



2017 Winter Quarterly Meeting
Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission
January 27-28 at Stony Point Conference Center

30 attended: 13 Presbyteries represented, 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegates, 2 Racial Ethnic Caucus, Presbyterian Women Representative, 5 staff

- Mission Working Group approved Innovation Grants and Campus Ministry
 - *Trinity Summer Youth Academy Summer Camp* (Newark Presbytery) to support their Session approved ministry in feeding their church school members, youth choir members, and the unchurched youth. They empower their youth for success by being an inclusive and caring faith-based harbor for all of their youth. \$5,000 over 2 years
 - *Institute of Music* (Elizabeth) to support their partnership between United and IMC to enhance the artists expression appreciation of community youth through economically accessible, high-quality arts training in a creative and nurturing, out-of-school environment. \$10,000 over 2 years
 - *Sabbath House* (Monmouth) to support their center for sacred activism and spiritual companionship. \$24,000 over two years
 - *Hudson Church Without Walls* (Albany) to support their experiment of asking the community, “Where is God?” through field trips, public liturgies, mission that is not place-based, unconventional worship spaces, new forms of worship, and a small group that meets at a local coffee shop/bar, also where their Pastor currently keeps her office hours. \$18,000
 - *The Circle of Inspiration* (Palisades) to support their mission project, seeking to provide resources and services to individuals who have spent time incarcerated and are now seeking to re-enter society. \$28,000 over two years
 - *Boston Food Justice Young Adult Volunteer Program* (Boston) to seek to engage local Presbyterian congregations in bringing healthy and sustainably-grown food to all people through the leadership of young adults in their midst. \$4,000
 - *Glenwood Life Center* (Long Island) to support United Adult Ministries which offers older adults hope, through expanding opportunities and practical services, to live confidently in today’s world. \$17,000 over 2 years
 - *Camp at the Eastward* (Northern New England) to provide a pastoral presence to the people of rural Maine is a goal for the worshipping community of Sparrows Nest and Camp at the Eastward to come together to seek innovation ways to worship, bringing God’s love and grace to an impoverished community. \$25,000 over 3 year
 - *Hispanic Youth Cohort* for 15 congregations within NYC, Elizabeth, West Jersey, and Long Island Presbyteries for a three-year pronged Emerging Leaders Forum, for a Spiritual Formation Retreat, Faith and Social Justice Event, and seed monies for a summer domestic mission trip. \$5,000
 - *Undoing Racism Program* (Rendall Memorial PC-NYC) \$5,000
 - *Stony Brook University* (Long Island) \$5,000 over two years

- The Administrative Working Group moved
 - To get out of the loan business
 - Negotiate with the Vandesall Collective for short term continuing their services for communication
 - Continue to work on staffing restructure

- The Network Working Group
 - *Clean Climate Network* with initial plans for at least one person per Presbytery attend a conference and to continue to work on Clean Climate
 - *Live Wire Network* includes Emerging Gospel, New Worship Communities, Fellowships, New Church Development
 - Approved further funding for *Prison Ministry Network*
 - *Coaching Network* continues with great accolades and success. They are about to the end of being funded through the Network Working Group. Other funds will be sought.
 - *New Beginnings Network* will perform assessment for Congregations and then follow up implementation.
 - *Meditation Network* continues and is looking at expanding its members

- Anti-Racism
 - Will follow suggestion of the GA Co-Moderators (One Church, One Book) “Waking up White, Explores White Privilege” by Debby Irving
 - Exploring Sankofa Trip

- A report from COR (Committee on Representation) was heard

- The Robert Washington Scholars were introduced: The Revs. *Hyon Kim* (Executive Presbytery/Stated Clerk of Eastern Korean Presbtery); *Mario Bolivar* (Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery); and *Terri Ofori* (Newark Presbytery & Chaplin of Bloomfield College).

- Presbytery Moderators (& two Presbytery leaders) Convention: March 3-4 at The Desmond

- Next meeting: April 28-29 in Albany

- Save the Date: September 22-23 “Come to the Table” at Stony Point

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Respectfully Submitted,

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