

1 recipient at the 2015 Annual Conference. We are honored to award Rev. Patricia L. Bruger in 2016 to affirm her
2 courageous and transformational leadership. (2) **Leadership Development:** Four clergy members attended Do
3 No Harm Leadership Training “Best Practices for Health, Accountability and Wholeness.” (3) **Sexual Ethics**
4 **Training/Workshop** on Thursday, April 14: Its goals are to raise awareness of sexual ethics and issues, prevent
5 sexual abuse, promote healthy boundaries, and bring about justice and healing. (4) **Response Team training:**
6 Seven clergy members received training to support others in moving forward in healing and to provide
7 education to help others understand the nature of sexual misconduct by a faith leader. (5) **Display Table at the**
8 **Annual Conference** to promote our ministry and provide resources for our mission goals.

9 Lastly, I would like to give thanks to our members for their faithful service: Sonia Cancel, Maxine Harris, Gilbert
10 Morris, Diane Pacione, Iraidia Ruiz De Porras, Marcia Roebuck, Yoomi Yi, Evan Rohrs-Dodge, and Beth Caulfield,
11 who is a Conference liaison.

12 Respectfully submitted,
13 Michelle Ryoo, Chair

14 **Report**
15 **Board of Trustees**

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17 The Officers of the Board are: Chairperson – Rev. Clifford Still; Vice-Chairperson – Rev. James Ryoo; Secretary –
18 MaryBeth Scherer. The following Trustees serve as liaisons to the properties for which the Board is responsible:
19 Ed Bowen, Vicci Hahn, Rev. Hosuk Chung, Judy Hopkins, Jack Green, Rev. Peter Broomall, Rev. David Lehmkuhl,
20 Rev. Rupert Hall, Tracy Estes.

21 The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance/care of the following properties: the Episcopal residence, nine
22 District parsonages, the previous Palisades District parsonage situated in Harrington Park, NJ, the building in
23 Paterson, NJ, as well as the Conference Office building. Additionally, they oversee the actions needed to be
24 taken in reference to churches and parsonages that have been closed, representative of formal action taken at
25 prior Annual Conferences. Seven cemeteries are also under the care of Trustees.

26 Some items of note as a result of Trustee action taken during the 2016 Conference Year:

- 27 • In response to action taken at the 2013 Annual Conference, the Trustees have begun construction of the
28 new Conference office building on the two acre lot in Neptune, NJ. Expected date of occupancy is early
29 2016. The present Conference office is listed for sale and is under contract with a tentative closing date
30 of 3/31/16.

31 The Trustees are privileged to work with, and receive the cooperation of, many individuals and groups
32 throughout the Conference. The counsel which is offered to the Board from Conference Chancellors Lynn
33 Caterson, Esq. and Sanford Brown, Esq. is invaluable. John Cardillo, Conference Treasurer and Director of
34 Administrative Services, serves as Treasurer of the Board and Alexa Taylor, Benefits Services Manager, serves as
35 staff liaison to the Board. As a result of their guidance and expertise in reference to overall financial resources
36 of the GNJAC and specifically the funds which the Board oversees, the Trustees are better equipped to prioritize
37 and responsibly address the needs of the various properties. Likewise, the work of the Board has been
38 enhanced this year with the presence of The Rev. Wayne Plumstead as Cabinet liaison. His dedication,
39 leadership and interest in the matters of the Trustees, particularly as they interface with the Conference in
40 general, is very much appreciated. The Conference Trustees are also grateful for the opportunity to work more
41 closely with Bishop Schol and the Cabinet during the course of this Conference year.

42 Rev. Cliff Still, President