

## CLERGY NEWS

### INSTALLATION OF REV. JOSE MANUEL CAPELLA-PRATTS



Congratulations to The **Rev. Jose Manuel Capella-Pratts** on his Installation as Teaching Elder at First Spanish Presbyterian Church. The worship was attended by local pastors; the Presbytery's Administrative Commission for Installation; the Rev. Landon Whitsitt, Vice Moderator 219th General Assembly; and Elder Martha Rodriguez Fonseca, Moderator of the Presbyterian Women, PC(USA). We pray God's blessing and prosperity to the congregation and its new leadership.

On August 28, **Jack Noble** celebrated 40 years of ministry with members of the community, congregation, and friends. Jack was honored with a proclamation from Pompano Beach Mayor Lamar Fisher, and Commissioner Mike Long. For the event the three worshipping services joined as one singing Jack's favorite hymns and listening to verses that have been meaningful to Jack. A video of Jack's life, and a video by people who have been touched by Jack's ministry and pastoral care, added a touching conclusion. An delicious catered meal gave the Pink Church congregation and elders time to thank Jack for his ministry at the church.

Former Executive Presbyter Rev. **Arlene Gordon**, was elected president of the National Black Presbyterian Caucus, which met as part of the Big Tent event last month in Indianapolis, IN. She succeeds the Rev. Gregory Bentley, pastor of Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Tuscaloosa, AL, on the campus of Stillman College.

In her first letter to NBPC members as president, Dr. Gordon wrote: "There is much challenging work ahead ... I believe this organization is more vital now than ever before as we continue to faithfully serve our beloved church."

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### THE RESIDENT CLASS OF 2011 WAS COMMISSIONED AT THE GA CHAPEL IN LOUISVILLE AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

The Presbytery of Tropical Florida has two residents: Noe Juarez, serving Sunset PC in Ft Lauderdale and CeCe Armstrong, serving Grace PC in Lantana. **Rev Joan Abell (HR)** was appointed by the COM to be their mentor during the two year program. Part of the program is specific training for church redevelopment and preparation for first call ministers. The program includes access to GA consultants that will benefit other churches in the presbytery.



## REGION 1 UPDATE



September 1 - Grace Church, Lantana welcomes their new **Pastor Cecelia Armstrong** via the GA supported 2 year residency program. You will meet CeCe at the September Presbytery meeting.

September 15 - Region 1 Pastors' Gathering at First Church, West Palm Beach, at Noon with Pastor Shirley Saunders hosting.

Region 1 Goal is to have at least one Church the end of September participating in a new missional activity in the neighborhood context. For example, up to \$500 is available for a church that is interested in starting a feeding program. This money will come from the Cents-ability donations and must be used for a Hunger mission. The focus is not to give to a church to give to another program; but to actually have a food pantry, make sandwiches for schools, food for soup kitchens, food bags for families or a similar hunger-related service opportunity.

Several churches in Region 1 along with Regions 2 & 3 have invested in the Missional Coach Training Initiative through Bob Logan and **Dana Allin** and are looking to start Tangible Kingdom Primer Groups with interested individuals. Let's keep this process in our prayers!

Please let me know "what's new" with your congregation or if you have any questions about the above information.

### **Rev. Bryan L. Wenger**

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## REGION 3 UPDATE

### ENGAGING IDEA

This last August a group of seven from Region 3 of our presbytery representing Central, Sunrise and Riviera congregations attended the Engage Evangelism Conference. We had excellent teaching, fellowship, and inspiration.

One idea we learned, in which we may be able to engage our communities, is creating and providing a "Community Prayer Box." This box may be placed near access to the day care, pre-school, or a busy sidewalk near your property. It may be placed in neighborhood stores or members yards. Another opportunity for a Community Prayer Box is when your congregation is holding a pumpkin patch, an arts & craft fair, or any other event in your property where the community is invited. You may even bring it up a notch by providing a prayer booth where elders, deacons or Stephen ministers may listen and offer spiritual support to visitors. Collect the prayers frequently and make them part of the Sunday worship to be presented in prayer with all others. This is a great way to build bridges with our communities and may lead to missional and incarnational ways to be the church.



### Updates & Shout outs!

- Our Region has begun the process of establishing Missional/Incarnational Communities with representatives from various congregations. There will be one Spanish and one English missional community starting in mid-September. These communities run for eight week cycles. If you are interested in knowing more about this model for congregational health and growth, let me know. I have many resources for you to explore.
- COM September 8<sup>th</sup> 1pm
- Presbytery Meeting is on September 27<sup>th</sup> at First Fort Lauderdale.
- Congratulations to New Covenant, New Life, Trinity, First Spanish, All Nations, and Pan Americana congregations in distributing backpacks and school supplies to over 350 children in Region 3 in partnership with the presbytery
- Pray for all the congregations who have already or will be starting their "program year" this coming month.

In God's Grip  
Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Gertz  
AMP Miami-Dade and the Keys

# SHARI'S SHOUT OUT



## BOUNDARY (SEXUAL MISCONDUCT) TRAINING

First Pompano Beach – October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Miami Shores – November 5<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-3:30

Two additional opportunities for Boundary (Sexual Misconduct) Training have now been scheduled. You may sign up for your preferred class by calling me at the Presbytery office or sending an email to [shari@tfpby.org](mailto:shari@tfpby.org). You may also fax in your registration form for either the [October](#) or [November](#) training. The cost for this training (including lunch and book) is \$25.00 per person. COM and PJC committee members will have their registration fees paid through the COM budget. The CPM budget will pay for its members. Churches are encouraged to

cover their pastors' costs. Those who received training in 2006 should register for one of these upcoming sessions. Information regarding who should attend can be found on the registration form. Any newer minister member who has received training during the past five years elsewhere should submit a certificate for their file. Please contact me with any questions. Please register and submit payment (if not serving on the referenced committees) as soon as possible.

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**The Presbytery has copies of the 2011-2012 Presbyterian Planning Calendar (\$7.00 ea.) and the 2011-2013 Book of Order (\$9.00 ea.).**

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## UPCOMING PRESBYTERY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

First, Ft. Lauderdale

You can now [Sign Up Online](#) for the Meeting

## ATTENTION TREASURERS - \$ SAVING TIP

With your FL Consumer Certificate of Exemption (DR-14) – issued by the State of Florida your church does not have to pay sales tax on any purchases of services and supplies for use by your church. This includes sales tax on your telephone service.

Additionally, your church is exempt from the *FL State and Local Communications Service Tax (CST)*. There is a special

form which must be filed with your telephone carrier to avoid the *Communications Service Tax*.

Please call the office and I can send you a copy of this form or call your provider directly for the form.

Susan Carpenter  
Presbytery Financial Administrator

## PRAYERS

- For the people of Somalia and those suffering in sub-Saharan Africa
- For the people of Haiti as they continue to rebuild
- For the health care workers and aid workers who go to the far places to serve
- For the Christians serving in the Middle East
- For the American farmers and their losses from the drought
- For the people recovering from storms, tornados, floods, and fires
- For those that serve to help in the disaster recovery and rebuilding process
- For the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance teams that give tirelessly
- For the teachers who are returning to school; thanks for their call to teach
- For the children, teenagers, and young adults returning to school and college; pray for their future
- For the churches with returning members, new programs, and renewed hope

## BIRTHDAYS

10	Dr. Richard E. Neumann - HR
10	Rev. Roberto Hernandez - HR
11	Dr. Lawrence Schenk - Peace Covenant, Key West
17	Rev. Diane Shoaf - MOS
18	Dr. George McIlrath - HR
21	Rev. Donald Meeder - HR
23	Rev. V. Neil Wyrick - HR
24	Dr. Stephen Sapp - MOS
26	Amalie Ash - Presbytery Administrator
29	Rev. Ervin Joslin – HR

## ORDINATIONS

01	Rev. Charles Pipes - HR
01	Dr. Dwayne Black - HR
01	Rev. Douglas Smith - HR
07	Dr. Laurie Kraus – Riviera, Miami
13	Rev. Elizabeth Pankey-Warren - MOS
16	Dr. Randall Gill – First, Boynton Beach
19	Dr. Charles Denison – First, Stuart
21	Dr. Douglas J. Brouwer – First, Ft. Lauderdale
22	Dr. Kirk McCormick - Grace Community, Boca Raton
29	Dr. Richard B. Anderson - HR
30	Dr. Raymond Gamble - HR

## ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

What valuable skills does your administrative staff possess? They are organized, good listeners, peacekeepers, negotiators, and generally set the “tone” of the office. But, they also are eager students, wanting to learn to be more effective in their job.

What is your organization doing to help your administrative staff? Do you provide time out of the office to replenish their spirit? Do you provide time and funds to help them learn additional skills to make them more effective in their job?

One way to be supportive of your administrative staff is to allocate time and funds to send them to conferences. And the best resource for them to learn is to have them attend an Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA) Conference.

The next national APA conference will be held from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada. There, your administrative staff will take classes from clergy

and professionals on a variety of topics relevant to their duties in your office. Your staff will also network with others who share similar professional experiences. The benefits of a small investment in time and money (\$75 for membership fees and approximately \$500 for conference attendance) can make a big difference to your administrative staff and your organization. Remember that the deadline to register is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Why don't you contact Barbara Prieto, the Florida Region President of the APA and find out how a small investment in your staff will benefit not only them, but also you and your organization? Barbara can be reached at 305-666-8586 or [rivierachurch@bellsouth.net](mailto:rivierachurch@bellsouth.net). You will be glad that you did.

### **Nancy Fine**

Membership Chair Florida Region of the Administrative Personnel Association of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

[www.floridaapa.org](http://www.floridaapa.org).

# HAITIAN MISSION UPDATE

## CAFE COCANO AND THE CENTER FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE, ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

Pat Ashley



The Center for Justice and Peace at St. Thomas University makes available Cafe Cocano, coffee produced by a Haitian cooperative. Organic coffee-growing replenishes the soil and reverses deforestation, one of the key issues with which Haiti has been struggling for years. Coffee is also one of the world's largest commodities, and the fair-trade partnership in

which Cafe Cocano participates offers a concrete opportunity to bring investment and sustainable development to one of the poorest regions in the Western Hemisphere. One of the unique aspects of Cafe Cocano, different from other fair trade coffees, is that the growers sell fully-processed coffee directly to roasters. This eliminates "middle-men" and keeps profits in the hands of those who need it most.

Since adopting Haiti as a mission priority, our presbytery has served Cafe Cocano at our meetings. It can be easily order on-line at [www.cafecocano.com](http://www.cafecocano.com). You can also call Anthony Vinciguerra, Director of the Center at 305-628-6717. The coffee can also be picked up at the St. Thomas University Bookstore. Your church may want to consider using it for church functions and/or making it available for sale.

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### BULLETIN INSERTS

Five bulletin inserts on our presbytery's involvement in Haiti mission are posted on our website and will be included in the presbytery packet. Churches are encourage to share these with session and mission committees, to make use of them in your own congregation's mission planning, to include them in the worship bulletin to help educate the congregation, and to contribute to these or other Haiti-related mission projects. Remember that our presbytery has adopted Haiti as a mission priority for the next three years.

For more information, please contact Pat Ashley, 786-210-0980.



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### HELP WANTED: BUSINESS PLAN WRITER

Our presbytery has contributed \$4000 to FANM (Fanm Ayisyen Nan Miyami)/Haitian Women of Miami for their work with earthquake survivors living in South Florida. Director Marleien Bastien has a vision for the immediate future. FANM needs adequate space for five purposes:

- The functioning of all its programs
- A Haitian restaurant
- A place to host events catered by the restaurant
- Workspace for Haitian artisans
- Boutique space to sell the work of Haitian artisans.

The functioning of this space will pay for the expenses of and provide income for the businesses involved.

In addition, it will provide a means for the local community to support FANM in its work. There are several vacant buildings in Little Haiti which would be suitable for these purposes. Due to the current economy, now is an ideal time to seek such a facility.

To bring this vision into being, the immediate need is for a person to create a business plan which can be used to approach funding sources and investors. If you can help, or if you would like more information, please contact Pat Ashley, 786-210-0980.

# COMMUNITY PC LAUDERDALE BY THE SEA

## JUST RETURNED FROM SUNSET GAP, TENNESSEE



“God is GREAT and He has worked a miracle in a little room given to us at the center in Sunset Gap!” A year ago, the Community Center was at risk of being shut down and thanks to what God has done through Community Church, it is now filled with a “Full Steam Ahead” energy that has the Board of Directors ready to look towards the future with hope again.

During Community Church’s time at Sunset Gap, they completed the playground; assembling the last of the new equipment ordered for the preschool children. They completed the garden area started during their last visit; sealing the new picnic benches and laying down new stones. Some helped clean the room where the preschool will be set up for this school year, and organized school supplies for the children of the area to have throughout the year. The children purchased food for the food pantry and they delivered the food items collected in Broward County, as well as delivering the quilts, pillowcase dresses, winter clothes, shoes, blankets and many other items. Community Church also completed the GED/Library room, stamping books, stocking shelves, downloading software, hanging curtains, etc.

In addition to all that they accomplished, their most celebrated success was when the head of adult education for Cocke County, in the State of Tennessee, came to inspect the GED/Library room. Community Church had set up the room

to benefit of the community; he was extremely impressed! The GED/Library project has been a nine month undertaking accomplished with the assistance of many individuals, sponsors, granters and contributors at Community Church, within the community, among the corporate world and through several partnering non-profits. They had hoped the Department of Education would qualify them to do the GED pre-testing on site and have a part-time teacher come assist the GED students in need of a little extra help. But, that’s not what they got...

The representative from the State was so impressed with what had been accomplished at the center that he announced that he was going to certify it as a satellite classroom - something not usually done, but everything had to be in place to be able to fulfill that standing. He announced that he would serve as the lead teacher. They would be given a part-time teacher, two local volunteers would be trained to cover the classroom, classroom supplies would be supplied, office supplies needed would be supplied, electronic notebooks, a projector, an overhead projector and other electronics would be made available, students could be pre-tested on site and ALL of the aforementioned would come at NO cost to the program!

He also announced that because the area we’re serving is so impoverished, he’d see to covering the cost of the GED testing for any of the students that can’t afford to pay for the test and that the students would be included in the annual May graduation ceremonies held for students completing their GED requirements. And he agreed to advertise the program. In addition, the school board is going to run a dropout intervention and career training program out of the little GED/Library set-up.

What God has accomplished has the potential of changing not just lives but the entire educational, economic, and mental well-being of the Cosby community and its surrounding hollows. Thank-you to EVERYONE who played a part in making all this happen. Watch for our updated list of projects, programs and items needed to the benefit of the people of the Appalachian Mountain area of Sunset Gap.

(Reported to Presbytery by Community Church Lauderdale by the Sea)

## WESTMINSTER HOUSE



The Presbyterian University Center at Westminster House (PUC) is a Presbyterian Church USA mission outpost in service to students and others at the Florida State University since 1938.

Here, students find “space for grace”— a welcoming, hospitable home-away-from-home. Our facilities include student residences, meeting and dining areas, kitchen, administrative space and library. Our goal is to embrace each student as Christ’s own, as they are, where they are.

PUC serves as a crucible for young adults to develop mature faith and healthy interpersonal relationships during a critical phase of their lives. Our ministry values students’ vocational and career interests, helping them to discern those trajectories. As a setting for addressing life’s larger questions, PUC adds important value to any student’s higher education experience.

This fall Calvin’s Coffee House re-opens as an outreach ministry that has become one of the university’s more popular gathering sites. Apart from serving excellent refreshments, Calvin’s stages alternative activities on weekends such as Music Night. Otherwise, PUC hosts free

suppers with devotions and programs each week. We sponsor visits to worship in area congregations, mission trips and retreats. An annual highlight for us continues to be participation in the Montreat Collegiate Conference.

PUC is open daily and for scheduled activities on weekends and evenings. Founded as a “student house” Westminster House continues to greet students joyfully and support them in Christ’s grace. We welcome parents and others to visit PUC when in Tallahassee or to contact us if we may be at all helpful.

Visit [www.pucfsu.com](http://www.pucfsu.com) to learn more about the Presbyterian University Center at Westminster House including upcoming activities, events or general information. PUC is one of many Presbyterian Church USA campus ministries located at colleges and universities nation-wide. See [www.pcusa.org/ministries/collegiate/campus-ministry-locator](http://www.pcusa.org/ministries/collegiate/campus-ministry-locator) to connect students with them.

Contact:

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[www.pucfsu.com](http://www.pucfsu.com)

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Community Church of Lauderdale By the Sea is seeking a Church Secretary  
Quickbooks/Computer Skills Required.  
Call for an appointment 954-776-5530.

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## LINKS

### [PRESBYTERIAN FOUNDATION GROUP](#)

Whether a Presbyterian gives locally, nationally, or globally, the Group provides a means to support the many missions and ministries of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Not only has it helped tens of thousands of Presbyterians with a variety of gift options, but, as a faith-based organization, Presbyterian Foundation group provides an opportunity to

invest in mutual funds and investment management services that reflect Christian values.

The Presbyterian Foundation is committed to bring people and mission together. Let the Foundation help you realize your passions and goals. Visit the [Presbyterian Foundation website](#) or call (800) 858-6127.

## PRESBYTERIAN PUBLISHING CORPORATION

The Presbyterian Publishing Corporation (PPC), the official denominational publisher of the PC(USA), is a financially self-sustaining agency of the General Assembly. PPC publishes approximately seventy titles each year and maintains a backlist of more than 1,700 titles. PPC publishes under the imprints of: Westminster John Knox Press; Geneva Press; [The Thoughtful Christian](#); and [The Presbyterian Leader](#). To order PPC items, visit the online marketplace or call (800) 554-4694. To order subscriptions to These Days devotional magazine call (800) 624-2412.

## PRESBYTERIAN INVESTMENT AND LOAN PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program provides low-cost mortgages to congregations, governing bodies, and related entities for capital projects such as expansions, renovations, and site purchases. Funds for these loans come from Presbyterian investors (members, pastors, churches, and governing bodies) who purchase interest-bearing notes from the program. Investments may range from term notes that mature within six months to five years and a Mission Market Fund that allows more flexibility in withdrawals and deposits. The minimum investment is \$500.

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## ECUMENICAL NEWS

### ST THOMAS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

#### Centering Prayer,

Monday evenings, 5 p.m.

September 12, 19, 26 in the Chapel

#### Special Event:

O'Neill Inter-religious Dialogue Lecture Series

Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m. in the Chapel

Dr. Amanullah De Sondy, Visiting Professor, University of Miami, will discuss his academic interest in Islamic masculinities and his participation in interfaith dialogue.

Contact **Rev. Diane Shoaf**, Director of the Ecumenical Institute, [dshoaf@stu.edu](mailto:dshoaf@stu.edu) or 305-474-6002, for further information and to volunteer for worship and special event planning teams and to serve as hosts, liturgists, musicians, and vocalists

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### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE

Each year on 21 September the World Council of Churches calls churches and parishes to observe the International Day of Prayer for Peace. 21 September is also the United Nations-sponsored International Day of Peace.

The International Day of Prayer for Peace offers an opportunity for church communities in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies. The idea was proposed in 2004 during a meeting between WCC general secretary Rev. Dr Samuel Kobia and UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and coincides with the UN International Day of Peace. The Day of Prayer is one of the initiatives of the WCC's Decade to Overcome Violence.

[Read more.](#)

### FORMATION OF PRESBYTERIAN YOUNG LEADERS

We invite you to support the ecumenical formation of our church leaders, particularly of young adult leaders. Ecumenical experiences are a powerful mean by which church leaders are transformed and shaped. The following is a testimony of a young pastor whose life and ministry has been impacted by her ecumenical experience:

“The twenty-first century American religious landscape reflects the worlds’ diversity. Now in America, Protestant and Catholic churches stand side-by-side Jewish synagogues, Islamic mosques, and Buddhist temples and no population has been greater impacted by these changes than young people. Young people in this country are growing up and coming of age amidst this increasing diversity and must be included in ecumenical dialogue. Any effort toward ecumenical formation inherently must consider the religious diversity both among our Christian brothers and sisters as well as among our new neighbors of different faiths. Young people hold the unique opportunity of being socially connected with persons from various religious traditions and the potential for dialogue is great. It is important to equip a younger generation of Christians with the tools necessary for dialogue and life together. Please consider making a financial contribution toward these efforts!”

Jennifer Lancaster

[Read more.](#)

## SHARE WITH YOUR AUDIENCES



### BORN AT GROUND ZERO

An interfaith community was born at a Presbyterian Center near New York City following the violence of 9/11. [Read how](#) Muslim, Jewish and Christian members are working as allies for peace while remaining committed to their faiths.

- [Share why](#) understanding what Muslims believe can make us better peacemakers.

### WHY THE PEACEMAKING OFFERING MATTERS

Conducting peace camps, preventing gun violence and ending the use of children as soldiers are just some of the reasons this Offering is so important. [Share the impact](#) with your audiences.

### PRESBYTERIANS FOR PEACE

[Share worship materials](#) focused on recommitting to peace as we approach the anniversary of 9/11  
Read which outreach programs Presbyterians are actively supporting in their communities.

### THE INTERFAITH GENERATION

[Share how](#) expanding our worldview can strengthen our Christian faith.  
[Find more items](#) from September's issue of Presbyterians Today.

### THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF GOD'S MISSION IN MEXICO: U.S. PRESBYTERIANS RESPOND

A webinar to discuss World Mission's response to the National Presbyterian Church of Mexico's decision to sever relations

The Changing Landscape of God's Mission in Mexico: U.S. Presbyterians Respond

Thursday, September 1

10:15-11:30 a.m. EST

Register now – space is limited



### CROSS RE-DEDICATION COMMUNITY, DEERFIELD BEACH

After a long absence – due to hurricane damage. Community Church, Deerfield installed their cross on the Briggs Hall.

Re-dedication of this Cross will be included in their first Saturday at 6:00 p.m. church service on September 3rd.

# Presbytery Calendar



## SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10:00 Council	2	3
4	5 Labor Day – Office Closed	6 2:00 COM Reg 1	7 Region 2 Pastors - 1st Ft. Laud	8 12:00 COM Reg 2 1:00 COM 3:00 HRC	9	10
11	12	13	14 10:00 CPM	15 10:00 Multicultural 12:00 Reg 1 Pastors Presbytery Packets	16	17
18	19 10:00 AMP & PtoP Mtg	20 1:30 MOSJP	21 9:30 FRC Presby Lunch Deadline	22	23 Newsletter Deadline Deadline Supplemental Reports	24 10:00 Permanent Property Mgmt AC
25	26	27 Presbytery Meeting 3:00 Session Records Review	28	29 10:00 –2:00 Covenant Group	30	

## OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 2:00 COM Reg 1 7:00pm COM Reg 3	5 10:00 Nominations & Representation	6 12 COM Reg 2 1:00 COM	7	8
9	10	11	12 10:00 CON/COR	13 3:00 HRC	14	15
16	17	18 1:30 MOSJP 4:00 Coral Gables	19	20	21	22 9:30 Sexual Misconduct (Boundaries) Training
23 1:00 COM 30	24	25 Newsletter Deadline 7:00 COM Reg 3	26 10:00 CPM	27 10:00 Council	28	29