

2015 Summer Quarterly Meeting  
Synod of the Northeast  
Mission and Ministry Commission  
June 26-27 in Albany, New York



- Out of 22 Presbyteries - 16 were present, out of 7 eligible Presbyteries - 2 YAAD were present (Geneva & Elizabeth Presbyteries had not submitted a name), 2 Racial Ethnic Caucus present, Presbyterian Women, 5 staff, Geneva's TE David Ashby moderated
- Contracted with Wingo Fundraising Consulting Communication & Design Service for the purpose of enhancing Communication plus Mission giving and funds development
- Increased the hours of the Stated Clerk to up to 30 hours a week
- Presbyteries are reenergizing their ministries through higher education such as campus ministries and UKirk – The Network of Collegiate Ministries of the PCUSA
- Final report of Geneva Special Administrative Review Committee (SARC) was received and endorsed
- The Synod of the Northeast has assumed original jurisdiction of the Newark, NJ Presbytery per request of the Newark Presbytery through an Administrative Commission (AC) until the new leadership structure begins in December
- Approved Electronic meetings for changes to the by-laws
- A theological learning in the Synod of Boriquen – Puerto Rico will be held this coming winter
- Will make overtures to the GA to amend the Book of Order
- Moved to change the language in the standing rules to conform to the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission (GAPJC) decision.
- Thirteen out of twenty-two Presbyteries have sought to share Synod mission resources
- At this meeting, Grants totaling nearly \$75,000 were approved
  - New York City - \$20,000 over two years
  - Iglesia Presbyteriana - \$40,000 over two years
  - The Nyack Project (Hudson River) - \$12,500

- Coaching Network - \$8,500
- Live Wire Network - \$8,000
  - The Live Wire Network will identify, support and resource individuals throughout the Synod engaged in emerging ministries, new worshipping communities or other types of ministry that will benefit from support that is different from what is offered to traditional ministries.
  
- Everyone is encouraged to attend “Come to the Table” the Synod Biennial Gathering
  - Silver Bay, YMCA Camp
  - Friday-Saturday, October 30-31
  
- Next Mission & Ministry Commission meeting:
  - Saturday-Sunday, September 25-26
  - The Desmond, Albany, New York

Respectfully Submitted,

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