

Dear Friends,

HRU (Hudson River University) was a huge success as judged by the numbers and evaluations! Over 150 individuals – members, deacons, ruling elders and pastors from nearly all of our 79 congregations – gathered at Stony Point on March 17 to learn, grow and connect. We gathered a faculty of 18 from around the presbytery and beyond, sharing their knowledge and experience with others. There was a great deal of energy and excitement when we started the day off with prayer, gathered together for lunch and throughout the five classes offered each session.

I want to thank all those who came and especially the faculty for your preparation and teaching and your willingness to share your skills and abilities, your knowledge and experience!

HRP's Vision states boldly and aspirationally, as vision statements are to do:

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

One of the ways we live out that Vision is in PARTNERSHIP, one of our nine Values. At HRU, we went deeper into what it means to be resurrection people. This event helped us achieve one of our Ministry Goals of providing ***“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.”*** We were 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),

We are an Easter People. Thanks be to God.

Happy Easter and God bless.

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Your Interim General Presbyter