This program is open to:

- Active members in a PCUSA church who have served as a ruling elder and been endorsed by his or her local session.
- Ministers from faith expressions outside of PCUSA desiring to serve a church within MVP who fail to meet the standards for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder).
- Have public affirmation of a call to ministry.
- Are capable of college level work.
- Willingly embrace the process with enthusiasm, openness, and humility.
- Willingly abide by the oversight of the CRE Committee and honor the normal standards for ethical ministerial conduct.

For specific information, please contact Maumee Valley Presbytery for an information packet detailing the program.

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"Will you not this day make it your prayer? "Lord, help me to glorify Thee; I am poor, help me to glorify Thee by contentment; I am sick, help me to give Thee honor by patience; I have talents, help me to extol Thee by spending them for Thee; I have time, Lord, help me to redeem it, that I may serve Thee; I have a heart to feel, Lord, let that heart feel no love but Thine, and glow with no flame but affection for Thee; I have a head to think, Lord, help me to think of Thee and for Thee; Thou hast put me in this world for something, Lord, show me what that is, and help me to work out my life-purpose."

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

"Helping people to know God and to be obedient to God is perhaps the greatest gift we can bestow"

~ Perry Downs
Is God stirring something in your heart?

- Have you thought about ministry but allowed all the obstacles and requirements of getting there to quench the stirring?
- Are you entering the “prime – time” season of life and looking for a fulfilling way to spend your retirement years?
- Do you have a passion to serve people in the church but need some additional training and encouragement?
- Are you ready for a challenge to grow deeper into the purposes of God’s Spirit, become more proficient in helping others in their faith walk, and or serve our Lord Jesus in a more meaningful way?

Then the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program may be for you…

- A comprehensive 24-30 month program designed to inspire you, prepare and empower you to serve as a lay pastor within our presbytery.
- User friendly online learning from Union Theological Seminary in conjunction with presbytery sponsored retreats to explore what is learned.
- Basic introductions to and explorations of such important concepts such as: Bible Interpretation, Reformed Theology and Church History, Christian Life, Mission and Evangelism, Teaching the Bible, Pastoral Care, Church Polity and Administration, and Worship and Sacraments. Engagement with each concept will give you the tools to effectively serve in pastoral ministry.
- Hands-on working relationships with experienced local members of Presbytery to help you navigate the program with success.
- Additional supporting opportunities to learn and develop preaching skills, spiritual disciplines, and familiarity with scripture.
- Ongoing mentoring support to help you thrive in ministry.