



Our Vision:

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**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**Hitchcock Presbyterian Church, 6 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY.**  
**10:30 AM – 3:15 PM**



**Strong  
Empowered  
Leadership**

**10:00 REGISTRATION**  
**PRE-MEETING PRAYER GATHERING**

**10:30 CALL TO GATHER THE PRESBYTERS FOR GOD'S BUSINESS** Moderator 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 HITCHCOCK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**10:40 WORSHIP** - led by Stephany Graham, Drew Paton, and Jeniffer Rodriguez

Today's offering will go to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

**11:40 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS** (in breakout rooms)

- ***No Guns in God's House***

PC(USA) congregations have been asked by GA221 to post signs declaring our church property as gun-free zones. (In fact, HRP sent the overture!) Now, the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship (PPF) is looking for 100 congregations to lead the way this year in this bold witness, but concerns over legal issues, politics and public perception often prevail. Does this sound like *your* congregation? Join Margery Rossi, CRE and moderator of the PPF Gun Violence Prevention Working Group, to discuss how to address these concerns with sessions,

pastors and congregants and get resources for education and action to empower congregations to take reasonable and concrete steps to prevent and respond to gun violence in our communities and our nation.  
*Margery Rossi, leading*

- **Ministry Team implementing the HRP Ministry Goal on Vibrant Communities of Faith**  
Come brainstorm and share your ideas for initiatives, events, resources, etc., that would help HRP nurture, grow, empower and create healthy, vital congregations for the work of mission in a changing world.  
*Jonah So, facilitating*
- **Ministry Team implementing the HRP Ministry Goal on Strong Empowered Leadership**  
Come brainstorm and share your ideas for initiatives, events, resources, etc., that would help HRP create, grow, empower and nurture strong transformative leadership in our congregations and presbytery.  
*Peter Surgenor, facilitating*

**12:30 LUNCH**

Lunch is offered by Hitchcock Church for \$10. Reservations are recommended and can be made when you preregister.

**1:25 60--SECOND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1:40 COUNCIL** Gavin Meek

**1:55 COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION AND NOMINATIONS** Heather Benedict

**2:10 BUDGET, FINANCE, AND PROPERTY/ TRUSTEES** John Miller

**2:25 STATED CLERK'S REPORT** Susan De George

**2:30 COMMITTEE ON ON MINISTRY** Jeffrey Farley and Charles Low  
COLA recommendations  
Introduction of New Ministers  
Honorable Retirement of Peter Surgenor

**2:50 INTERIM GENERAL PRESBYTERY'S REPORT** Gavin Meek

**3:10 NEW BUSINESS**  
(150 copies of any new business must be in the hands of the Stated Clerk by 12:30 PM)  
**ATTENDANCE**

**3:15 ADJOURNMENT**

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Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 10:00 am is the next gathering of the Presbytery of Hudson River. The Presbytery will gather for registration at 9:30 am and for the meeting at 10:00 am at the Stony Point Center, 17 Cricketown Road, Stony Point, NY.

Those unable to attend a presbytery meeting shall submit their requests to be excused to **Jean Kaiser**: [jean@hudrivpres.org](mailto:jean@hudrivpres.org).