

Grants Committee

(Approved by the Presbytery of Hudson River: 5-23-17)

Purpose: The purpose of the **Grants Committee** is to support the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Hudson River (HRP) by faithfully ensuring that the grants under its purview support resurrection living, following the guidelines provided by HRP and partnering with those who are seeking effective ways to be the church in a changing world.

Accountability: The Grants Committee shall be accountable to HRP through the Council.

Membership: The Grants Committee shall consist of six (6) voting members, comprised of ministers of Word and Sacrament and lay members in numbers as nearly equal as possible nominated by the Committee on Representation and Nominations and elected by HRP, who possess passion/skills in seeing possibilities in new endeavors, analyzing grants and evaluating results. The term of service is three (3) years with the eligibility to serve two (2) full terms or a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. The chair shall also be nominated by the Committee of Representation and Nominations and elected by HRP for a one (1) year term and may be renewable. No two (2) members shall be members of or serve the same congregation nor from the same family. The Personnel Committee shall appoint a staff liaison/s who shall be ex officio members with voice but no vote.

Meetings: The Grants Committee will meet as necessary.

Responsibilities:

1. Administer the grant funds (currently Peacemaking, Challenge to Change, and Legacy) which HRP has made available to churches, faith entities, organizations and individuals:
 - a. Promote and encourage use of the funds by our churches, ordinarily providing at least one annual training session on grant writing.
 - b. Receive inquiries and applications.
 - c. Review applications in a timely way, discern whether they meet criteria and decide whether to approve the applications; for the Legacy grants, given the potential of the significant amount of money, they will seek Council's final approval, having previously shared a brief summary of the Concept Paper which comes at the beginning of the process.
 - d. Ensure that funds are distributed appropriately.
 - e. Review progress reports, evaluate the effectiveness of the approved grants and determine continued support.
2. Support the HRP Self Development of People (SDOP) Committee:
 - a. Appointing committee members with guidance from the current chair and following the guidelines set forth by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
 - b. Receive regular reports from the liaison concerning SDOP work and actions.
3. To help HRP remain knowledgeable of other grants offered by our denomination and other sources.
4. To communicate funding needs expressed by churches to Council.
5. As time permits, to keep abreast of major trends in the grant world.