

## FROM YOUR INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER – JUNE 8, 2017

As has been shared previously, the March Community Conversation presented by the Transition Team confirmed what was suspected all along... namely that those who gathered, a good cross section of HPR, overwhelmingly favor a full-time General Presbyter. The next step is to determine the major responsibilities for this position and what bearing that may have for the overall staffing pattern of the presbytery.

Your Transition Team (see membership below) was tasked with that work. However, that task was given to them by HRP at the January 2015 presbytery meeting when Susan Andrews announced her retirement. Obviously, this was before there was a Council (see membership below). The Council was put into our Design for Mission and Ministry following last year's evaluation of our structure. Now that there is a Council in place, your Transition Team believes that the Council needs to be involved in that conversation and work. Thus, this month, your Council and your Transition Team will spend a day together to prayerfully do this work, keeping in mind HRP's vision, values, mission and ministry goals (see below).

More will be shared later, but in the meantime, please keep them in your prayers and share with them your appreciation for the time and work they are doing on our behalf.

God bless. Gavin

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### **HRP Transition Team**

Chairperson – Debbie Bronkema (MWS, Pleasantville)  
Laurie Ferguson (MWS, Validated)  
Gaye Hartwig (RE, Port Jervis)  
Paul Lent (MWS, Freedom United)  
Leslie Mardenborough (RE, White Plains)  
Jonah So (MWS, Korean)  
Peter Surgenor (MWS, Executive Director @ Holmes)  
Rick Ufford-Chase (RE, Stony Point)  
Stephen Valastro (RE, Hortonville)  
Dorinda Violante (MWS, Katonah)  
Gavin Meek (MWS, Interim General Presbyter)

(RE > Ruling Elder; MWS > Minister of Word and Sacrament)

### **HRP Council**

Keith Brokaw (HRP Moderator-elect/RE Monroe)  
Laurie Ferguson (Personnel chair/MWS Validated)  
Rhoda Ingberman (at-large/RE Katonah)  
Leslie Mardenborough (HRP Immediate Past Moderator/RE White Plains)  
John Miller (Budget, Finance and Property chair/MWS Rye)  
Erin Moore (at-large/MWS Chester)  
Jonah So (at-large/MWS Korean)  
Peter Surgenor (HRP Moderator/MWS Validated, Holmes Director)  
Michelle Torosian (Grants rep/RE Pleasantville)  
Katrina Zizza (at-large, RE Beacon)

Gavin Meek (Interim General Presbyter/MWS Validated)  
Susan De George (Stated Clerk/MWS Validated)

## **VISION**

**As members of the body of Christ,  
Hudson River Presbytery  
is called to live resurrection  
with passion and partnership  
in a changing world.**

## **VALUES**

Partnership  
Hospitality  
Inclusivity  
Justice  
Passion  
Inclusivity  
Curiosity  
Honesty  
Joy  
Generosity

## **MISSION**

As a resurrection people, Hudson River Presbytery  
engages people's passions;  
builds partnerships;  
nurtures strong leadership;  
and creates healthy, vital communities of faith;  
all to the glory of God.

## **MINISTRY GOALS**

In order to **do** our **Mission**,  
to get us closer to **be** our **Vision**,  
while **living out** our **Values** and

**fulfilling our 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),

**Hudson River Presbytery** commits to the following three **Ministry Goals**:

- ◆ **PARTNERSHIPS:** Encourage and support the creation of Partnerships by two or more congregations around people's passion and energy within the life of our presbytery, our congregations and the larger church that furthers the cause of Christ in the world.
- ◆ **LEADERSHIP:** Provide initiatives, events, resources, etc. that create, grow, empower and nurture strong, transformative leadership for the purpose of leading resurrection people and healthy, vital communities of faith.

- ◆ **HEALTHY, VITAL COMMUNITIES OF FAITH:** Provide initiatives, events, resources, etc. that create, grow, empower and nurture healthy, vital communities of faith for the work of mission in a changing world.