

Leadership Development Ministry
Report to Presbytery
August 2022

Leadership Development Ministry members: Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon (chair), Rev. John Leggett, Rev. Mary Reed, Rev. Melissa Sevier (vice chair), and Commissioned Pastor Sarah Wilson.

Since the last presbytery meeting, two sessions of Sexual Misconduct Prevention Training (SMPT) have been held. An in-person training was held on May 19, 2022, at Second Presbyterian Church and an on-line training held on July, 11, 2022. A third SMPT training will be offered in October/November of this year.

The update to the presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy has temporarily been put on hold as we await the results of voting on amendments to the Book of Order recommended by the 225th General Assembly. There are recommendations that, if approved, will need to be reflected in our policy.

The current Commissioned Pastor (formerly Commissioned Ruling Elder) cohort has participated in classes on preaching, New Testament, and Old Testament (taught by Rev. Mary Weese and Rev. Stephen Fearing, Rev. Keith Benze, and Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon, respectively). The cohort's next class will be church polity taught by Rev. Jerry Utt. If you are a Ruling Elder and are interested in exploring the ministry of Commissioned Pastor, please contact Rev. Melissa Sevier (melissa@mbswriting.com) or any member of the Leadership Development Ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon, chair