



# THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK

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*The mission of the Presbytery of Northern New York is to witness, with love, to Jesus Christ in word and deed. The Presbytery is called to inspire and support the growth of leaders and congregations in their ministry and mission for Christ.*

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Dear Members and Friends of the Presbytery of Northern New York,

At the end of act 1 in Mitch Leigh and Dale Wassermann's Broadway's hit musical Man Of La Mancha, Richard Kiley as Don Quixote cries out with this song "**To Dream the Impossible Dream**". As we think about our Presbytery and its future; are our dreams really impossible or are they steps of faith that lead us all to an exciting new reality?

Since 2017 we have been talking and dreaming about "Moving Forward Together and Sustaining the Dream" Now it is the time for our words to become action and our dreams reality!

Our Resources Presbyter and Stated Clerk has shared the discernment of **FIVE KEY FEATURES OF A THRIVING PRESBYTERY IN 2013 WHICH INCLUDES:**

1. A greater use of technology which includes more people in the ministry of the Presbytery.
2. The celebration of Bi-vocational ministers, commissioned pastors, seminary interns and numerous folks in the ordination and commissioning process.
3. The sharing of resources and establishing partnerships within congregations and between presbyteries.
4. Renew our commitment to local and international Outreach & Mission
5. Establish a **fully funded and sustainable** staffing model.

As we approach the time when we pause to give thanks and remember God's coming to us in the miracle of Bethlehem, that we resolve to keep the miracle alive and thriving!

**THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTHERN NEW YORK NEEDS OUR LOVE, PRAYERS, AND SUPPORT. As we approach 2024, the Presbytery needs \$45,000 to Expand the Dream and work toward making the dreams reality.**

There are wonderful miracles happening all over the presbytery: many churches are again growing; others having been closed for years are open and flourishing. God is alive and at work in our Presbytery and we are given the privilege of seeing that God's love will be shared in generations to come.

Will you make our dreams a reality by pledging to our mission, our hopes our dreams!

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