

FROM YOUR INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER:

2018 will be an exciting year for Hudson River Presbytery! In this year, you will welcome a new General Presbyter. That person will partner with you in the work God has given you as a presbytery, providing important leadership as you achieve your goals, do your mission while living out your values and moving closer to your vision. Importantly, all this has this presbytery fulfilling its Constitutional responsibility “for **assisting and supporting** the witness of **congregations** to the **sovereign activity of God** in the world, so that **all congregations** become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.” (G-3.0301)

As a presbytery, you are in very good shape as you search for your General Presbyter and begin this new chapter. You have discerned three ministry goals, in which to focus your efforts and resources, around **strong, transformative leadership, healthy, vital communities of faith and partnership around ministry passions**. There are many strong and dynamic elders and pastors leading our congregations. There is and has been a good spirit in HRP with all the churches paying their Per Capita. With that and strong mission giving and other resources, you are financially stable and have the resources to do good ministry in, for and with the congregations and leaders that make up HRP.

Please keep the General Presbyter Nominating Committee (GPNC) in your prayers as they seek to do their important work of discerning the Spirit’s leading:

Lynn Costa (Monroe)

Carol Dornbush (Naurausaun)

MWS Jeff Farley (Otisville)

MWS Laurie McNeill, chair (Highland/Marlboro)

MWS John Miller (Rye)

MWS Erin Moore (Chester)

Aileen Ok (Korean Presbyterian Church of Westchester)

Craig Thompson (Mt. Vernon)

(MWS – Minister of Word and Sacrament)

As Laurie, the chair, reported at the last presbytery meeting and in the last Hudson Happenings, they have been working hard and meeting regularly, that is to say... a lot, and they will have the Ministry Information Form online with the PC(USA) offices and receiving Personal Information Forms in January.

In the meantime, let us all continue to participate in the “sovereign activity of God in the world.”

See ya around the presbytery!

God bless. Gavin

Your Interim General Presbyter

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