

# P.S.C.E. – Presbyterians Supporting Christian Education

Union Presbyterian Seminary

## SUPPORTING THOSE SERVING IN ALL AREAS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS (CRE/CP)

### OUR COHORT INITIATIVE ...

Union Presbyterian Seminary's PSCE initiative continues to raise the profile of those serving in all areas of Christian Education and has expanded to the support of those serving as CRE/CP (Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor).

### WHAT MAKES OUR COHORTS UNIQUE?

- Cohorts meet 10-12 times in a calendar year.
- Stipends are paid to participants twice a year (total \$500) to cover the cost of all materials for the cohorts.
- Cohort meeting times, topics and formats are decided by those in the cohort. The cohort can choose to meet on a specific day each month, or change the day each month.
- Facilitators are provided who are prepared to help with the administration of the cohort, and to help facilitate the work of the scheduled meetings.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

- Complete the Application Form linked here for either Educator or CRE/CP.
- Choose the days and times that best work for you.
- Each applicant is evaluated by the PSCE Board of Directors.
- If you are selected, complete a W-9 IRS form to allow Union Presbyterian Seminary to issue stipend checks to you.

### WHAT WILL THE FOCUS BE?

EACH COHORT DECIDES!

### WHAT WILL THE COST BE FOR ME?

None - PSCE cohorts are supported by the initiative, and participants receive a stipend for your participation, and to offset the cost of any materials

### WHAT WILL BE THE STRUCTURE AND FOCUS OF MY COHORT?

Your cohort will decide this together

### WHAT WILL I HAVE TO ORGANIZE AND MANAGE?

Nothing – Your cohort facilitator will handle this – you just mark the meetings in your calendar

### WILL I HAVE TO TRAVEL TO BE IN A COHORT?

No! All cohorts meet on Zoom. All you need is a computer/laptop/tablet/phone that has a camera and microphone

### WHY NOT JOIN US?

No reason! You are invited to complete the brief application which is found at

<https://www.upsem.edu/psce/>

### BE PART OF THIS INITIATIVE!

For further information, contact

[Marilyn Johns](#), Registrar

# Continuing the legacy of the Presbyterian School of Christian Education

## COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS COHORTS

The ministry of Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor (CRE/CP) is a treasured aspect of service in the PCUSA. The purpose of the CRE/CP initiative, an expansion of the Presbyterians Supporting Christian Education (PSCE) program, is to strive to provide collegial, personal, and professional support through cohorts with others who are serving as a solo CRE/CP in a church.

Each participant must have a current commission in effect, serving as solo pastor in a congregation. Topics for engagement by participants may include spiritual disciplines and practices, seasonal needs in the church's program year (i.e., Advent, church school, Session meetings, educational opportunities), and the sharing of the needs and concerns of each participant. Preparation for meetings may include short reading assignments.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COHORTS

For the sixth year, Union Presbyterian Seminary is providing a program of support and encouragement for Christian educators by providing cohorts.

This program continues the legacy of the great institution, the Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

Educators (lay and professional) and Ministers are invited to participate in one of the cohorts for the 2026 calendar year. The cohorts will meet monthly and will provide the following:

- Collegial and collaborative experiences for participants.
- Personal and professional opportunities for growth
- A sharing of resources for the educational ministry of the church

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