**New Hope Presbytery Resources for Commissioned Ruling Elders**

[CRE Revised Guidelines](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/h26djycodm3bu9nv555g4/NHP-CRE-Guidelines-2025.docx?rlkey=8y6o6e0hib7i6e3c323p4zaea&st=2v7i3lrk&dl=0)

[All Appendices can be viewed here.](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/eex1dsbupotjqd5op7luq/AEkdxfIaw_Fy5fP3RwTc8OM?rlkey=jk20t9cmmo0c548hw1dlwc897&st=5k0ub0uq&dl=0)

* Appendix A – CRE Application
* Appendix B- Outline of Vocational Consultation
* Appendix C – CRE Advisor Requirements
* Appendix D – Supervised Ministry Report
* Appendix E – CRE Commissioning Form
* Appendix F – Exams and Transfers
* Appendix G – Commission Form for CRE
* Appendix H – CRE Annual Report Form
* Appendix I – CRE Session Endorsement
* Appendix J – Proposal for CRE Minimum Salary Recommendation
* Appendix K – Validated Ministry Proposal
* Appendix L – Examining an Incoming CRE
* Appendix M – Validated Ministries and MAL Handbook

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Pulpit Supply Coordinator (Kathy Johson)

[Healthy Boundaries](https://nhpresbytery.org/healthy-boundaries/)

[Leader Formation Training and Tools](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/leader-formation/webinar-series) – PCUSA

* [Regarding Ruling Elders](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/leader-formation/regarding-ruling-elders-collection) – Training Archive
* [Upcoming Webinars](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/leader-formation/webinar-series)

Grants

* [Small Church Grants](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/e975uccu71g4i62qlf7zl/NHP-Small-Church-Grant-Application.pdf?rlkey=ua1rxgc1bg6etb604zajt7zi4&e=1&st=m74qvjnr&dl=0) – New Hope Presbytery
* [Hunger Grants](https://nhpresbytery.org/hungergrant/) – New Hope Presbytery
* [Synod of the Mid-Atlantic Grants](https://www.synatlantic.org/grants) – Including Small Church
* [Self-Development of People](https://pcusa.org/about-pcusa/agencies-entities/interim-unified-agency/ministry-areas/self-development-people) - PCUSA

Community Gardens

* Nancy Warren, CRE for Nourish Worship, Garden, and Hunger at White Memorial Willow Spring
* [Farm Church](https://www.farmchurch.org/)

[**Practical Resources for Churches**](http://www.prcli.org)

* [Small Church](https://www.prcli.org/resources/church-admin-growth/small-church/)
* [Church Administration & Growth](https://www.prcli.org/resources/church-admin-growth/church-technology/)
* [Church Technology](https://www.prcli.org/resources/church-admin-growth/church-technology/)
* [Worship](https://www.prcli.org/resources/worship-resources/)
* [Spiritual Formation](https://www.prcli.org/resources/spiritual-growth/)
* [Missions](https://www.prcli.org/resources/missions-resources/)
* [Upcoming Events](https://www.prcli.org/event-directory/) (online, live webinars) - including
[Why Religion Went Obsolete](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Xo7QfbxmTlyOZDhwADdoSw#/registration) – Book Discussion led by Charlie Kuchenbrod
Thursday, Nov. 18 – 2pm

**Other Helpful Resources & Organizations**

* [Partners for Sacred Places](https://sacredplaces.org/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=1547087915&gbraid=0AAAAAC8N-Q09BBIOuGx5pxGKIQ60JVrFK&gclid=Cj0KCQjwrc7GBhCfARIsAHGcW5UcZAtGdAoseAeGVHIPaD7y_vCHrP04qPZj3ftakYqGgjPSDOdbpckaAqATEALw_wcB) – Church Buildings, Capital Campaigns, Remodel, Rental, Space Sharing, Historical status, and more
* [The Presbyterian Foundation](https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/solutions/for-churches/) – Stewardship support, ministry relations officers, project regeneration, capital campaigns, and more
* [Good Friday Collaborative](https://www.goodfridaycollaborative.com/) - supports churches concluding ministry through merging, closing, relocating, or restarting.
* [NC Rural Center – Faith in Rural Communities](https://www.ncruralcenter.org/faith-in-rural-communities/) – coaching, community assessments, networking, grants
* [NC Center for Nonprofits](https://ncnonprofits.org/)
* [Kendall Vanderslice](https://edibletheology.com/) – baker, a writer, and a food and theology scholar with the goal to help you find joy, community, and connection in the kitchen and at the table.