Leadership Council Meeting Summary

November 2, 2026

The Leadership Council met on November 2 to review the church's financial health, review feedback from the congregation on the proposed bylaws, 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 previous meeting.

Financial Update

The Council reviewed a preliminary financial report through October 2026. The church remains in healthy financial standing, with expenses tracking under budget for the year.

Consecration giving cards for 2027 continue to come in, with nearly 200 received so far and more expected over the next few weeks. A proposed 2027 budget will be presented to the Council at its November 16 meeting.

The Council also celebrated a rebound in enrollment at Creative Moments, which welcomed 11 new students.

Staff Development

The Council discussed plans for annual performance reviews for all pastoral and ministry staff in the coming year, as part of an ongoing commitment to supporting and developing the church's team.

Property Matters

The Council approved routine business related to a church-owned rental property.

Congregational Feedback on the Proposed Bylaws

On Sunday, November 1, Leadership Council members hosted tables in the lobby after each worship service to answer questions about the proposed bylaws. Questions touched on how the Leadership Council is structured, how the November 15 meeting would be run, and why the affirmation would be held in person without proxy voting, along with a number of questions about church life more broadly. Several people also shared their appreciation for the work of the Council and the teams involved.

Council members will host tables again after both services on Sunday, November 8.

November 15 Congregational Meeting

The Council reviewed the content, presentation, and agenda for the November 15 Congregational Meeting, which will begin at 12:30 PM and be moderated by Steve Kline. The planned agenda includes:

- Opening prayer
- A celebration of the collaborative process that brought the church to this point
- Reflections from the Bridge Building Team and Governance Team
- Recognition of the Catalyst Teams and Leadership Council
- A Leadership Council report, including information on the spring Congregational Meeting and the 2027 nominations timeline for new Leadership Council members
- Affirmation of the bylaws by active members
- Closing prayer
- Fellowship with coffee and snacks afterward

Active members will check in at a registration table staffed by the church office and receive a wristband. Wristbands will also be available after worship services in advance of the meeting. Affirmation will be by a show of hands, with paper ballots used only if the count is close.

Upcoming Meetings

The Leadership Council will meet on November 16 and December 7. The Council is also planning an appreciation dinner for its members and their spouses.

The meeting was closed with prayer.