



2018 Taconic District Assembly Report

God has done incredible things at Taconic this past year and we are very grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Metro New York District in ministry at Taconic. Our mission here at Taconic is to serve God, the Church, and the community by offering retreat, rest, refuge, and renewal.

In 2017 Taconic served 3,638 overnight guests and an additional 537 day guests. This means that 4,175 people experienced retreat, rest, refuge, and renewal here at Taconic in 2017. In the summer of 2017 over 100 youth and adults made decisions for Christ and we are most grateful for each person who responded to God's invitation.

A major new ministry initiative for Taconic in 2017 was our partnership with Inspire Sports Camps. Taconic is now the summer home of Inspire Sports and last July approximately 400 urban youth from across the Metro-New York area came to Taconic to participate in this life changing ministry of Christian discipleship through sports.

In 2017, Taconic experienced significant growth in our community youth group that serves youth from eight local churches here in the Hudson Valley. Our youth group grew both in the number of churches and youth participating and in the range of discipleship opportunities that we are able to provide for these youth. Taconic also continued to build our partnership with our Metro New York District to increase the number of refugee youth whom we serve in our refugee ministry. This ministry offers day retreats for refugee youth in partnership with other refugee service organizations.

In 2017 the main restrooms in White Hall were fully remodeled and replaced. We also doubled the internet wifi capacity in White Hall and our new Training Center. Taconic also invested in significant upgrades to our food service options and infrastructure. This past winter we made major improvements to our gymnasium and these improvements are continuing this spring as we are currently replacing both the exterior doors and the porches on both the East and West side of our gymnasium.

Taconic is the retreat center for our Metro New York District and we are most grateful for all your prayerful support in making all this possible. We invite you to pray for Taconic and to visit Taconic and experience for yourself all that God is doing in this ministry.

Respectfully Submitted by Paul Bowen

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