Leadership Council Meeting Summary

September 14, 2026

The Leadership Council met on September 14 to review governance, facilities, and ministry updates and to continue preparing for the upcoming Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes and Sharing Council Updates

The Council reviewed and approved the minutes from its previous meeting.

The Council also discussed how best to keep the congregation informed. Rather than posting full minutes, the Council will share summaries of its actions and decisions in the Leadership/Reports section of the church website. This summary is part of that effort.

Congregational Meeting and Voting Eligibility

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 15, 2026. Under the church's current bylaws, which govern this meeting:

- Voting is limited to active members in good standing who are at least 18 years old.
- Members must be present in person to vote. Proxy and absentee voting will not be permitted.
- The membership record date is August 17, 2026. Those who become members after that date will not be eligible to vote at the November 15 meeting.
- A check-in process will be in place to confirm eligible voters.

The goal is to make the proposed bylaws available to the congregation by October 15, if not sooner.

Proposed Bylaws Review

The Council reviewed the latest draft of the proposed bylaws returned from legal review and agreed that the document is not yet ready for distribution. Areas needing further clarification include consistent use of key terms, voting thresholds, leadership titles, and the roles of the Lead Pastor and Leadership Council.

The draft will be returned to the church's attorneys for revisions, and Council members will continue their own review. The Council's aim remains a clear, consistent document that gives New Ridge a healthy leadership structure for the future.

Preparing for November 15

The Council outlined how the congregation will be prepared ahead of the meeting:

- The proposed bylaws will be shared once finalized.
- Live webinars may be offered to explain the process and answer questions.

- A Frequently Asked Questions page will be posted on the church website and updated as needed.
- Leadership Council members will be available at a table in the lobby after all three worship services on November 1 and November 8 to answer questions and provide printed FAQs.

The Congregational Meeting and vote will take place on November 15 following the last worship service.

Facilities and Safety

The Council received updates on several property safety items:

- Plans continue for addressing the deteriorating deck attached to the modular building, with safety as the primary concern.
- The old play schoolhouse has deteriorated and will be removed for safety reasons. A quote is being obtained to close the resulting opening in the fence.
- Fire sprinkler services have been transitioned to a new provider.
- A portable speed-monitoring sign has been installed near the Creative Moments area to help slow traffic and keep families safe. It appears to be working well.
- The church's digital sign stopped working after a power surge. A replacement controller has been ordered.

Ministry Updates

Philippians Church-Wide Study: More than 420 people have registered for the Philippians study. All six teaching videos have been completed and are released weekly through the QR code in the Philippians notebook. The study continues through October 25.

Church Center App: The Church Center app has been updated with a cleaner, easier-to-use layout, and sermon notes have been added.

Upcoming Meetings

The Council will meet again on September 28, October 5, and October 19. The October meetings will focus primarily on finalizing the bylaws and preparing for the November 15 Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer.