Report
Commission for the Small Membership Church

This Commission was approved by the GNJ Annual Conference and organized in 2015. Responsibility of the Commission is to be in harmony with the Conference mission and Strategic Plan. The Commission will focus on helping the small membership church to realize its full potential through providing resources, support and encouragement to become vital congregations. The goal of the Commission is to focus on equipping, developing and strengthening clergy and laity to become effective leaders. In order to meet this goal, the following objectives have been established:

a) To define and determine the demographics what is a small membership church with regard to size, and location urban, suburban, rural; Is the congregation older? Declining? Stable?

b) To advocate and support small membership churches throughout the Conference by providing resources and people that will assist churches to grow as vital congregations

c) To help small churches determine mission objectives that will help them to connect and serve their communities,

d) To center on worship as one of the markers of a vital congregation.

e) To provide opportunities for training, coaching and educating the leadership of the church.

f) To find funding that can be used to help meet the goals and objectives.

Small Membership Commission is an important ministry of the Annual Conference. As all churches’ mission is to make disciples. A small membership congregation is more than numbers, although size does count. The Commission will assist small churches to pursue their mission, vision and any challenges they may have in becoming vital congregations.

In His Grip,
Millie Grey, Chair
Commission for the Small Membership Church

Report
Commission for the Status and Role of Women (COSROW)

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people (1Timothy 4:9-10a)

COSROW, is the Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women, that is made up of women and men, laity and clergy who are dedicated to advocate the full and equal participation and equipping of women as transformational leaders in the total life of the church to make a difference in the vitality of our conference and its local churches.

The mission of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women is to challenge The United Methodist Church at all levels to work for full and equal participation of women in the total life of the denomination, including ordination of women, equal access to policy-making and recognition that Jesus Christ calls men and women alike to salvation, liberation, discipleship and service in church and society.

It is with great joy that I have been able to serve continually with dedicated team members throughout this past year. COSROW in the Greater New Jersey Conference carried out its purpose through the following projects: (1) Helenor Alter Davission Award: We developed a new award and awarded Rev. Dr. Juson Kwak as its first