

New Ridge Fellowship

Leadership Council Meeting Summary

August 17, 2026

The New Ridge Fellowship Leadership Council met on August 17, 2026. Pastor Ricky opened the meeting with a devotional from Deuteronomy 6 connected to the *Faith at Home* sermon series and a reminder of the importance of living out a faith that others can see and follow.

Leadership Council Update

The Council welcomed **Linda Schnable** as an interim member of the Leadership Council. The Council also approved the minutes from its July 20 and August 3 meetings.

Financial Update

The Council received an update on the church's finances and annual audit. The audit was favorable overall, with several administrative recommendations identified to strengthen financial processes and accountability. The Council also received an update regarding funds previously held in escrow that have now been released and placed in an account where they can earn a higher return.

Facilities and Operations

The Council received an update on recent sprinkler-system inspections at the Main and North Campuses. Several maintenance and safety items were identified.

The Council approved **\$5,371.02** for necessary sprinkler-system work at the Main Campus and authorized the Operations Manager to move forward with the work.

The Council also discussed upcoming annual elevator inspections, insurance-related facility reviews, and other ongoing facility needs.

Embu, Kenya Mission Trip

The Council heard a report from the recent mission trip to Embu, Kenya. The team shared about ministry with children, the medical camp, personal conversations, professions of faith, and the impact the trip had on both the people served and the team.

Lessons learned from the trip will also help strengthen planning for future mission opportunities.

Second Summer Sundays

The Council reflected on the three Second Summer Sunday gatherings held during June, July, and August. These events provided opportunities for people from our different worship services to connect and build relationships.

The Council expressed appreciation for the staff and volunteers who helped make these gatherings possible. Staff are also continuing to improve the process for welcoming and following up with guests who visit New Ridge.

Fall Congregational Meeting and Bylaws

The Council continued discussing the proposed bylaws and preparations for the upcoming congregational meeting.

The anticipated meeting date is **Sunday, November 15, 2026**, following the morning worship services. The proposed bylaws are currently undergoing legal review and will be made available to the congregation in advance of the meeting.

The Council also discussed ways to provide opportunities for congregation members to review the proposed bylaws and ask questions before the meeting.

Governance and Leadership Development

The Council continued reviewing the proposed Leadership Manual, decision-making responsibilities, and the process and biblical qualifications for future Leadership Council members.

This work is part of the church's ongoing effort to establish clear, healthy, and accountable leadership structures that support the mission and ministry of New Ridge Fellowship.

Looking Ahead

The Leadership Council will continue working with church leadership, consultants, and legal counsel as the proposed bylaws and leadership structures are finalized.

The Council's next meetings are scheduled for **September 14 and September 28, 2026**.

The meeting concluded in prayer.