



Our Calling:

As members of the body of Christ,  
Hudson River Presbytery is called  
to live resurrection  
with passion and partnership  
in a changing world.

**The Presbytery of Hudson River  
May 23, 2017  
First Presbyterian Church, Goshen, NY  
10:00 AM – 3:30 PM**

**THEME: “Waiting for the Holy Spirit”**



**9:30 REGISTRATION  
PRE-MEETING PRAYER GATHERING**

**10:00 CALL TO GATHER THE PRESBYTERS FOR GOD’S BUSINESS** Peter Surgenor  
**DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**  
**VOTING THE DOCKET** (including the *Consent Agenda*. If any presbyter wants to remove an item from the consent agenda for discussion and action s/he need only request that it be removed.)

**THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW ELDER COMMISSIONERS**  
**THE SEATING OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**  
**THE MINUTES** *Appointment of readers of this meeting's minutes.*  
**WELCOME FROM THE STONY POINT CENTER**

**10:15 WORSHIP**

Dale Southorn leading worship. The offering is designated as the Pentecost Offering.

**11:10 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS** (in breakout rooms)

- ***Christian Caregiver: A Holy Conversation***

No caregiver is ever alone if they are in Christ. Come share your experience of Christ's dying and rising in the caregiving journey with a community of believers. Bring your Bible and a journal.

Rose Chan, leading

- ***Nominating Committee: Discerning the Nomination of Elders and Deacons***

This Community Conversation will examine the important work of the church Nominating Committee which has the responsibility to discern and nominate persons with exceptional Christian faith, devotion and leadership qualities to serve as elder and deacon as well as at-large members of the next Nominating Committee, all in accordance with the Book of Order (G-2.0401) and the congregational bylaws. It is a process of prayerful discernment of gifts, abilities and faith of those who lead and serve our congregations. Pastors and those who serve on and lead this committee are encouraged to attend to learn about and share best practices.

Gavin Meek, leading

- ***A Time Apart to Come Together***

The first thing that God called "Holy" was not a place, or a person, but a day. A time apart to come together with God. We know that Sabbath is "good" for us, but we probably we don't practice it as well as we'd like to, if at all. What are the things that get in the way? How can we create space in our calendars, our lives, and our souls for this time? Join Leslie for a discussion of Sabbath practices, opportunities and the way we sometimes resist God's invitation!

Leslie Mott, leading

**12:00 LUNCH**

Lunch is offered for \$10.

**1:00 60-SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1:25 INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

Gavin Meek

**1:50 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS**

Heather Benedict

**1:55 PERSONNEL**

Laurie Ferguson

**2:00 STATED CLERK'S REPORT**

Susan De George

**2:05 COUNCIL**

Gavin Meek

**2:35 FAITH AND ORDER** Robert Trawick

**2:45 GRANTS COMMITTEE** Cathryn Surgenor

**3:00 COMMISSION ON MINISTRY** Jeffrey Farley and Charles Low Jr.

**3:10 BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY/ TRUSTEES** John Miller

**3:25 NEW BUSINESS**

(150 copies of any new business must be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by 12:30 PM)

**ATTENDANCE**

**3:30 ADJOURNMENT**

\*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday, July 25 2017 is the next gathering of the Presbytery of Hudson River. The Presbytery will gather for registration at 1:30 pm and for the meeting at 2:00 pm at the the Holmes Camps and Conference Center, Holmes, NY. N.B.: Start times are tentative.

Those unable to attend a presbytery meeting shall submit their requests to be excused to [Lori Hylton- lori@hudrivpres.org](mailto:lori@hudrivpres.org) .