



# The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Report of the CRE Coordinator

To the Synod Assembly

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The CRE Coordinator has met with representatives and teams from Eastminster Detroit and Western Reserve Presbytery. The Coordinator has also met with the CRE support program leaders from Union Seminary and the Whitworth Office of Church Engagement, who are developing training modules for CREs. Notes and debriefs from these meetings have been used to develop a draft of best practices. The CRE Coordinator has also received individual contacts from CREs serving within the bounds of the Synod of the Covenant.

The CRE Coordinator is scheduling meetings with other Presbytery leaders and will soon launch a webpage of the Synod website to begin sharing findings, best practices, and resources for presbyteries. The main issue that continues to appear from both Presbyteries and CREs is support. CREs that have contacted the CRE Coordinator have expressed a lack of support, lack of respect from colleagues, and feeling isolated from their presbytery. Presbytery leaders find it difficult to provide supervision of CREs by Ministers for Word and Sacrament as required by the Book of Order. The CRE Coordinator will continue to develop and provide support for training, however, the support of CREs will need to be addressed. The CRE Coordinator will begin to schedule monthly virtual gatherings of CREs for support and develop ways the Synod can support Presbyteries in their supervision of CREs. The CRE Coordinator will be contacting Presbyteries for contact information of CREs serving in their bounds.