Session B:  
1 p.m. CST/2 p.m. ET

Closing Celebration:  
2:30 p.m. CT/  
3:30 p.m. ET

Dogwood Acres, the event location, is at 3320 Harmony Rd., Chipley, FL.



*By Rev. Erin Rosica,  
CER member and  
Presbytery  
member at large*

Every gift makes a difference  
in the life of someone  
who deserves  
God’s love and support.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

03.02.22-  
04.17.22

## From the Racial Justice Subcommittee



*By Susan Byram, Subcommittee member and 1st, Pensacola Elder and Ruth Reynolds, Subcommittee member and Faith, Tallahassee, member*



## Churches work for racial justice and community building

What does it look like for a PC (USA) congregation to begin the work of racial justice? Since Lent of 2021, a group of members at First, Pensacola, have been in learning mode to educate themselves about systemic racism and especially the church's complicity in it.

They have studied The PC(USA) Anti-Racism Policy, read books by both Black and white historians and theologians, and took a trip to Montgomery, AL, to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum. A second trip is planned for this February, during Black History Month. They have also been researching their own church's history related to racism and are looking for opportunities to partner with congregations of color to build relationships and work together to find ways to eradicate systemic racism.

What does it look like for a historically white PCUSA church to "build the Beloved Community" with their local Christian siblings of color? It happened when a Sunday School class at Faith Presbyterian in Tallahassee reached out to establish a bond with the local historically black PC (USA) church, Trinity United Presbyterian Church. Trinity's history is a story of a gospel-living,




Combined Trinity United /Faith Presbyterian Bible Study at Faith Presbyterian Church, Tallahassee

God-loving people who were resilient in the face of many acts of racism against their church.

TUPC responded to Faith's desire for community building by extending a gracious and loving invitation to Faith to join them in their Bible study on Sunday mornings. What began during Covid on the phone in the winter of 2020 as a weekly

teleconference Bible study later became a face-to-face class in 2022 and continues to this day. *The Present Word*, a Bible study curriculum put out by PC(USA) is the vehicle through which the class meets, connects, and builds discipleship. There is no better way to build loving relationships between people than through God's precious Word.



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# Crossing Bridges


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**MARCH  
2ND-5TH  
2023**

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Epworth by the Sea

Keynote Speaker  
Rev. Dr. Lisa Baroody Culpepper



Registration:  
[www.presbyasc.org](http://www.presbyasc.org)

Questions:  
[registraras@bellsouth.net](mailto:registraras@bellsouth.net)

Register  
by  
February  
24th



## March seminar to train volunteers for medical missions

**D**o you know someone with a heart for medical missions but they don't feel qualified to participate? .... even if they may or may not have medical experience? If so, they need to hear about Teach to Transform (TTT), a missions medical training ministry and an upcoming two day TTT training seminar to be hosted by Trinity Presbyterian, Pensacola, March 17 and 18.

I have been fortunate to serve on several trips with traditional medical mission teams to Guatemala and Ecuador, really pushing my envelope as a radiologist, trying hard to do primary care. Typical of that approach, hundreds of patients are rapidly seen with precious little time to build relationships or share the gospel.

I was introduced to TTT by a friend who founded a seminary in Uganda. TTT connected with them to train their missionary graduates with basic medical skills that they can use to help their communities and open doors for sharing the gospel.

TTT was founded about 15 years ago by an ER doctor, Tom McKechnie. After years of doing standard "brigade-style" medical mission

trips, he came up with a different approach with significant advantages. Rather than delivering or doing medical care, their approach is to teach medical basics to missionaries, pastors and church leaders for a more durable health benefit and, more importantly, to facilitate evangelism. They have been successfully doing this for many years around the world with a program of proven training modules they have developed.

After attending a two day training seminar, I went with a TTT team to Uganda last July to help teach 70 native seminary trained missionaries serving Muslim east Africa with a weeklong course covering topics such as basic health and hygiene, water borne illness and rehydration, vital signs, wound and burn care, childbirth and newborn resuscitation. During the course, we met many doctors in the region as well as medical students who helped us teach the fairly large class of missionaries. They all loved it!

There are those who have a heart for medical missions but don't feel qualified. TTT might be an answer for them. The training seminar Trinity Presbyterian is hosting in March would equip people to travel abroad with a TTT training team and help deliver a weeklong training course.

Although useful, candidates need not have a medical background, since a heart to serve and a knack for teaching would qualify. In addition, no particular medical background is mandatory since there are also administrative roles to fill.

Our stateside trainees can apply to join TTT teams making worldwide trips every month or so. Also, once an interested, trained group is ready, TTT can help them organize their own training trips abroad using the TTT training modules. The goal is to equip partners around the world with medical skills they can use to share the gospel of Christ.

A lot of useful information is available on the website:

[teachtotransform.org](http://teachtotransform.org).

### From the Committee on Mission and Outreach (CMO)



*By John Baehr,  
Trinity, Pensacola  
Elder*



East African missionaries take a week of medical skills training in Tororo, Uganda, last July.

### From Dogwood Acres (DWA)



By Eric Hearn, Program Director

## January brought two successful new events for DWA

**D**ogwood Acres kicked off the 2023 retreat season by hosting the Presbytery Confirmation Retreat January 13 – 15. Confirmands from several Presbytery churches gathered at DWA to learn about Church History, Governance, and Worship. We all also had a chance to play some fun games and even roast a marshmallow or two. A big “thank you” to Committee on Dogwood Acres (CDWA) member Rev. Brant Copeland, pictured above, and General Presbyter Rev. Dr. Roy Martin for coming and lending their knowledge for the weekend to help teach these students.

Then, for the first time, DWA hosted Pause: a Women's Yoga and Mindfulness Retreat January 20 – 22. Participants had opportunities to attend yoga sessions and keynotes led by professionals while enjoying the beauty of Dogwood Acres. The women also got a chance to join us out on the archery range for a little camp fun. *(Pause photos courtesy of Mary Steen)*



## Florida's oceans are getting hotter. What can we do?

Growing up in Florida in the 1950s and 60s, I spent a lot of time in the Gulf of Mexico and remember how cool the water was compared to our unairconditioned home. Fast forward to the early 2000s, and I was shocked by how warm the Gulf water was when I kayaked across a bay in southwest Florida. It was a miserable experience. It felt like I was in a hot bathtub that I couldn't get out of. Today the oceans are even hotter. For the third consecutive year the world's oceans broke heat records.

Oceans are our friends when it comes to our warming world, because 90% of the heat generated by our greenhouse gas emissions has been absorbed by the oceans, keeping the air temperatures down. But there is a limit to how much heat the oceans can absorb.

At some point, scientists suggest that oceans will start to release the heat they have absorbed, warming the planet even more. The top 2000 meters between 2021 and 2022 gained 10 zettajoules of heat, which is equivalent to about 100 times the world's electricity generation in 2021. It's a lot of heat.

Most are familiar with the consequences of our warming oceans – extreme hurricanes, typhoons and the kind of rainstorms California experienced in January. These warmer



Source: Douglas R. Clifford, AP. Ft. Myers Beach after Hurricane Ian

waters also cause more melting in Antarctica and more thermal expansion raising sea levels. They also affect ocean circulation.

All of this has consequences for us. Hurricanes are causing billion dollar disasters. Hurricane Ian, our most recent storm caused \$113 billion dollars of damage, with most of it in Florida.

God's creation is suffering. Our coral reefs are dying. Blue-green algae blooms are becoming more common and in case you haven't experienced one, they smell and dead fish litter the beaches and surround docks. Some scientists are predicting that as the oceans warm, the fish could be smaller because the warmer waters have less oxygen and bigger fish require more of it. This could contribute to food insecurity for millions of people.

Sadly, in spite of all our knowledge about the cause and effect of using fossil fuels and climate change, our greenhouse

gas emissions rose again in 2022, but there are things that we can do to lower our emissions.

If you want to know more about what you and your church can do, please join Presbyterians for Earth Care (PEC). It presents monthly informative programs about the climate crisis and how Presbyterians are responding.

Hoping that some of you saw the January 24 PEC webinar on Older Adults and Climate Change, which was noticed by the Presbytery. It began with "A Brief But Spectacular Take on Climate Change," a four-minute PBS-TV video presentation by Bill McKibben, environmentalist and founder of [Third Act](#), which encourages people 60 and older to take action on climate change. Go to their website and look under *Events* for this program and others that may be helpful to your church: [presbyearthcare.org/events/](https://presbyearthcare.org/events/).

## Caring for Creation Notes



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Save the date (or visit <http://www.presbyteryofflorida.net/events-calendars/>)

**In February**

Thursday, February 2  
9 a.m. CST/  
10 a.m. EST  
Committee on  
Mission and Outreach  
(CMO)

Thursday, February 2  
11:30 a.m. EST  
East District  
Ministers'/CEs' luncheon,  
Kool Beanz, Tallahassee

Thursday, February 2  
6 p.m. CST/  
7 p.m. EST  
Statistical Reporting  
Workshop via Zoom

Friday – Sunday,  
February 3 – 5  
[Dogwood Youth  
Conference](#) (DYC),  
Dogwood Acres

Wednesday,  
February 8  
1 p.m.. CST/  
2 p.m. EST  
Committee on  
Presbytery Administration  
(CPA)

Sunday, February 12  
10 a.m. CST  
Navarre Presbyterian  
26th Anniversary  
Celebration

Sunday, February 12  
Souper Bowl of Caring

Thursday,  
February 16  
6:30 p.m. CST/  
7:30 p.m. EST  
Church Idea Exchange  
via Zoom  
Topic: Racial Justice

Thursday,  
February 16  
11 p.m. CST/  
12 a.m. EST  
[Statistical reporting portal](#)  
closes for churches

Sunday, February 19  
Christ Presbyterian,  
Tallahassee, new piano  
dedication (after worship)

Monday, February 20  
March *Panhandle  
Presbyterian* submissions  
deadline

Tuesday, February 21  
10 a.m. CST/  
11 a.m. EST  
Committee on  
Congregational  
Revitalization (CCR)

Wednesday,  
February 22  
Ash Wednesday

Wednesday,  
February 22  
10 a.m. CST/  
11 a.m. EST  
Racial Justice  
Subcommittee

Tuesday,  
February 28  
9 a.m. CST/  
10 a.m. EST  
Winter Stated  
Presbytery Meeting  
Registration begins one  
hour prior to the meeting

**Looking ahead**

Thursday, March 2  
9 a.m. CST/  
10 a.m. EST  
Committee on  
Mission and Outreach  
(CMO)

Thursday, March 2 –  
Sunday, March 5  
[Association of Smaller  
Congregations Conference](#),  
Epworth by the Sea,  
St. Simons Island, GA

Friday – Saturday,  
March 3 – 4  
[Disciplefest 2023](#),  
Dogwood Acres

Friday – Saturday,  
March 3 – 4  
Trinity Presbyterian,  
Pensacola, Rummage Sale

Wednesday,  
March 8  
1 p.m.. CST/  
2 p.m. EST  
Committee on  
Presbytery Administration  
(CPA)

Tuesday, March 14  
9:30 a.m. CST/  
10:30 a.m. EST  
Committee on  
Ministry (COM)

Friday and Saturday,  
March 17 and 18  
[Presbyterian Women  
Spring Gathering](#),  
1st Presbyterian  
of Lynn Haven

Friday and Saturday,  
March 17 and 18  
[Teach to Transform  
"Come and See  
Workshop"](#), Trinity  
Presbyterian, Pensacola

Tuesday, March 21  
10 a.m. CST/  
11 a.m. EST  
Committee on  
Congregational  
Revitalization (CCR)

Wednesday,  
March 29  
10 a.m. CST/  
11 a.m. EST  
Racial Justice  
Subcommittee

Friday – Saturday,  
March 31 – April 1  
Dogwood Acres  
Open House

South Walton NWC  
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**CHURCH  
PLANTER**  
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