

COUNCIL Report

Hudson River Presbytery

September 19, 2017

Gavin D. Meek, chair

Your Council reports the following for information:

1. It is developing the position description for the General Presbyter based on the work of a joint meeting of the Council and the former Transition Team. The General Presbyter Nominating Committee will use the position description as it writes the Ministry Information Form.
2. It is developing a theme for the 2018 HRP meetings around the new HRP value of inclusion.
3. The launch of the new HRP website is scheduled for the end of January.
4. At-Large members have been appointed to the following roles: Rhoda Ingberman will facilitate of the Strong Empowered Leadership Team, Jonah So will facilitate the Healthy, Vital Communities of Faith Team and Katrina Zezza will be the Council liaison with HRP Partnerships.
5. It is investigating the cost effectiveness of videotaping the officer and clerk training classes at HRU and placing them on our new HRP website for future reference.

Your HRP Council acted on your behalf and within its commission in the following ways:

1. Approved a requested change by the Holmes Board to their bylaws, Section 3, in order for it to read: "Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum. A quorum of the Board will be 51% of current members and shall be required for business to be conducted. All Presbyteries named in Article I, Section 2, must be represented."
2. Approved changing the Nov. 27, 2018 presbytery meeting to Tuesday, December 4, 2018.
3. Approved today's Presbytery offering to go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for hurricane relief and the offering at HRP's December 5th meeting be split between Christmas Joy and Global Witness offerings.

Your Council recommends the following:

1. **-C- The additions to the Manual of Operations the descriptions of Partnerships and Ministry Teams. (attached)**
2. **-C- The addition to the Manual of Operations the position description for HRP's General Assembly Commissioners. (attached)**

- 3. The election of MWS Stephany Graham (Peekskill) to the Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN), Class of 2020.** (CORN does not make nominations to itself; Council has been given the responsibility to nominate persons to serve on CORN.)
- 4. That the size General Presbyter Nominating Committee be set at eight (8) and that it be given the responsibility to examine the candidate for membership and fitness of call in HRP, if the candidate is a Minister of Word and Sacrament.** (The latter part of this recommendation is ordinary in the PCUSA and ultimately HRP will decide when they act on the recommended nominee of the GPNC.)
- 5. That the following be elected to serve on the General Presbyter Nominating Committee (GPNC):**
 1. Lynn Costa (Monroe)
 2. Carol Dornbush (Naurashaun)
 3. MWS Jeff Farley (Otisville)
 4. MWS John Miller (Rye)
 5. MWS Erin Moore (Chester)
 6. MWS Laurie McNeill, chair (Highland/Marlboro)
 7. Craig Thompson (Mt. Vernon)
 8. A member of Korean Presbyterian Church of Westchester.

In developing this slate for consideration by HRP, the Council is presenting strong nominees that represent our wonderful diversity including: Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament; geographical location (both sides of the river); ethnicity; age; church size; and length of involvement with HRP. Pics and bios will be available at the registration table.