Hi colleagues,

I'm delighted to introduce you to two new Synod staff members!

Matt Aragon-Bruce (Lake Michigan Presbytery) begins as the Director of the Cultivating the Gift of Preaching Initiative on January 8, 2024. In this position, he will guide the implementation of the $1.25 million grant that we received from the Lilly Endowment's Compelling Preaching grant program. A systematic theologian by training, Matt has taught at several colleges and seminaries and is the theologian-in-residence at First Presbyterian Church of Grand Haven (MI).

Tim Pollock (Muskingum Valley Presbytery) begins as the Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs)/Commissioned Pastors Coordinator on January 11, 2024. In this position, he will work with presbyteries to advance their CRE ministries and explore common training standards. A CRE himself serving full time at Bloomfield United in New Concord (OH), Tim's gifts include communications and theological acumen. He is working toward an MDiv at Fuller Seminary.

We'll communicate contact information for these two new colleagues once they have started.

God bless you,

Chip

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