

2014 Fall Quarterly Meeting
Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission
September 19-20 in Albany

- Synod Council is now called Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission. Each and every Presbytery, all twenty-two, are seated around the table with equal voice & vote, plus racial ethnic caucuses and Presbyterian Women. It is recommended, but not necessary, that the person seated from each Presbytery be one of the Synod Assembly Commissioner and it is strongly recommended and wise for that person to be seated on their respective Presbytery Council.
- The Search Committee presented TE – The Rev. Dr. Amaury Tanon-Santos to the new position of Networker.
- A Member of the Geneva Presbytery Special Administrative Review Committee (SARC) reported they are in the research phase
- The Personnel Committee will create an ethics policy -- a draft will be ready for the first M & M commission meeting in 2015
- Innovation Fund Grants were approved for
 - Broom Tree Ministries of FPC Astoria, New York City Presbytery
 - 90 Second Sermon for FPC Englewood of Palisades Presbytery. This was featured in a recent article in *Presbyterian Today* periodical
 - Multicultural Ministry Project for FPC of Elizabeth/ Elizabeth Presbytery
 - NJ Presbytery Leaders Network which includes the Presbyteries of Eastern Korean, Elizabeth, Monmouth, New Brunswick, Newark, Newton, Palisades and West Jersey
- Higher Education Fund Grants were approved for the following Presbyteries
 - Albany
 - Troy Area United Ministries (Russell Sage and RPI)
 - Union College – Protestant Ministry
 - SUNY/Albany – Cornerstone Protestant Campus Ministry
 - Genesee Valley
 - SUNY/Brockport – Interfaith Campus Ministries
 - Nazareth College
 - University/Rochester – Genesee Area Campus Ministries
 - New Brunswick
 - Trenton Area Campus Ministry
 - Northern New England
 - Maine Christian Association

- Plymouth State University – United Campus Ministry
 - University of New Hampshire – United Campus Ministry
 - Susquehanna Valley – Patti Wolff is the higher education coordinator
 - SUNY/Cortland – Campus Ministry
 - SUNY/Delhi – Campus Ministry
 - Ithaca College – Protestant Campus Ministry
 - Cornell Protestant Cooperative Ministry
 - And also Massachusetts United Ministries in Higher Education - UMHE
 - MIT
 - University of Mass/Amherst
 - University of Mass/Lowell
- Following the September M & M Commission meeting, on Columbus Day weekend, Synod hosted an “Emerging New Leaders” event at Silver Bay. This was a very positive experience for all that attended. And then on Columbus Day a Racial Ethnic Roundtable Discussion was held in Princeton. Another positive and productive experience for all.
- The first edition of the “Mission and Innovation Newsletter” is up on the Synod of the Northeast Website. Check it out = <http://synodne.org/mission-and-innovation-newsletter/> You will see the great and innovative mission projects that are funded by your Synod Mission Pledge dollars and cents including one for the Geneva Presbytery.

Respectfully Submitted,

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