**STATED CLERKS/SYNODICAL DEPUTIES of the CRC:**

* Have you ever been asked questions about the Church Order that you couldn’t answer?
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**is available for any interested church leaders, but particularly with**

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The series is entirely online, is self-directed, and consists of brief videos on a number of topics and sections of the Church Order, as well as discussion boards and opportunities to ask the professor questions in general, or privately about specific situations. You can choose the sections that apply to your interests or needs. For those interested in learning more, the resource provides a review of the entire Church Order.

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