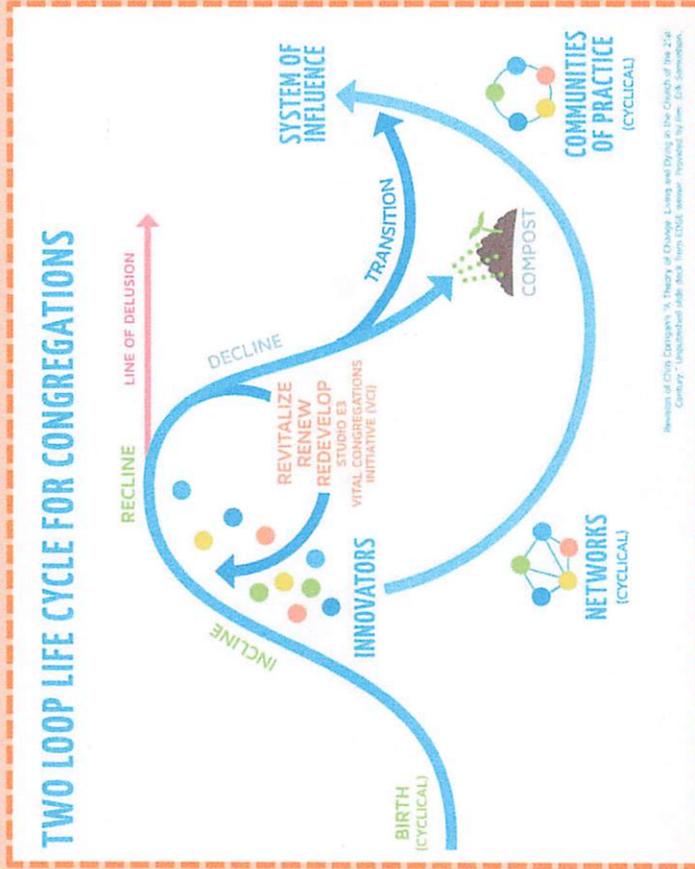


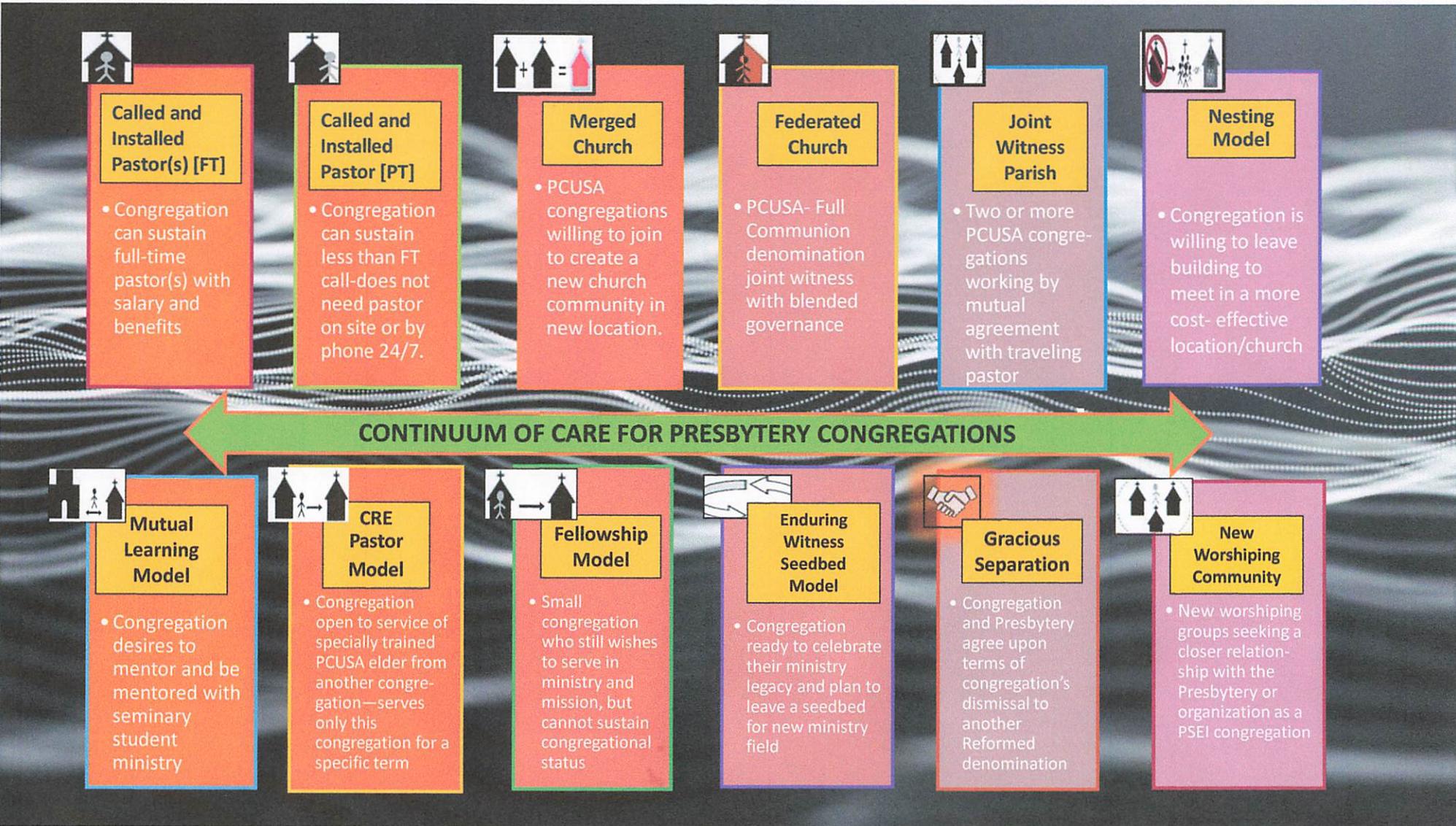
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BIG CONVERSATION #1

HANDOUTS

Current Culture





CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR PRESBYTERY CONGREGATIONS

Called and Installed Pastor(s) [FT]

- Congregation can sustain full-time pastor(s) with salary and benefits

Called and Installed Pastor [PT]

- Congregation can sustain less than FT call—does not need pastor on site or by phone 24/7.

Merged Church

- PCUSA congregations willing to join to create a new church community in new location.

Federated Church

- PCUSA- Full Communion denomination joint witness with blended governance

Joint Witness Parish

- Two or more PCUSA congregations working by mutual agreement with traveling pastor

Nesting Model

- Congregation is willing to leave building to meet in a more cost-effective location/church

Mutual Learning Model

- Congregation desires to mentor and be mentored with seminary student ministry

CRE Pastor Model

- Congregation open to service of specially trained PCUSA elder from another congregation—serves only this congregation for a specific term

Fellowship Model

- Small congregation who still wishes to serve in ministry and mission, but cannot sustain congregational status

Enduring Witness Seedbed Model

- Congregation ready to celebrate their ministry legacy and plan to leave a seedbed for new ministry field

Gracious Separation

- Congregation and Presbytery agree upon terms of congregation's dismissal to another Reformed denomination

New Worshiping Community

- New worshiping groups seeking a closer relationship with the Presbytery or organization as a PSEI congregation

The Ministry Formation Program Presbytery of Wabash Valley

The Ministry Formation Program is an opportunity for Ruling Elders or other church members wishing to grow in faith and understanding, to more fully participate in the ministry of their congregations or other congregations in their presbyteries. There are many ways to serve, including becoming Ruling Elders commissioned to serve a congregation.

The Plan

This is a **two-year process** deploying a **two-track curriculum** – an **online track** administered by Columbia Theological Seminary, and a **live track** administered by the Presbytery of Wabash Valley, with cohort gatherings hosted by congregations of the PWV. All participants will be on **both tracks** simultaneously. All participants will be assigned to a **cohort** led by two mentors/facilitators/teachers and will meet six times each year.

Fall 2022

Track 1: Online in partnership with Columbia Theological Seminary
Bible -1: Old Testament survey with attention to interpretation
Cohort members will participate in the online discussion forum

Track 2: Live cohort gatherings will take place after each course for the purposes of:

- conversation about the online learning
- support in the study and learning processes
- workshops
- pastoral care
- worship development
- preaching learning and practice
- sacraments
- worshipping together
- leadership (moderating sessions and other meetings, conflict resolution, etc.)
- self-care and spiritual direction

Winter 2023

Track 1: Online Bible -2: New Testament survey with attention to interpretation
Cohort members will participate in the online discussion forum

Track 2: Live – Continuation of cohort gatherings

Summer 2023

Track 1: Online – Exegesis: The Psalms

Track 2: Live – Continuation of cohort gatherings

Fall 2023

Track 1: Online – Reformed Confessions and Theology

Track 2: Live – Continuation of cohort gatherings

Winter 2024

Track 1: Online – Presbyterian Polity

Track 2: Live – Continuation of cohort gatherings

Spring 2024

Track 1: Online – Understanding Congregations

Track 2: Final project – design and delivery of a worship service and sermon

Graduation

Cost

Participants can expect their costs to be \$1200 over two years.

Tuition to Columbia will be about \$900 total.

Books and travel are estimated at about \$300.