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After the review and approvals of the Personnel Committee, Budget and Finance Committee, and Administrative Enabling Team, the Presbytery Coordinating Team unanimously approved hiring Dr. Phyllis W. Sanders as our Part-time Vital Congregations Coordinator. She started serving in this capacity on August 16, 2018.

Dr. Sanders will develop this new ministry area and coordinate the training to equip, nurture, and support church leaders to empower their congregations to renew, recover, and live more fully into faithful discipleship to Jesus Christ. This will include assisting pastors and congregational leaders in discerning, examining, praying, studying, and living into the preferred future that God has for their congregations as they become the agents of transformational change through vital, relevant, and inspired ministries.

Dr. Sanders is a ruling elder at our Northminster church. She is a Qualified Commissioned Pastor, as she has successfully completed all the course requirements at our Lay School of Theology for Commissioned Pastors. She is a national and international trainer. She is a certified mediator and a board-certified life coach.

While Dr. Sanders is currently receiving facilitator training for the Revitalization Initiative from the Vital Congregations Office of the General Assembly, along with the Rev. Dr. Chris Denny, pastor of our Westminster Church in Columbia, SC, she brings to this position training and experience in facilitating from previous employments. As a result, she is currently providing monthly leadership training for pastors in our two initial pastor cohorts during year one of the Revitalization Initiative.

Dr. Sanders is preparing to introduce congregational leaders from the churches served by these pastors to the Revitalization Initiative, a training she and Rev. Dr. Chris Denny will develop, because the pastors identified it as a need, but it was not a part of Revitalization Initiative training. The goal is to start getting these congregational leaders ready to engage in year two of the Revitalization Initiative in their respective congregations at the appropriate time.