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Let's refill the tank!

Most pastors serving churches around our presbytery are tired and worn thin. Plans for vacations and opportunities for study have been delayed for almost 2 years. My hope is that even in the midst of a still raging pandemic we can start this year off strong. Over the past few weeks there have been multiple voices that I fully trust who have highly recommended the book, *A Burning in my Bones by Winn Collier* which is the authorized biography of Eugene Peterson. Peterson was a PCUSA pastor who founded and served a church in Bel Air, Maryland. He is most widely recognized as the translator who put together *The Message*. *A Burning in my Bones* follows the life of a pastor who faced challenges and changes while trying to remain creative and true to his calling. Words that can speak deeply to the pastors serving our churches today.

To that end, I am hosting a book group with our pastors this winter. My hope is that the reading is light, organic, and life giving. We'll read and discuss a chapter or two each gathering, with the only agenda being conversation, reflection, and prayer. I know there isn't a day and time that works for everyone, so please join when you can. *We will meet on Monday afternoons from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Zoom, beginning January 24th.* The book is available on Amazon, and several other outlets, including your local bookstore.

Until then, I pray that your new year is already off to a thriving start! Blessing to each of you.

John

Link for the meeting:

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