

PGR CLP/CRE Coordinator Report to the Assembly
August 10, 2022

The purpose of this report is to give the Assembly a summary of the work I have conducted so far as the CLP/CRE Coordinator.

Since my last report to the Assembly, we have said goodbye to two of our Commissioned Pastors (CP). Kathie Whitson moved to the east coast to be near family. She sends her greetings and appreciation for her time in our presbytery. Sherrill Mixer went home to the Lord August 3, 2022. Her obituary can be viewed at this link. <https://www.raffertyfunerals.com/obituaries/Sherrill-D-Mixer?obId=25530992#/obituaryInfo> Thank you for your prayers for and care of Roger and family. A third CP Sue Shike who moved from the presbytery a few years ago has joined the RCA and is working toward certification to serve as a commissioned pastor in Iowa.

I continue my work with Wabash Valley Presbytery and Blackhawk Presbytery to provide training and support for our commissioned pastors and to find ways for our presbyteries to partner in our work. The CPM approved allowing our ruling elders to join in the training organized and conducted by Wabash Valley Presbytery. CPM chair Rev. Maura McGrath Nagle and I attended the orientation meeting for the training beginning in September. I am hopeful we will have some ruling elders joining this cohort. If you have any interest in learning about the CLP/CRE training please contact me. We have a limited number of people on our list, and it would be helpful to increase that number.

The Personnel Committee increased my hours to 20/month, which has allowed me to make in-person visits, which I began this spring. The CPs and I are gathering on August 18, 2022 at First Presbyterian Church of Lewistown for a few hours of fellowship. It will be our first in-person gathering since I began this work.

I continue to offer my suggestion that we find a way to offer organized pastoral care to all our pastors, commissioned, at-large, validated ministers, retired, designated, and installed. The continued collegiality I witness between our commissioned pastors is a wonderful example of how we can strengthen our congregations, our leaders, this presbytery, and the whole church.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's Service.
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