

### **Two Minutes for Mission**

#### **Your Mission Giving Pledge to Presbytery Makes Partnerships Possible**

On a chilly Saturday morning in April, thirty people from six congregations in Hudson River Presbytery embarked on a Holy Week journey of education, advocacy, and worship called Healing Sacred Sites: From Death to Resurrection. Participants visited Peekskill, NY to see environmental places that need healing including the waste to energy incinerator, Indian Point nuclear facility, and a SuperFund site. They also went to places that are being resurrected through people's careful efforts such as the recently restored waterfront, the rejuvenated walkable downtown, and a pond whose damaged waters were healed by natural means by a Peekskill high school science teacher and his class. Participants of this pilgrimage heard from experts, prayed together, and brought home new models for healing their local land and water. Kathy Dean, chair of HRPGreen explains, "We created this experience so we could learn about environmental destruction and how we can work together to repair the damage. An essential part of the program was liturgy that focused on environmental rebirth."

HRPGreen is a partnership of individuals and congregations in the Hudson River Presbytery that is dedicated to raising awareness and securing engagement around environmental and climate change issues. It was formed as a presbytery Partnership in 2015.

Just as HRPGreen was formed by congregations coming together to address environmental issues, perhaps your congregation would like to join with others to do innovative work. What's important to your congregation and other Presbyterian churches? Presbytery Partnerships, like HRPGreen, bring together congregations in all sorts of areas for common work. Perhaps you'd like to work with others on confirmation, or distribution of school supplies, immigration rights or revitalizing worship! When you form a Partnership that is recognized by the presbytery, you have the opportunity to apply for funding from the presbytery and receive communication and leadership support.

Programs like Sacred Sites, Partnerships like HRPGreen, and the fostering of new Partnerships yet to come, would not be possible except for your congregation's Mission Giving Pledge. Thank you for your generosity!

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### **Photo from HRPGreen's Healing Sacred Sites: From Death to Resurrection**



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