

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Hudson River

By-laws

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Article I: NAME

This organization shall be known as Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Hudson River (PW in the Presbytery).

Article II: PURPOSE

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:
to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (USA) and witnesses to the promises of God's kingdom.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all women who choose to participate in, or be supportive of, PW in the Presbytery in any way.

Article IV: RELATIONSHIPS

Section 1:

PW in the Presbytery shall be a member of Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Northeast, and Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Section 2:

PW in the Presbytery shall have a working relationship with the Presbytery of Hudson River, whose work is related to the issues and objectives of PW in the Presbytery, as specified by the By-laws of the Presbytery.

Article V: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

PW in the Presbytery shall have a coordinating team representing local PW groups. This group will consist of leaders who shall be responsible for general planning and conduct of the business of PW in the Presbytery.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF COORDINATING TEAM LEADERS

Section 1:

The MODERATOR/CO-MODERATORS shall be the principal administrative officer(s) of PW in the Presbytery and shall preside at all meetings of the coordinating team and Gatherings of PW in the Presbytery.

She/They shall be the representative(s) to the Coordinating Team (CT) of PW in the Synod of the Northeast events. She/They shall represent PW at regularly scheduled Presbytery meetings.

Section 2:

The Vice-Moderator(s) for Finance shall handle administrative functions having to do with PW in the Congregations' Mission Pledges, Thank Offering, Birthday Offering, Honorary Memberships, Fellowship of the Least Coin and other funding categories.

She/they shall handle receipts and expenditures related to administrative costs of PW in the Presbytery.

Section 3:

The Chair of the Special Funds Committee shall handle administrative responsibilities having to do with the Elinor Lange Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Article VII: FINANCES

Section 1:

The operating expenses of PW in the Presbytery shall be financed through giving based on membership of PW in the Congregations.

The program of PW in the Synod of the Northeast shall be financed by PW in the congregations.

Section 2:

Delegates and alternates to Churchwide and Synod PW gatherings shall be nominated and elected in such numbers and at such times appropriate to policy and schedule established by CT of the Churchwide and Synod PWs.

Expenses for the delegates shall be covered in accordance with policy set forth by the Churchwide and Synod PWs.

Article VIII: Amendments

Section 1:

The Coordinating Team of the PW through its By-laws Committee shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping up-to-date the PW By-laws to reflect current organization and practices.

Section 2:

Amendments as required shall be prepared for review and adoption by the Coordinating Team.

Section 3:

When extensive amendments are made, the entire By-laws shall be reissued incorporating all such changes.

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