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I am writing this as a Synod Commissioner serving on the Leadership Development Standing Committee.

At our Committee Meeting last April one of the suggestions was a need for a training resource that would assist our churches with Ruling Elder Training. In anticipation of further discussion and planning, committee members were tasked with gathering information about existing resources (online, syllabuses, scope, 3 year track, videos, etc.) for the October meeting.

Prior to our meeting in October a sub-committee met and suggested 5 priorities: Polity, Theology, Biblical Study, Leadership Skills, and Ministry to the broader congregation. Based on our groundwork, at our October meeting, the committee decided that the next step would be to distribute a questionnaire to the Moderator and Clerk of Session of the churches in our Synod via Survey Monkey. The survey includes 5 questions:

1. Choose one:
 I am a clerk of session
 I am a moderator of session
2. What time of year do you provide elder training?
3. What are you currently doing or using for elder training?
4. What challenges do you face in training elders?
5. What would be helpful to you and your elders in a training tool?

The committee is continuing to explore already existing resources and members have conferenced on line with Zeta Lamberson and the TrainedUp organization and asked committee members to gather any resources that their presbyteries might have.

This e-mail is to ask each Presbytery to forward the questionnaire to the moderators and clerks of session in each church in your Presbytery. Click here for [survey](#) remembering deadline for submission is January 31, 2017.

If you have questions or wish further information, please contact me.

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