

PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON RIVER
Presbytery Meeting
December 5, 2017

The Presbytery of Hudson River met in stated meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017, at Stony Point Center, Stony Point, New York, 10980, and was convened at 10:00 AM with prayer.

Note: "MSA" = moved, seconded, approved.

"MA" = moved, approved, motions coming from committees, needing no second.

TE = Teaching Elder; RE = Ruling Elder, CRE = Commissioned Ruling Elder.

PHR website: www.hudrivpres.org with a link to Hudson Happenings.

Call to Gather the Presbyters for God's Business

Moderator-elect Keith Brokaw

Declaration of a Quorum

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Moderator-elect Keith Brokaw declared a quorum was present.

Voting on the Docket

MOTION: to vote on the Docket and Consent Agenda. (Attachments I & II). **MSA**

The AA/EEO guidelines were followed during the search process for all of the Teaching Elders and CREs listed in the Committee on Ministry report (Consent Agenda).

Introduction of New Ruling Elder Commissioners

The Moderator welcomed Ruling Elders who were attending as first-time commissioners.

Seating of Corresponding Members

None

Minutes Readers

TE David Mason and RE James Ferguson (Calvary, Newburgh).

Welcome from Stony Point Center

Kitty Ufford-Chase

Kitty Ufford-Chase welcomed presbytery to Stony Point Center.

Worship (Attachment III)

Peter Surgenor led worship. The offering was dedicated to Christmas Joy and Peace and Global Witness, and totaled \$807.

Community Conversations

- ***Learnings from the 2017 Stewardship Kaleidoscope Conference***-Charles Barton Convening
- ***Solarize HRP Green: How to Afford and Get Solar Panels on your Church, House, or Business***- Nina Orville and Kathy Dean, leading
- ***Who Needs PW: A Look at Why Women's Organizations are Needed Today and in the Future***- Diane Drake Behan, Lisa Gray, and Judy Wason, leading

12:30 PM Blessing for the Meal.

Reconvened at 1:30 PM.

Moderator Peter Surgenor assumed the chair.

60 Second Announcements

CRE Anne Wood thanked Benjamin Larson-Wolbrink for his service as the CRE leader for the last 3 years.

Peter offered prayer for the announced events.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Elizabeth Smith-Bartlett

Jean-Paul Marshall was examined for ordination.

MOTION: to approve Jean-Paul for ordination and to ask Grace Presbytery to ordain him on our behalf. **MA**

Jean-Paul's wife, Susan Fox, was introduced.

Committee on Ministry

Jeffery Farley & Charles Low

- Introduction of New Ministers of Word and Sacrament: Doris Chandler, Cold Spring; Jeromey Howard, Montgomery; Abigail Huff, New City/Germonds; Jean-Paul Marshall, Rye; and Deborah Rundlett, Poets and Prophets Ministry.
- Honorable Retirement of David Mason—Harriet Sandmeier spoke on David's behalf. A standing ovation ensued, followed by prayer by Peter.

Keith Brokow, Moderator-elect, assumed the chair.

Grants Committee

Catherine Surgenor

Five applications have been approved for Legacy Grants. Debra Bronkema, Pleasantville, explained how they decided on the Legacy Grant Program.

Stated Clerk's Report (Attachment IV)

Susan De George

- The minutes of the September 19, 2017 stated meeting of the Presbytery were read by TE Richard Spierling and CRE Thomas Buchanan (New Rochelle). They recommend approval.
- Statistical Reports open online on December 1, 2017 and close on February 7, 2018. They can be completed early to avoid the end of year rush. They need to be approved by session.

Council (Attachment V)

Gavin Meek

The attached report has information regarding the Council's work.

The Synod Commission Report is attached. (Attachment VI)

Committee on Representation and Nominations

Heather Benedict

The Committee on Representation and Nominations recommends the following:

RESIGNATIONS: None

MA the following elections, with no nominations from the floor,

ELECT

Grants Committee, 2019

TE Debra Northern

Presbyterian Conference Association Board (Holmes), 2018

RE Lesley Pella-Woo

Budget, Finance and Property Committee/Trustees 2020

TE Paul Lent

Committee on Ministry, 2020

TE Jeromey Howard

TE Doris Chandler

ELECT

Commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, 2018:

Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Austin Kim (South Salem)

Alternate RE, Anne Wood

Alternate TE, Jeff Geary

Commissioners to the Synod of the Northeast Assembly:

RE: Jim Ferguson (Calvary, Newburgh)

RE: Rick Ufford-Chase (Stony Point)

TEs: Jeniffer Rodriguez (Ossining) and Drew Paton (South, Dobbs Ferry)

Young Adult Advisory Delegate: Kathleen Howell (Montgomery)

Heather encouraged prayerful consideration of possible nominees and recommendations to CORN.

Budget, Finance & Property/Trustees

John Miller

The 2018 Budget was presented for a First Reading. (Attachment VII)

The Mission Giving and Per Capita Reports are attached. (Attachment VIII)

HRP is looking for a treasurer. The job description is attached. (Attachment IX)

Per Capita will increase to \$36.83 per member.

General Presbyter Nominating Committee

Laurie McNeill

The Minister Information Form is being filled out, and the committee has met with various committees and people to identify needs for our new EP.

Stony Point Administrative Commission

Robert Trawick

The AC met with session and the congregation and it was voted to dissolve the congregation. The closing date will be December 31, 2017.

Motion: to approve January 1, 2018, as the date that the AC will assume original jurisdiction of the Stony Point Church, with gratitude to God for their service and time.

MSA The closing service will be on January 7, 2018.

Interim General Presbyter's Report

Gavin Meek

- Gavin shared his thanks and is impressed by the commitment of those involved in the GP search process.
- A part-time Administrative Assistant is needed in the office, six hours per day, on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Gavin spoke about our vision and mission, and that there will be four presbytery meetings next year.

New Business

None

Attendance Proclamation

67 Teaching Elders and CREs

38 Ruling Elder Commissioners

33 Visitors, officers & staff

138 TOTAL

Motion: to adjourn at 3:43 PM. **MSA**

With no further business before the body, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 3:43 PM. The next stated meeting will convene on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at the First Presbyterian Church, 142 Stage Road, Monroe NY10950, at 10:00 AM, with registration at 9:30 AM. (Snowdate will be Wednesday, January 31st.)

Teaching Elder Susan De George
Stated Clerk

Ruling Elder Wendy Spierling
Journal Clerk