

COUNCIL Report

Hudson River Presbytery

December 5, 2017

Gavin D. Meek, chair

Your Council reports the following for information:

1. Work has begun on developing a HRP youth organization.
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. Ended the Hunger Action position with the departure of Lori Hylton, who accepted a position with the Synod of the Northeast.
5. Has rescheduled HRU for Saturday, March 17 at Stony Point.
 - Clerk of Session Day - training for new and experienced Clerks
 - Officer Training for new and continuing Elders and Deacons
 - Christian Education: Children - Youth - Adult
 - Social Justice/Advocacy: Building energy for social justice work in your congregation - Difficult conversations on issues of disagreement - HRP Partnerships
 - Planned Giving – Stewardship Workshops A & B

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND LET YOUR CONGREGATION KNOW!!!

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

1. Approved a Partnership between HRP and PresbyBuild.
2. Co-sponsored the Annual Thanksgiving Diversity Breakfast (November 16), and of the Multifaith Service on Racial Equality worship service (Sunday January 28th at 4 pm) organized by the Westchester American Jewish Committee along with multiple denominations.
3. Approved the placement of “no guns” signs on the HRP office doors.
4. Approved, upon recommendation of Budget, Finance and Property/Trustees (BFP), a position description for HRP’s Treasurer.
5. Approved, upon recommendation of the Personnel Committee, a position description for the General Presbyter (see attached). This position description is based on the work of a joint meeting of the Council and the former Transition Team and will be used by the General Presbyter Nominating Committee (GPNC) in its search.
6. Affirmed BFP’s budget request along with the Per Capita increase. This will be presented by BFP to HRP for action during their report.
7. Approved a year extension beginning January 1, 2018 of the Interim General Presbyter (IGP) agreement between HRP and the Rev. Gavin D. Meek. There is a 30 day notice in the contract in which either the IGP, if he were to leave upon being called to a new position, or HRP upon the call of a new General Presbyter.

Note: Council received a report from Rev. Katie Rivera Torea on the Synod Commission, attached.