

2017 Challenge to Change (Ch 2 Ch) Grant



“FPC Highland Kitchen Renovation”

The FPC Highland church kitchen has been the hub of food preparation for the church itself and a number of groups that use the facility: Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, AA, Highland Library Reading Program, their Highland Summer Feeding Program, and local initiatives such as the community Thanksgiving Program dinner for those in need. Their kitchen was made compliant by local town inspectors for the serving of cold food in 2015 (with support from an earlier Ch 2 Ch grant) but the inspectors disconnected their stove because this lacked a fire suppression system. That meant that FPC Highland was unable to support outreach programs that involved hot food. They estimated that the total cost of the project would be \$13,950 but asked for, and received, \$5,400 from a Ch 2 Ch grant to cover a shortfall.

The stove hood materials were ordered and delivered, a building permit was secured from the town to complete the installation, but then disaster struck. A sewer line ruptured on their property and required immediate attention. The FPC Highland “volunteer labor force” redirected their efforts to the sewer line replacement from September through November of 2017, to restore their bathroom facilities, sewer line and sidewalks. Thus the kitchen renovation was delayed by a few months but their inaugural benefit dinner took place on September 15 of this year, to honor and support Eric Munson, a previous Scout Master of Troop 70, which Highland has sponsored for decades. Eric suffers from brain cancer and has five children of college age and younger.

Do you or a member of your church have a great idea that reflect the mission and core values of the Hudson River Presbytery but that idea could use some financial assistance? Please visit the HRP Home page and simply click on “Grants.” There you will find information about all the grants our Presbytery offers as well as those offered by our Synod and the General Assembly. And you will also find application forms there.