

PGR Commissioned Pastor Coordinator Report to the Assembly
November 19, 2022

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

Since my last report to the Assembly, we have learned Robert Wagner, long time pastor at Bethel Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, went home to the Lord. His obituary can be viewed at this link.

<https://www.banksandbeals.com/obituary/robert-wagner-jr> Thank you for your prayers for his family and the congregation he served.

I continue to be in regular contact with our commissioned pastors as we continue to partner together to serve the congregations in our presbytery. We continue to meet monthly for fellowship via Zoom. I also send a monthly email with news specific to our group. We began this year sharing prayer concerns via email. I continue to meet individually on a rotating schedule. These continued points of contact have increased my knowledge of our presbytery and allowed all of us a chance to share resources, ask questions, and laugh together.

I continue to spread the word of the variety of trainings we offer for ruling elders to become commissioned. If you or someone you know is interested, contact me. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) has scholarships available.

I offer again 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 with a designated person to organize care.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ's Service.

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