

Leadership Development Ministry Report  
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The training program for Commissioned Ruling Elders continues despite the pandemic. Since March we have met by Zoom. As many of you know, that can be a challenge because of imperfect internet connections, especially in the rural areas where many of our CRE candidates live and work. The challenges have been manageable, and we continue toward our goal of commissioning several leaders in 2020 or 2021.

Most recently, we completed a course in the Old Testament (Hebrew Scriptures) in July. Beth Garrod-Logsdon, pastor at Wilmore Presbyterian Church, was the instructor. In preparation for the course, students and leaders watched the five videos in the Theocademy online Old Testament series (a PCUSA resource). Beth then led the group in three Saturday online classes, at two hours each. With much deep group discussion and Beth's great teaching, the classes went extremely well.

The next course will be the New Testament, led by Keith Benze, pastor at Versailles Presbyterian Church. The three sessions haven't been scheduled yet, but will likely start late August or early September.

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