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The Team needs YOUR expertise, experience, skill and knowledge. Please pray about these opportunities to walk with our synod's congregations in spiritual revitalization, both large and small! Ask God to direct you! Join in our vision of spiritual renewal and rebirth!

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