

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Colossians 3:15***

A very hearty thank you to all the churches and individuals who have reached out in love to our brothers and sisters in Christ who worship in Rincon Puerto Rico. They look a lot like us and they worship as we do. You can see it in the pictures.



Over the past year, congregations in our Presbytery have reached out in various ways to help our sister church recover from the devastation of Hurricane Maria, reach out to the English speaking community in the area, and enhance its worship.

The congregation at Stony Point closed its doors, but its spirit lives on in worship as their hymnals were donated to the congregation in Rincon. South Salem contributed to this effort as well. Cornwall donated English language Bibles. How interesting that we are helping a congregation reach out to English speakers, as many of our Hudson River Presbytery congregations reach out to Spanish speakers!

Contributions were received to help the Rincon congregation purchase new hymnals for use in their weekly services. As you can see from the photograph these were sorely needed. And I never saw one that looked this good! The mission committees of Scarborough Presbyterian and Peekskill Presbyterian, as well as individuals in both of these churches contributed enough money to replace the old hymnals with new ones. I look forward to using the new hymnals when I worship with this congregation in February.

Thank you so much for all the help and support our churches have provided. Two things are quite apparent to me.

We are a connectional church!

We are united in one body- the body of Christ!

**ALLELUIA! AMEN!**

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