Leadership Council Meeting Summary

October 19, 2026

The Leadership Council met on October 19 to approve the proposed bylaws, elect an interim Secretary, and finalize plans for the November 15 Congregational Meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes

The Council unanimously approved the minutes from its October 5 meeting.

Approval of the Proposed Bylaws

The Leadership Council unanimously approved the proposed replacement bylaws for New Ridge Fellowship, subject to a majority vote of affirmation by the active members present at the November 15, 2026 Congregational Meeting.

Under the church's current bylaws, the Leadership Council holds the authority to amend the bylaws. The Council has voted first, and the congregation is now invited to affirm this direction.

The Council discussed their approach for affirmation and non-affirmation.

Election of Interim Secretary

The Council unanimously elected Robert Carle as interim Secretary to serve through December 31, 2026.

November 15 Affirmation Process

Registration for the meeting is open, and registrations are being confirmed against the list of active members. The Council agreed on the following:

- Registered voters will receive a wristband at check-in.
- Affirmation will be by a show of hands.
- Members must be present in person. There will be no proxy or mail-in voting.
- Affirmation requires a majority (50% plus one) of active members present.
- There will be no amendments or motions from the floor.
- Non-voting guests are welcome and will have a designated section in the sanctuary.
- If affirmed, the new bylaws will take effect on November 15, 2026.

Preparing for November 1, 8, and 15

Leadership Council members will host tables in the lobby after each worship service on November 1 and November 8, with printed copies of the bylaws, Decision Lane document, and FAQs available. Questions that need follow-up will be noted and answered.

Questions submitted online are being answered, and bylaw-related questions will be added to the FAQ page on the church website.

The November 15 meeting is planned to last about one hour and to be a celebration of the collaborative process that brought the church to this point. The planned agenda includes:

- Welcome and prayer
- A celebration of the collaborative process
- Recognition of the Catalyst Teams, Leadership Council, and pastors
- A Leadership Council report, including the upcoming nominations process
- An explanation of the bylaws and the affirmation vote
- Closing prayer and Consecration
- Fellowship afterward

The agenda will be shared with the congregation in advance. A financial report and ministry updates will be shared at the next congregational meeting.

Celebrating October 25

The Council looks forward to a special Sunday on October 25, which includes:

- The conclusion of the Philippians church-wide study
- Baptisms at both services
- Approximately 30 new members joining the church
- The second collection of Consecration giving cards
- The choir joining the praise team for worship

The church also welcomed 21 first-time guests this past Sunday.

The meeting was closed with prayer.