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The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Welcome Rev. Leslie Mott as the Transitional Executive of Detroit Presbytery

The Administrative Commission of the Synod of the Covenant for Detroit Presbytery is thrilled to announce the Rev. Leslie Mott as the new Transitional Executive Presbyter, providing critical leadership at a significant time in the life of the Presbytery of Detroit. Leslie, whose biography is below, has most recently served as the Interim Head of Staff at First Presbyterian Church of Traverse City (MI) in Mackinac Presbytery.

The Administrative Commission quickly saw that many of Leslie's experiences, gifts, and skills will be very helpful for the presbytery. Her passion for reconciliation and non-anxious presence is much needed, and her experience in transitional and interim roles have taught her to lead when the anxiety in a system is high. She is committed to discerning our Triune God's work, and inviting others to join God in what is to come.

In her application for the position, Leslie wrote, "If the devil is in the details, the Holy Spirit is in everything, especially the people who are working out those details. In doing this work, I have found a renewed ability to remain an open, non-anxious presence, even in the midst of profound change. I have discovered the practice of spiritual courage, and a willingness to stay in the unknown, to tarry 'in the wilderness' until the way becomes clear, and then to move forward with clarity, and hope."

Leslie's first day will be January 8, 2023, and her first priority is to connect with as many of the leaders of the Presbytery of Detroit as possible. The Administrative Commission invites you to give thanks to God for Leslie's call, and to pray for this exciting new season in the life of the presbytery.