

PGR CLP/CRE Coordinator Report to the Assembly
April 28, 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.

Lent was a season, much like Advent, when my support was mostly prayer and not adding more meetings to the calendar. We enjoyed some lively monthly fellowship times, increased the sharing of personal prayer requests, and shared resources. We also began planning for our first in-person gathering which will take place this summer. As the school year winds down and we all find ourselves with a bit of empty space on the calendar I will be visiting our commissioned pastors in-person. I also plan to visit our trained-not-yet-serving-a-commission-ruling elders.

This calendar year I have been added to the Leadership Team and the weekly presbytery staff meetings. These meetings provide me the chance to offer support to our presbytery and gather information to answer the questions of our commissioned pastors.

I continue to be in conversation with my counterparts in other presbyteries for the purpose of learning if there are resources or information we can share. This has been an enlightening and joyful experience.

My big administrative project for this coming quarter is working to identify inconsistencies between the documentation I was given, the COM handbook, and the CPM handbook.

I attempted to keep track of all my hours for the first contract year. The contract allows for 120-180 hours/year. The total hours I worked from March 8, 2021 through March 7, 2022 were 128 hours, 59 minutes. Though vacation and continuing education time are not a part of my Coordinator contract, I did not work during my time off from United Church of Woodhull. I also did not meet a single commissioned pastor in-person, which means there was no travel time or expenses for the year. This will change for this contract year. I hope this offers a glimpse of the work the presbytery is paying me to complete.

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.

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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