

# **COUNCIL Report**

**Hudson River Presbytery**

**May 23, 2017**

**Gavin D. Meek, chair**

**The Council of HRP recommends the following:**

- 1. The adoption of the revised, attached bylaw change and the waving of the “two meeting requirement” to adopt bylaws.**

NOTE: The current bylaws were just adopted March 31, 2017. They reflected the design proposed by the Transition Team in September and adopted in December. However, the Council feels that its focus ought to be on its purpose, “to oversee the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Hudson River (HRP) in order to focus, align and coordinate its resources toward the presbytery’s approved ministry goals.” The Council believes getting involved in the details of property and legal matters, including those required by Trustees under the New York Religious Corporation Law and the Articles of Incorporation distracts it from its purpose and does not serve the greater good of HRP. Additionally, Council believes that Budget, Finance and Property has the expertise in these areas and has served HRP well by having fulfilled these responsibilities on the recent years.

Further, our Faith and Order Committee reviewed this recommendation and sees no concerns from a Constitutional or polity view.

- 2. The adoption of the attached Council description for placement in the new Manual of Operations.**

NOTE: These are the specifics for the Design for Mission and Ministry HRP adopted in December and corresponds to the bylaws adopted in March.

- 3. The adoption of the committee descriptions for placement in the new Manual of Operations:**

**Budget, Finance and Property (BFP)**

**Committee on Ministry (COM)**

**Committee on Representation and Nominations (CORN)**

**Committee on Preparation of Ministry (CPM)**

**Faith and Order Committee (F&O)**

**Grants Committee**

**Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)**

**Personnel Committee**

NOTE: Each of these has been reviewed and developed by the chair of the particular committee and most have been reviewed by the entire committee. They match exactly or very closely to the current practice of these particular committees and commission.