

**PGR Commissioned Pastor Coordinator Report to the Assembly**  
**February 25, 2023**

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, Gene Miller went home to the Lord. Gene was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Macomb, was involved over many decades and in many roles in the presbytery, and served as a commissioned pastor in a variety of ways. His obituary can be viewed at this link. <https://www.tributearchive.com/obituaries/26542792/dr-f-gene-miller>. Thank you for your continued prayers for Gene's wife Linda (previous presbytery moderator, among many other roles), their family, his church family, and friends.

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 are planning to meet in-person this spring.

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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