

Our Presbytery's moderators have often tried to visit as many of our member congregations as possible. That's worked well in the past when the moderator was a ruling elder or retired clergy, but it's not really possible when the moderator is actively serving as a pastor. Or is it? We, Kate Kotfila (of Cambridge United Presbyterian) and Michael Burkley (of Rockwell Falls Presbyterian) will soon be our installed Moderator and Vice-Moderator, respectively, and we both serve as pastors. So we won't be able to get around to visit our congregations during Sunday worship, right?

Actually, no. We will be out visiting our congregations and encouraging us all to get to know each other better, too. Both of us hope to preach in your churches throughout our terms of service. We and our churches are hoping that the second Sunday of each month (starting in January) will be a time when we get to visit and preach at one (each) of your churches and that your pastor would come and preach at the congregations we serve. That way we'd get to meet you on your home ground and be both a blessing and blessed, and our congregations would see ongoing reminders that we all are part of a larger whole and be blessed by your pastor's ministry to us. Over time, we'd get to visit most of you, which would be a very good thing.

Our congregations would get to experience this blessing up to twelve times a year, but if you just did this with the moderator or the vice-moderator, your congregation would get only one visit every two years or so. What if you decided to do a pulpit exchange with another Presbyterian church once or twice more each year? That sounds like a great idea that would deepen the unity we share and expand all our horizons. Think about it!

Where will we start and go on from there? You're welcome to invite us, and if you invite us, we will come. Our congregations will be glad to welcome your pastors, too!

Kate Kotfila, Moderator-Elect

Michael Burkley, Vice-Moderator-Elect