

# Faith and Order Committee

(Approved by the Presbytery of Hudson River: draft 5-16-17)

**Purpose:** The purpose of the **Faith and Order Committee** (F&O) is to advise the Presbytery of Hudson River (HRP) on matters concerning theology and polity.

**Accountability:** F&O shall be accountable to HRP.

**Membership:** F&O shall consist of six (6) voting member, comprised of ministers of Word and Sacrament and lay members in numbers as nearly equal as possible, nominated by the Committee on Representation and Nominations and elected by HRP; these persons will preferably have knowledge of Reformed theology, Presbyterian polity and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The term of service is three (3) years with the eligibility to serve two full terms or a maximum of six (6) consecutive years. The chair shall also be nominated by the Committee of Representation and Nominations and elected by the presbytery for a one year term which may be renewable. The Stated Clerk shall be ex officio member with voice but no vote.

**Meetings:** F&O will meet as necessary.

## **Responsibilities:**

1. Oversee and evaluate the alignment of HRP actions with Reformed theology.
2. Oversee and evaluate the alignment of HRP practices and procedures with Reformed polity.
3. Evaluate and provide recommendations on all overtures to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Northeast either originating with or being considered for concurrence by HRP.
4. Evaluate of and provide recommendation on all actions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Synod of the Northeast requiring HRP approval.
5. Evaluate and provide comment to HRP on any changes to the By-Laws recommended by the Council.