

2015 Spring Quarterly Meeting
Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission
March 27-28 in Albany, New York

- 27 attended this meeting, 14 Presbyteries represented, 4 YAD, 2 Racial Ethnic Caucus, PW, 6 Staff and was moderated by Geneva's TE David Ashby.
- Synod of the Northeast is building relationships with Synod of Boriquen – Puerto Rico.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance selected TE Thia Reggio to the position of PDA Coordinator for the northeast. This position is appointed and funded by PDA with the travel expenses and payroll services provided by our Synod.
- The Synod Ecumenical Cabinet is taking shape. TE Rich Will from Northern New York Presbytery will represent us on NY State Council of Churches. By June the cabinet should be complete. And by the end of the year it is the goal to have consultations between all the Executive Directors of the eight State Council of Churches in our Synod.
- The Synod Leadership Team is concerned that the GAPJC ruled in favor of the remedial complaint brought by James MacKellar. The decision does not reflect the Mission & Ministry of our Synod. We strive for total inclusion of our young leaders and of those serving racial/ethnic, immigrant and other groups through gospel communities not represented in presbytery structures. Within these communities you find many gifts, which will help shape, the future of the Church.
- The Mission Working Group recommended and the Commission approved grants.
 - Innovation Grants
 - Prison Ministry & Social Witness – Elizabeth Presbytery
 - English School Building Bridges – New Brunswick Presbytery
 - Underwood Park CrossFit – Albany Presbytery
 - Stony Point Vision Grant – Hudson River Presbytery
 - Good Shepherd Presbytery Church – Hudson River Presbytery
 - Movie Ministry – Northern New York Presbytery
 - Transformation through Leadership Development – Boston & Northern New England Presbyteries
 - Mission Grants
 - Latin American/Hispanic Caucus
 - Korean American Caucus
 - Campus Ministry
 - Long Island Campus Ministry

- Peacemaking
 - 4 Ecumenical Advocacy Days Scholarships awarded
- Restricted
 - Mary Wallingford Scholarship awarded to TE Nancy Meehan Yao – Geneva Presbytery
- African American Church Growth Fund
 - 4 scholarships awarded to African American Leaders to attend Princeton Seminary's 2015 Annual Black Theology and Leadership Institute

- The Network Working Group recommended and approved a Network.
 - A regional Northern New York Committee on Ministry Network. This includes the Presbyteries of Albany, Northern New York, Utica and Hudson River Presbyteries
 - There are several other ideas in the works.

- The Administrative Working Group is diligently working with the finances, budget and the per capita. This working group exists to support the other working groups, the Commission, and the leadership of the Synod, by promoting policies that ensure our smooth operations, to encourage fiscal responsibility and create an atmosphere that is supportive of Synod work.

Respectfully Submitted,

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