

**CONGREGATIONAL ISSUES COMMISSION (CIC)
REPORT TO PRESBYTERY
MAY 18, 2024**

“Healthy Congregations” workshop – Congregational leaders and others are invited to gather at **First Presbyterian Church, Winchester, on Saturday, September 21, 9am – 4pm**, for a “Healthy Congregations” workshop, a program of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (see attached flyer for program description). Please **“save the date”** and watch for more details in the weeks ahead. Special thanks to Keith Benze (Church Development/Redevelopment Ministry), Linda Kurtz (Commission on Preparation for Ministry), Sarah Wilson (Leadership Development Ministry), Katherine Redmond (Congregational Issues Commission) and Mike Ward (Congregational Issues Commission) who are serving as a planning team, and to First Presbyterian Church for making their facility available for this event.

Annual Ministry Reviews - The CIC is encouraging congregations to conduct **annual ministry reviews** with their pastors/congregational leaders. Regular and intentional review conversations with congregational leaders can provide encouragement, support, and guidance for ministry, as well as help prevent misunderstanding, frustration, and conflict. To support congregations that do not already have a practice of annual reviews, we are working to gather resources that can be used in local ministry settings. **If your congregation has such resources and would be willing to share them, please contact the CIC.** Thanks to several congregations who have already shared materials.

Call us – As always, congregational leaders are encouraged to reach out to the CIC regarding potentially disruptive issues in your congregations. We will come alongside in a confidential way, offering resources and support to help your congregation, its leaders, and your ministry return to health and wholeness.

Respectfully Submitted,
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