

Dear Presbyterian Leader,

To start off the year we have some new resources for you. This month's Leading Voices essay, free to all visitors of our site, features the reflections of Louis Weeks. He shares his thoughts on the sharing of authority and responsibilities between all leaders in a congregation—pastor, staff, session, musician, educator, Presbyterian Women moderator, youth leader, and so forth.

This evening our [subscribers](#), and those additional leaders you've identified, will be receiving our latest Leader Reader newsletter. This week Dennis Dewey shares his thoughts on storytelling and how it is foundational to our tradition—older than the Bible itself.

This week we're also excited to launch a new eight-session study catechism titled [Foundations of Faith](#) written by Michael D. Bush and Zeta T. Lamberson. The *Study Catechism* was approved for use as a teaching tool for the church at the 210th General Assembly in June 1998. It provides commentary in question-and-answer form on the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. The *Study Catechism* provides us with a distinctively Reformed and Presbyterian understanding of the Christian faith. *Foundations of Faith* works with the section of the *Study Catechism* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that covers the Apostles' Creed.

The course is divided into eight sessions designed to last seventy-five to ninety minutes each. In addition to the lesson plans, the teacher's guide includes theological background material, Scripture references, resources for further study, and the catechism questions and answers. The accompanying student guides provides participants with the catechism questions and answers, Scripture references, background material, and guidance and space for journaling.

Peace,

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### **Leading Voices Feature**

[Sharing Authority and Responsibility](#)

by Louis Weeks

Learn from Louis Weeks's experiences of his own continuing education in congregational authority and responsibility.

### **Leader Reader Feature**

Storytelling

by Dennis Dewey

As a leader training elders, deacons, and new members, remember that in all you do with them, together, you will be telling the story of life in Christ and in the body of Christ, the church.