



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, Aug 24, 2026

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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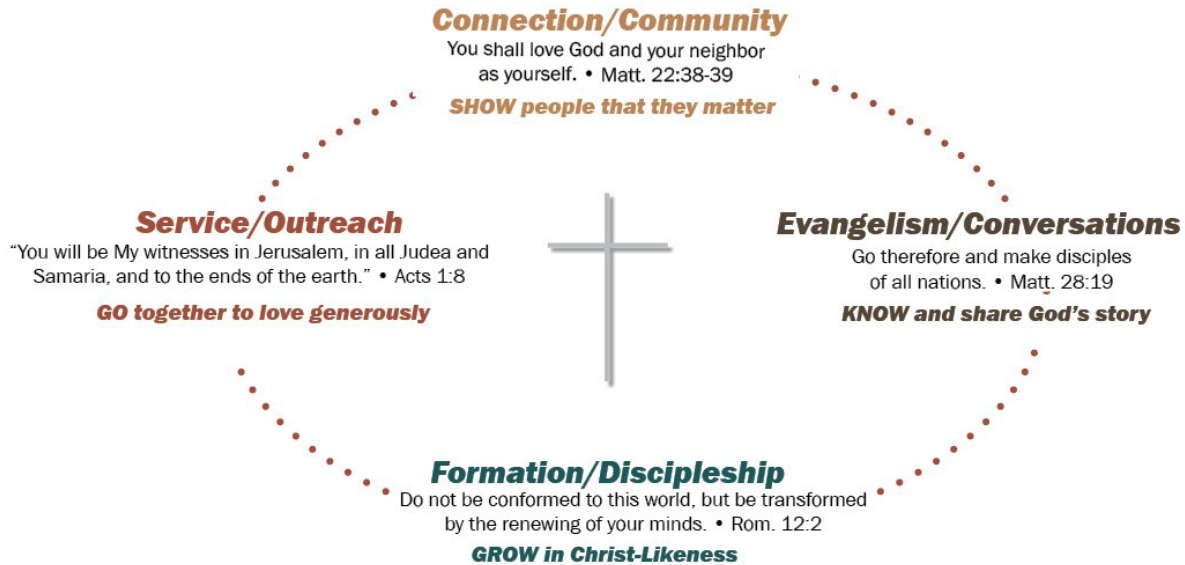
Session Meeting Agenda

August 24, 2026



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Alf Halvorson)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Joe Stockdale)
3. **Master Planning Update and Next Steps** (Alf Halvorson and Marcus Vajdos)
4. **New Members** (Almir Dias and Guillermo Yela)
Matheus Wrege Amaro, Shirley Stephanie Martinez, Alex McMullen, Lisbeily Navas, Maritza Ortiz, Cecilia Piedrahita, Luz Valencia
Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*
5. **Clerk's Report** (Carla Bradford and Joe Stockdale)
 - Upcoming Texas Presbytery Meeting: Windwood Presbyterian, Houston, TX, Sept 18-19
 - Officer Nominations
6. **Treasurer's Report** (Kyle Wienert)
7. **Legacy Giving Update** (Nathan Stedham and Marcus Vajdos)
 - **Motion from the Legacy Giving Committee** *to approve the purchase of two six- passenger golf carts to replace two carts in the existing fleet with the total price not to exceed \$30,000.*
8. **Generosity Update:** Offering/Plate Collections (Jeannie Able)

9. Omnibus Motion

- Motion** to approve the minutes of June 22, 2026, Session Meeting.
- Motion** to approve the Combined Minutes of Session Committees, August 2026.
- Motion** to approve the following baptisms to be performed in September 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Layne Lynwood Harrell	Toddler	Julianna Martel and Clayton Harrell	Mom-No Dad-Yes	9/6/2026 Sprinkle
Madden Martel Harrell	Infant	Julianna Martel and Clayton Harrell	Mom-No Dad-Yes	9/6/2026 Sprinkle

- Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for August 2026 as follows:

Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding Recommendations August 2026

Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• Agape Development Ministries	\$40,000		CFH
• Casa de Esperanza	\$15,000		CFH
• Foundations Christian Academy	\$10,000		CFH
• Mission Centers of Houston	\$30,000		CFH
• Outreach Center of West Houston	\$12,500		CFH
• Bridges to Life	\$15,000		DE
• The Gathering of Men	\$6,000		DE
• Prison Entrepreneurship Program	\$30,000	Operations for Houston-area Survive to Thrive program	DE
• WorkFaith	\$30,000		DE
• Be An Angel	\$30,000		HSN
• Houston Area Parkinson's Society	\$15,000		HSN
• Magnificat Houses, Inc.	\$25,000		HSN
• Prayers of the People	\$7,000	Houston Operations	HSN
• PTSD Foundation of America	\$10,000	Camp Hope	HSN
• REACH Unlimited	\$25,000		HSN
• SportsQuest	\$7,500		HSN
• East Spring Branch Food Pantry	\$10,000		SBH
• IM Houston	\$35,000	Meals on Wheels & Animeals Programs	SBH
• Santa Maria Hostel	\$20,000	Greater Houston Area Operations	SBH
• SpringSpirit	\$25,000		SBH
• Urban Outreach	\$40,000		SBH
• The Antioch Partners	\$35,000		Global
• The Outreach Foundation	\$20,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo - Mdiv Scholarships	Global
• Faith Ministry	\$30,000		Global
• Far East Broadcasting Company	\$45,000		Global

• Frontier Fellowship	\$25,000		Global
• Frontier Fellowship	\$55,000	Light of Hope Ethiopia	Global
• The Micah Project	\$60,000		Global
• One For Israel	\$10,000	Pre-Military IDF Ministry Program	Global
Totaling:		\$718,000	

2. Outreach Initiatives

Designated

• Alpha USA	\$30,000	Alpha USA
• Steiger International	\$17,500	US Operations
• Steiger International	\$2,500	Personal support for Carolina & Jozef Knapik
• Street Grace	\$65,000	Street Grace Houston
• Houston Food Bank	\$33,000	HCC Eagle Pantry & SWMS Weekend Food Program
Totaling:		\$148,000

YTD Outreach Funding Total: \$2,238,500

10. Calendar Reminders

August 25	Officer Nominations Close
August 30	Alf Halvorson Preaching Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey
September 6	Alf Halvorson Preaching Faith After the Funeral: The Job Journey Labor Day Weekend -All Church Lunch BBQ Baptisms
September 13	Alf Halvorson Preaching Interrupted and Sent: The Church Before the Building Adult Discipleship Programming Begins
September 18-19	Texas Presbytery Meeting: Windwood Presbyterian, Houston
September 20	Alf Halvorson Preaching Interrupted and Sent
September 21-23	ECO Theological Conference Light in the Darkness Faithful Responses to Heresy
September 27	Alf Halvorson Preaching Interrupted and Sent Outreach Sunday
September 28	Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm

2026 Remaining Session Meeting Dates

September 28
October 26
November- No Meeting
December 14

2026 Remaining Communion Dates

October 4| World Communion; First Communion
November 29| First Sunday in Advent

11. Master Planning Exercise: “Why?”

12. Announcements and Additional Business

- September 21-23: ECO Theological Conference- Elders and Deacons encouraged to Sign up!

13. Adjournment & Prayer Time (Beth Case)

- **Motion** to adjourn the August 2026 Session Meeting.

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 7 - July
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2026
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2026

Description	July Act	2026 YTD Act	2026 YTD Bud	Over (Under) Budget	% Variance YTD	Prior YTD 2025	2026 Budget Full Year
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 1,039,565	\$ 7,603,635	\$ 7,018,226	\$ 585,409	8.34	\$ 6,803,137	\$ 14,728,728
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,505)	\$ (32,967)	\$ -	\$ (32,967)	-	\$ (32,607)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 169,470	\$ 1,941,981	\$ 2,092,627	\$ (150,646)	(7.20)	\$ 2,065,312	\$ 3,510,278
Other Operating Income	\$ 3,023	\$ 135,754	\$ 58,333	\$ 77,420	132.72	\$ 170,988	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,208,553	\$ 9,648,403	\$ 9,169,186	\$ 479,216	5.23	\$ 9,006,829	\$ 18,339,006
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 35,908	\$ 253,436	\$ 262,836	\$ (9,400)	3.58	\$ 238,719	\$ 450,729
Fuente	\$ 18,149	\$ 104,658	\$ 98,062	\$ 6,597	(6.73)	\$ 99,540	\$ 170,496
Children's Ministry	\$ 122,242	\$ 564,333	\$ 566,934	\$ (2,601)	0.46	\$ 528,175	\$ 938,690
Youth Ministry	\$ 54,921	\$ 422,831	\$ 386,663	\$ 36,168	(9.35)	\$ 359,579	\$ 682,700
Relationships	\$ 33,931	\$ 239,664	\$ 226,508	\$ 13,157	(5.81)	\$ 210,310	\$ 388,360
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 73,878	\$ 209,148	\$ 321,555	\$ (112,407)	34.96	\$ 326,537	\$ 490,181
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 61,345	\$ 446,041	\$ 436,493	\$ 9,548	(2.19)	\$ 394,874	\$ 744,128
Adult Discipleship	\$ 28,054	\$ 197,824	\$ 233,877	\$ (36,053)	15.42	\$ 247,339	\$ 400,940
Young Adult	\$ 20,345	\$ 144,253	\$ 140,664	\$ 3,589	(2.55)	\$ 141,274	\$ 241,702
Worship	\$ 42,878	\$ 345,274	\$ 295,859	\$ 49,415	(16.70)	\$ 271,208	\$ 508,890
Traditional Music	\$ 31,131	\$ 263,430	\$ 255,334	\$ 8,095	(3.17)	\$ 256,276	\$ 438,820
Contemporary Music	\$ 29,460	\$ 202,056	\$ 196,742	\$ 5,314	(2.70)	\$ 198,712	\$ 332,576
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 14,974	\$ 106,369	\$ 128,770	\$ (22,401)	17.40	\$ 98,737	\$ 223,310
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 567,217	\$ 3,499,318	\$ 3,550,296	\$ (50,979)	1.44	\$ 3,371,281	\$ 6,011,522
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 83,924	\$ 591,900	\$ 553,882	\$ 38,018	(6.86)	\$ 551,103	\$ 944,380
Administration	\$ 73,616	\$ 559,851	\$ 538,643	\$ 21,208	(3.94)	\$ 536,324	\$ 901,004
Food Service	\$ 4,164	\$ 90,319	\$ 93,333	\$ (3,014)	3.23	\$ 101,213	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 244,551	\$ 1,593,306	\$ 1,557,115	\$ 36,191	(2.32)	\$ 1,527,741	\$ 2,665,680
The Little School	\$ 118,373	\$ 842,193	\$ 831,467	\$ 10,726	(1.29)	\$ 763,836	\$ 1,425,388
The Yellow School	\$ 70,783	\$ 474,208	\$ 490,735	\$ (16,527)	3.37	\$ 484,205	\$ 841,456
Total Support Ministry	\$ 595,411	\$ 4,151,778	\$ 4,065,176	\$ 86,602	(2.13)	\$ 3,964,422	\$ 6,937,908
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Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 1,162,628	\$ 7,651,095	\$ 7,615,472	\$ 35,623	-0.47%	\$ 7,335,703	\$ 12,949,430
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 114,504	\$ 827,231	\$ 918,998	\$ (91,766.80)	9.99	\$ 815,711	\$ 1,484,976
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ -	\$ 1,303,126	\$ 1,222,220	\$ 80,905.70	(6.62)	\$ 1,507,893	\$ 3,234,600
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 114,504	\$ 2,130,357	\$ 2,141,218	\$ (10,861.10)	0.51	\$ 2,323,604	\$ 4,719,576
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 45,298	\$ 306,983	\$ 361,667	\$ (54,684)	15.12	\$ 371,225	\$ 620,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 29,167	\$ 29,167	\$ -	-	\$ 29,167	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 49,465	\$ 336,150	\$ 390,833	\$ (54,684)	13.99	\$ 400,391	\$ 670,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,326,597	\$ 10,117,602	\$ 10,147,523	\$ (29,921)	0.29%	\$ 10,059,698	\$ 18,339,006
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (118,045)	\$ (469,199)	\$ (978,337)	\$ 509,138	-52.04%	\$ (1,052,869)	\$ 0
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (67,219)	\$ 146,481	\$ -	\$ 146,481	-	\$ 318,654	\$ -

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru July
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2026

Name	July 2026	Jun 2026	Month to Month Difference	July 2025
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	997,208.45	1,116,870.42	(119,661.97)	1,355,487.68
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	2,151,625.92	1,872,769.80	278,856.12	1,522,381.73
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,148,834.37	2,989,640.22	159,194.15	2,877,869.41
Current Investments (Restricted)	7,957,249.27	8,093,951.50	(136,702.23)	4,564,955.21
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	5,406,226.12	5,446,139.18	(39,913.06)	4,905,982.46
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	13,363,475.39	13,540,090.68	(176,615.29)	9,470,937.67
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	518,952.14	633,540.35	(114,588.21)	468,662.79
Miscellaneous Receivables	10,154.76	19,342.99	(9,188.23)	17,440.59
Property & Equipment	58,339,637.83	58,339,637.83	-	57,975,154.21
Accumulated Depreciation	(50,450,025.45)	(50,450,025.45)	-	(48,937,881.77)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	24,931,029.04	25,072,226.62	(141,197.58)	21,872,182.90
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	274,131.40	209,959.13	64,172.27	276,662.63
Other Payables	129,984.66	128,516.66	1,468.00	101,356.65
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	158,893.60	180,825.60	(21,932.00)	123,572.00
Custodial Accounts	357.50	-	357.50	47,488.62
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	563,367.16	519,301.39	44,065.77	549,079.90
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	10,140,141.51	10,258,948.51	(118,807.00)	10,549,353.79
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	8,882,857.87	8,942,263.22	(59,405.35)	5,799,374.97
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,910,804.91	4,917,855.91	(7,051.00)	4,540,516.65
TOTAL NET ASSETS	24,367,661.88	24,552,925.23	(185,263.35)	21,323,103.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	24,931,029.04	25,072,226.62	(141,197.58)	21,872,182.90

Outreach Ministries Funding Recommendations August 2026

CFH

Agape Development Ministries

2025 Funding: \$40,000 (\$20,000 and \$30,000 O&A)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$40,000

Agape Development is a community development ministry grounded in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in the OST/South Union neighborhood. Using various programs for neighborhood children, youth and families, Agape's mission is to address the specific brokenness of the community and transform their neighborhood by preparing Christ-following, independent, community leaders.

<https://agapedevelopment.org>

Casa de Esperanza

2025 Funding: \$15,592 (\$15,000)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos strives to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect for at-risk infants, children and their families by providing comprehensive residential and family support programs that transform people and communities.

<https://casahope.org>

Foundations Christian Academy

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Foundations Christian Academy (FCA) exists to provide a Christ-centered, therapeutic educational environment where students of diverse learning profiles are known, valued, and equipped to grow academically, socially, emotionally, and spiritually. We partner with families to cultivate each child's God-given potential through individualized instruction, character formation, and whole-child development.

www.thefoundationsacademy.org

Mission Centers of Houston

2025 Funding: \$30,000 (\$30,000 and \$30,000 O&A)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Mission Centers of Houston provides for the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Magnolia Park and Near Northside communities and works to eradicate the effects of multigenerational poverty and homelessness. Through ongoing relationships, age-graded programs and mission partnerships they change lives with the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ.

<https://www.missioncenters.org>

Outreach Center of West Houston

2025 Funding: \$10,000 (\$10,000 and \$20,000 O &A)

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$12,500

The Outreach Center of West Houston is a low- to no-cost facility for local non-profit organizations. They serve a vital role in the community by providing an affordable home and gathering space to partners that provide life-changing and life-saving programs in West Houston. Current MDPC partners implementing programming here include Family Point Resources and Young Life Westside.

<https://www.oc-wh.org>

DE**Bridges to Life**

2025 Funding: \$10,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Bridges To Life connects communities to prisons to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly that of violent crimes), reduce the number of crime victims, and enhance public safety. Their spiritual mission is to minister to victims and offenders to show them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness.

The Gathering of Men

2025 Funding: \$6,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$6,000

The Gathering of Men brings disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ through outreach and service. Formats for gathering include small groups and large outreach breakfasts.

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

2025 Funding: \$30,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000 (Funds are designated for general operations funding for Houston-area Survive to Thrive program)

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) is a pioneer to innovative programs that connect the nation's top executives, entrepreneurs, and MBA students with convicted felons. Their entrepreneurship boot camp and re-entry programs are proven solutions for preventing recidivism, maximizing self-sufficiency and transforming broken lives.

WorkFaith

2025 Funding: \$25,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

WorkFaith provides faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment. Their Christ-centered values, paired with a highly-structured program, help students increase their value and the confidence necessary for a successful transition back into the workforce.

HSN

Be an Angel

2025 Funding: \$30,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Be An Angel improves the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities and/or profound deafness by providing needed adaptive equipment and select services. They strive to use all available means to create a world where every child with a disability can experience improvement in their personal quality of life.

Houston Area Parkinson's Society

2025 Funding: \$15,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Houston Area Parkinson Society (HAPS) exists so that no one faces a Parkinson's disease diagnosis alone. By using a whole-human approach to community building, HAPS reduces the fear and isolation associated with such a diagnosis. HAPS sees a world in which all affected by Parkinson's have the hope, confidence, and support needed to live life to its fullest.

Magnificat Houses Inc.

2025 Funding: \$22,500

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Magnificat House is a safe and welcoming faith-based community offering alternatives to life on the streets for men and women in Houston. They have 15 neighborhood homes, an emergency shelter for women, a soup kitchen, vocational training, and a Clubhouse day program for those with a mental health diagnosis.

Prayers of the People

2025 Funding: \$5,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$7,000, Designated: Houston Operations

Established in 1974 from MDPC, POP provides spiritual care and prayer for all faith traditions in the midst of crisis, disease and suffering. Over 135 Lay Chaplains visit patients in over 60 hospitals and healthcare settings across Houston and around the world.

PTSD Foundation/Camp Hope

2025 Funding: \$10,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Camp Hope is a residential healing program for veterans struggling with combat-related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Through faith-based care, counseling, and community support, Camp Hope helps veterans and their families find renewed hope as they recover from the invisible wounds of war.

REACH Unlimited**2025 Funding: \$25,000****2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000**

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, they foster growth and independence so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be.

SportsQuest**2025 Funding: \$5,000****2026 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500**

Sports Quest shares the Good News of Jesus with young people through the powerful influence of sports, using soccer as a platform to reach and disciple the next generation. Their mission is to teach biblical truth and equip young leaders who will serve faithfully and stand boldly for Christ.

SBH**East Spring Branch Food Pantry****2025 Funding: \$10,000****2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000**

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a client choice pantry serving residents in the Spring Branch area with fresh and shelf stable food. Nutrition classes, Food Fairs and Thanksgiving meals are other programs offered. ESBFP is led and run by a team of dedicated volunteers.

www.eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com

I♥M Houston – Meals on Wheels and Animeals**2025 Funding: \$35,000****2026 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000 (Designation: Meals on Wheels and Animeals Programs)**

I♥M Houston's Meals on Wheels program provides fully prepared, nutritious meals and other assistance to at-risk seniors in Harris, Galveston, and surrounding counties each weekday to ensure their health and independence. In addition, seniors with pets may sign up for the Animeals program to receive free pet food and preventive vet care.

www.imgh.org

Santa Maria Hostel**2025 Funding: \$20,000 (plus \$32,000 Over & Above)****2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Designation: For Greater Houston Area Operations)**

Santa Maria Hostel is one of Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment centers for women, and one of a very few to offer a full continuum of services for women who are pregnant or parenting. By providing a safe, home environment, they allow mothers to stay with their young children while receiving care and treatment. Santa Maria Hostel partners with more than

130 community-based organizations to provide a full spectrum of care and support to women in recovery.

www.santamariahostel.org

SpringSpirit

2025 Funding: \$25,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

SpringSpirit provides safe pathways for underserved youth to realize life opportunities through sports, education and mentoring programs that are based on Christian principles. They offer a variety of recreational and competitive sport opportunities, reading intervention and large and small group bible teaching.

www.springspirit.org

Urban Outreach

2025 Funding: \$40,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$40,000

Urban Outreach is a Christian apartment ministry with onsite locations at apartments in Spring Branch, Aldine, Alief, Gulfton, Eastside, and Northside neighborhoods. They offer programs that address spiritual, physical, and social needs to help strengthen and preserve inner-city families. Offerings include the Christian Summer Camping Program, Character Development in Schools Program and area wide Summer Soccer Camps.

www.urbanoutreachinc.org

Global Partners

The Antioch Partners

2025 Funding: \$35,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000

The Antioch Partners (TAP) was launched in 2007 by MDPC members and field partners, Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair, to equip and send cross-cultural servants into the world who demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least reached people of the world.

<https://www.theantiochpartners.org/>

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (c/o The Outreach Foundation)

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000, Designated: MDiv Scholarships

The Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC) has been training pastors for the Synod of the Nile for over 160 years. The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the Gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt amid political and cultural transitions, especially throughout the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's leadership and the students as they share the love of Jesus. etsc.org

Faith Ministry

2025 Funding: \$30,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border, and in doing so, it shares the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, a medical clinic, food programs, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known. www.faithministry.org

Far East Broadcasting Company

2025 Funding: \$45,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$45,000

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) seeks to make Jesus known among the world's least reached people by sharing the Good News through various media. FEBC broadcasts in 152 languages in 50 countries. For over 75 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ. www.febc.org

Frontier Fellowship

2025 Funding: \$25,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Frontier Fellowship invites churches to join God's mission by engaging people groups where the Good News of Jesus is not yet known. They educate and equip congregations, building collaborative relationships with indigenous ministries among the least-reached. Their vision is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics. <https://frontierfellowship.com/>

Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (c/o Frontier Fellowship)

2025 Funding: \$60,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$55,000

Led by MDPC field worker Urgessa, Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia is bringing the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people in Ethiopia and North America. Their holistic ministry focuses on literacy, building village schools, mobilizing local evangelists and missionaries, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian academy and training center.

frontierfellowship.com/light-of-hope-ministry-ethiopia/

The Micah Project

2025 Funding: \$60,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$60,000

The Micah Project ministers to young men and boys who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa. The "Micah boys" are provided a loving home and learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, education, and service to others. The Micah Project supports these young men as they learn to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." -Micah 6:8 micahprojecthonduras.org

One For Israel

2025 Funding: \$10,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Designated: Pre-Military IDF Soldier Ministry Program)

One for Israel began as a Bible college in 1990 and has since expanded to a multi-faceted ministry with the express goal of reaching Israelis with the Good News of Jesus, training and equipping the Body of Christ in Israel, and blessing the community with Jesus' love. 99% of Israelis don't know Jesus as their Savior and One For Israel seeks to introduce Him to both Jews and Arabs and unite the community in Christ. oneforisrael.org

Initiatives

Alpha USA

2025 Funding: \$25,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000 (Designated: Alpha USA)

Alpha's vision is the evangelization of the nations, the transformation of society, and the revitalization of the church - a big vision pursued by equipping and serving churches in their mission to reach the lost and serve their communities through running Alpha courses. These courses share the gospel over time, in relationship, and through hospitality.

Steiger International

2025 Funding: \$20,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Designated: \$17,500 US Operations, \$2,500 Knapik Personal Support)

Steiger is a rapidly-growing, worldwide mission organization that is called to engage and disciple the unchurched global youth of today. Steiger is targeting Houston as a strategic US city with opportunities for our volunteers to train and serve with them to reach young adults in Houston with the Gospel.

Street Grace

2025 Funding: \$65,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$65,000 (Designated: Street Grace Houston)

Street Grace is a faith-based organization pioneering technology solutions and evidence-based demand reduction strategies to disrupt and prevent the sexual exploitation of children. Through their four-pillar approach of prevention through community training, protection of survivors, policy reform for accountability, and pursuit of predators using AI technology, Street Grace creates lasting change in the fight against child sexual exploitation.

Houston Food Bank

2025 Funding: \$33,000

2026 Funding Recommendation: \$33,000 (Designated: HCC Eagle Pantry and SWMS Weekend food program)

In collaboration with a network of more than 1,600 community partners including pantries, schools, and multi-service centers the HFB helps thousands of individuals each week through innovative programming and services. As one of MDPC's strategic partners, the HFB supports many MDPC supported pantry programs, including the Fuente Food Pantry, as well as SBISD's Spring Woods Middle School weekend food Program, and the Food for Change program that produced the Eagle Pantry at Houston Community College's Spring Branch campus.

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
June 2026

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Amanda Austin, Carla Bradford, Rick Chapman, Daniel Crank, Elizabeth Crawley, Lance Dardis, Ellen Davidson, Bob Davis, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Madison Limbacher, Leslee Lumpkin, Tomas Lopes, Lisa McChristian, David Michels, Kim Oswald, Mike Pelton, Nikki Pielop, Rosy Pereira, Yvonne Ramirez, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, David Shelfer, Joe Stockdale, Drew Tingleaf, Karin Tyson, Suzanne Wharton, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Kevin Dillon, Kelley Edwards, Stephanie Espinoza, Alex Knoop, Ryan Taylor, Andre Verona

Elders Absent: Hector Longoria, Hunter Smith, Nathan Stedham

Pastors Present: Beth Case, Alf Halvorson, Brett Hurst, Guillermo Yela

Pastors Excused: Dan Aikins (Sabbatical), Clay Brown, Almir Dias, Rachel Poysky

Staff Present: Dena Bankett, Beverly Fluke, Sally Henien, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Steffanie West

Call to Order: Pastor Alf Halvorson called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:31 pm in the Chapel and opened with prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk, Joe Stockdale, affirmed that a quorum was present. QR for check in.

New Members (Stephanie Espinoza- New Member Elder)

Leia Anderson, Cody Brackeen, Cathi Jack, Tom Jack, Ghislain Kaleka, Hervine Meta, Robin Kalina, Mary McMullen, Wynn McMullen, Lena McWilliams, Mason McWilliams, Rob Presley, Susan Saeger, Hunter Stockard, Mackenzie Stockard, Ken Stockton, Brian Strait, Emily Strait, Jeb Strickland, Judy Strickland

The above-named friends attended in person and online to be received by Session. Stephanie asked each to introduce themselves – asking what drew them to MDPC and one way they want to serve here. Pastor Alf asked the questions of membership. A **Motion** to *receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC* was made and unanimously approved by Session and we prayed over our newest Covenant partners.

Tine with Alf:

Small group discussion time on ***Hospitality- seen, heard, noticed, connected*** – How is that being walked out or not walked out in your areas? Bright Spots?

Clerk's Report: (Carla Bradford)

Discussion on Officer Nominations and time spent on the process via QR code nomination.

Treasurer's Report: (Kyle Wienert)

Master Planning Update and Next Steps (Alf Halvorson and Marcus Vajdos)

Omnibus Agenda:

Alf introduced the Omnibus Motion below for April and asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. Alf then asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion as presented. **Motion Carried.**

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of May 2026, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the Combined Minutes of Session Committees, June 2026.
- c. **Motion** to approve the current Facilities Usage Schedule of Fees.
- d. **Transfers and Dismissals**
Please transfer the following active members:
Fox, Karen to Myers Park Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC.

e. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms to be performed in July and August 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Scottie Ann Deutsch	Infant	Taylor and Carter Deutsch	Mom-Yes Dad-No	7/19/2026 Sprinkle
Rachel Iris French	Infant	Virginia (Ginny) and Walker French	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	7/19/2026 Sprinkle
Manolis Kwadwo Asare Okai	Infant	Eyram Owusu-Sekyere and Nicholas Okai	Mom-No Dad-Yes	7/19/2026 Sprinkle
Margo Frances Wiley	Infant	Stephanie Ahiassi and John Wiley	Mom-Yes Dad-No	7/19/2026 Sprinkle
Wren Smith	Infant	Hunter and Roy Smith	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	8/9/2026 Sprinkle

**Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding
Recommendations
June 2026**

Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• Family Point Resources	\$30,000		CFH
• Open Door Mission	\$45,000		CFH
• Star of Hope	\$25,000		CFH
• The Beacon	\$20,000		CFH
• Loving Houston	\$20,000		DE
• Home Encouragement	\$15,000		DE
• Fuller Theological Seminary	\$25,000	Student scholarships for the Antioch Ministry Experience Cohort	DE
• Camp Blessing	\$20,000		DE
• Archway Academy	\$15,000	Scholarships	HSN
• Care Partners	\$20,000		HSN
• His Grace Foundation	\$18,000		HSN
• Hope and Healing Center	\$15,000		HSN
• JoyRide Center	\$17,500		HSN
• LifeHouse of Houston	\$10,500		HSN
• Senior Rides & More	\$8,000		HSN
• Vita Living	\$30,000		HSN
• Christian Community Service Center	\$7,500	Martha's Way Program	SBH
• LIFE Houston	\$20,000		SBH
• Spring Branch Community Health Center	\$35,000		SBH
• Mission of Yahweh	\$32,000	Mercy House Apartment Renovation	SBH
• Nueva Vida	\$30,000		Global
• YWAM Budapest	\$25,000		Global
Totaling:		\$483,500	

YTD Outreach Funding Total: \$1,372,500

Calendar Reminders

June 22	Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm
June 28	Bin Wang Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Comes Near (Incarnation)
July 5	Clay Brown Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Saves (Grace) Patriotic Sunday
July 12	Beth Case Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Chooses and Sends (Election)
July 13-17	Summer Celebration Week
July 19	Rachel Poysky Preaching Summer Celebration Message Baptisms
July 26	Essential Tenets Series: God Gathers (The Church)
Aug 2	Sally Henein Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Entrusts (Stewardship) Communion
Aug 9	Andrew Adair Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Forms (Obedience)
Aug 16	Alf Halvorson Preaching Short Series Through Labor Day Children & Youth Programming Resumes Baptisms
Aug 23	Alf Halvorson Preaching Essential Tenets Series: God Entrusts
Aug 24	Session Meeting Chapel 6:30pm
Aug 30	Alf Halvorson Preaching Short Sermon Series
Sept 6	Alf Halvorson Preaching Short Sermon Series Labor Day Weekend -All Church Lunch BBQ Baptisms
Sept 13	Alf Halvorson Preaching Fall Sermon Series Adult Discipleship Programming Begins

2026 Remaining Session Meeting Dates

July -No Meeting

August 24

September 28

October 26

November- No Meeting

December 14

2026 Remaining Communion Dates

August 2

October 4| World Communion; First Communion

November 29| First Sunday in Advent

Announcements and Additional Business

Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the June 2026 Session Meeting was made at 7:41pm.

Prayer

Beth invited us back into small groups for prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Joe Stockdale, Clerk, by Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Director,
June 2026

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees August 2026 Session Meeting

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

August 18, 2026

Attendees: Rosemary Armstrong, Beth Case, Betsy Chalmers, Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Christine Gentil, Willie Jordan, Bob Larson, Barbara Mueller, Betsy Nash, Suzanne Tobin

Absent: Terral Cesak, Olga Griffin, Ross Purdy, Sue Warren

Opening Prayer: Beverly Fluke

Devotional and Discussion: Bob Larson gave a devotional from John Stott's book "Christian Mission" on the importance of service. There was then discussion and Q&A around the table on a variety of topics -- summer highlights, upcoming ministry events, the master plan, officer nominations, etc.

Ministry Reports

Branches: The Branches group currently has 10 active volunteers who write 30-40 cards each month. We meet monthly and write notes to members who are hospitalized or in rehab and notes to those who have been blessed with births. We also write notes of comfort to family members who have lost loved ones to death and send notes of recognition of grief anniversaries after 2 and 3 years following the deaths. We send notes of care and connection to those who need encouragement and to know that their MDPC family is thinking about them and praying for them. Contact deacon Willie Jordan or Beverly Fluke for more information.

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- **The Gathering**
 - June 3rd was our Father's Day Gathering Celebration with a lemon and lime table decoration theme. Brenda Gay was the singer for the celebration and Carlene and Carol's exercise theme was summer including the giant parachute complete with balloons. We had a smaller group this month with 12 Volunteers, 5 CarePartners, 7 caregivers.
 - July is always a fun month with the fourth of July theme of red, white and blue abounding with the Stars and Stripes along with flags. It was held on July 1. Jon Ingram was the lively entertainer. Seven CarePartners, seven caregivers and ten volunteers were in attendance. The volunteers are all great at stepping up and into roles that they are not assigned, but the willingness to serve where needed is rewarding to see.
- **Caregivers Luncheon**
 - The monthly caregivers luncheon was held in June on June 11 and it was brought up that there are several people who might be interested in attending. It was determined at a follow-up meeting by Beverly and Olga that the new participants should be invited to the August meeting so they can all be introduced and hear everyone's story at the same time.
 - There was no Caregivers Luncheon in July due to Summer Celebration.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The fall series of the Transforming Grief program is scheduled for August 19 – October 7 on Wednesdays from 4-5:30pm. Facilitators will be Marsha Hartsell and Beverly Fluke.
- **The Widows Connection:** The Widows Connection group meets for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Judy Stockton for more information.
- **Ministry of Presence:** Caring Ministries staff and officers send out cards and grief books to MDPC members during their first year of losing a loved one.

Health Ministry – Blood Drive:

- MDPC hosted a blood drive here on Sunday, June 14, from 10:00 am - 02:30 pm. Many thanks to Debbie Cordell for her coordination of this event that was facilitated by Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

Community Relations:

- **Family Impact Project:** September 12, 2026/A Day of Service - A new initiative that will unite MDPC congregational families with others in the congregation who need some extra help in and around their homes. Contact Community Relations Deacon, Ross Purdy, or Christine Gentil for more information.

Home Communion:

- Anyone who is not able to participate in the regularly scheduled communion services on campus is invited to request home communion. Requests can be made by contacting Beverly Fluke or Beth Case.

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team currently has 13 active members who stay in contact with one of more of 27 people who can no longer regularly make it to church. The abilities of those visited range from bedridden with conditions such as dementia to conversational and eager to socialize over a meal together.
- If you have a caring heart for our older members, this would be a wonderful ministry in which to get involved. Please contact Rosemary Armstrong, Visitation Deacon, or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.

Memorial Services:

- June: 3 memorial services with receptions were hosted at MDPC.
- July: 2 memorial services with receptions were hosted at MDPC.

Prayer Ministry:

- Staff Prayer – Did you know the staff continues to meet twice weekly for prayer? Leadership rotates for this time which is usually hosted in the Amphitheater from 11:15-11:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exceptions happen especially as monthly we have all staff worship in the Chapel on Monday's with Session meetings. Throughout the summer, we've prayed for various mission trips, Summer Celebration, current world events, each other, and more!

Second Family:

- CarePartners' Senior Prom was hosted by Caring Ministries at MDPC in June and it was a HIT, despite the bad weather! There were close to 80 people in attendance. Gigi Gomez from CarePartners organized the event and volunteers from MDPC's Gathering Place and Second Family helped out. The theme was Old Hollywood Glam and Warren Ward even brought his shiny red Corvette as a photo prop.
- All of our care receivers are very grateful for support and friendship. One MDPC member reached out for help a year ago. Due to her illnesses, she had not been connected at MDPC for several years. Once the Second Family team started taking her to dialysis appointments, she felt connected again. She is praying to be eligible for a Kidney transplant so she can start volunteering at MDPC when it is possible.
- Sadly, one of our care receivers recently died. Her dedicated Second Family team was at her side through several transitions and finally hospice care. Her favorite caregiver was Niko the therapy dog but she deeply appreciated the human caregivers as well.

Senior Adult Ministry: Here is a summary of attendance at the various Senior Adult Fellowship activities in June and July.

- June
 - Prime Timers Heaven Is For Real movie 11
 - Venturers Fratelli's Dinner 21
 - Adults 55+ Lunch MDPC Cafe 10
 - Encore Fellowship Saltgrass Dinner 25
 - Games Day MDPC 16
- July
 - Prime Timers Inside Out movie 10
 - Prime Timers Angels in the Outfield movie 25
 - Adults 55+ Lunch MDPC Café 12
 - Encore Fellowship Carrabba's 34
 - Games Day MDPC 13

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met on June 9, July 28, and August 11 for Supervisory Meetings and on June 23 for Continuing Education, with Cynthia Orme presenting "Attachment Theories and Styles."
- Stephen Ministry was highlighted in all three worship services on June 7 and several of the recently commissioned Stephen Ministers have already been matched with Care Receivers.
- Referrals for potential care receivers who would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship can be sent to Beverly Fluke in Caring Ministries.

Upcoming Meetings: October 20, 2026, at 10am

Closing Prayer: Christine Gentil and Annette Erickson

Children's Committee Minutes:

In Children's Ministries, we capped off our summer *Living the Dream* at **Summer Celebration**. We had a total of 755 children, 260 teen volunteers, and 230 adult volunteers in attendance. Interesting to note, 81% of the children in attendance were NOT members of MDPC. That illustrates what an incredible outreach tool Summer Celebration can be! We are sending postcards to all 4th & 5th grade students who attended Summer Celebration inviting them to attend Blast Off on Wednesday nights this fall.

We will not have an in-person Lead Team Meeting in August. **Our next Lead Team meeting will take place in the Summitt Room on September 1 at 12:30pm.**

Sunday School Volunteer Training will take place on Sunday, 8/9, from 12:30 – 2:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All Sunday School volunteers are encouraged to attend. Lunch and childcare will be provided. All children's ministries volunteers over the age of 18 who have not completed a background check in the past 2 years will be asked to complete a new background check. We have a new system for background checks, and the process seems to be quicker and easier than in the past.

Children's Sunday School Kick Off will be Sunday, 8/16. All *lead team and staff are asked to wear their blue MDPC Kids t-shirts* to church for Kick Off. Megan Hulings is creating decorative balloon towers, and we'll have little giveaways for the kids. All grades who didn't promote in June will promote this day and we begin a new curriculum cycle.

We are still looking for volunteers to help with Children's Sunday School! If you can think of any teens or adults who might be interested in serving, please connect them with Mayra or Lenora.

Elementary Update:

Mission Extreme: We had 65 kids serve the week of Mission Extreme. Our heart was filled as we partnered up with several of our Mission Partners, including Mission of Yahweh, Kid's Meals, Brookwood, and Fuente Food Pantry. We watched kids who attend MPDC, and kids who do not worship at MPDC participate.

Blast Off Bible Study: Blast Off Wednesday Night Bible Study for 1st-5th grade [start September 16, 2026](#). [Registration is open](#).

Sunday School: We are using a new curriculum (to us) named [Wonder Ink](#) for the 2026-2027 school year. One great thing about it is that it has a young elementary and pre-teen curriculum, which will allow us to teach and connect with children of all ages.

Preschool Update:

1. Sunday School – We have 6 classes
2. We still need 9 volunteers to serve once a month
3. Our new curriculum: Bible in Life
4. Chapel for Little & Yellow School – Starts August 19 & 20
5. Special Event: Superhero Day – September 19

BPC

1. Starting Date: August 9
2. New curriculum: Two or More

Kaleidoscope Update:

The Kaleidoscope Ministry kicked off summer with a family outing to see the Space Cowboys! We only had a few families participate but it was a great time!

We had about 12 children with special needs participate in Summer Celebration with support through Kaleidoscope. We also had a group of teens with special needs, led by Barbara Mueller, volunteer all week. The teens sorted and counted donated books, helped lead in worship, and participated in Serve and Play. Our attendance in Kaleidoscope Sunday School remained strong throughout the summer! We're averaging about 6 kids a week in Kaleidoscope Sunday school and we're providing behavioral support to a couple of children who attend Galaxy Sunday School.

Childcare Plus Update:

Along with the childcare they provide all throughout the year, our CCP staff has also provided in-house childcare to children of MDPC staff throughout the summer.

Our CCP staff, Little School & Yellow School staff, and Children's Ministries staff attended a continuing education conference (PTAC/KMAC) at Windwood Presbyterian Church the last week of July.

Our next CCP Parents Night Out will be held on August 8.

Finance Committee Minutes:

June 2026:

- **Generosity and Capital Campaign Planning:** Marcus, Ginny, Karin, Sharon, and others discussed insights from a recent meeting with Generosity OS, emphasizing the importance of distinguishing capital campaign giving from regular tithes, the need for a spiritually driven campaign, and the expected timing and structure of the upcoming capital campaign, including strategies for engaging high-impact households and managing pledge collection.
 - **Generosity OS Consultation Takeaways:** Marcus shared that the Generosity OS team advised the capital campaign should be 'over and above' regular giving, not diverting from tithes, and must be spiritually and story-driven rather than solely focused on cash. They also noted that large campaigns often increase future pledging momentum.

- **Campaign Timing and Phases:** The quiet phase of the capital campaign will begin in the fall, with the public phase likely starting early next year. The process is designed to avoid mixed messaging and to ensure most pledges and contributions are collected by the second week of January, aligning with budget planning.
- **Pledge and Contribution Trends:** Marcus reported that the church is ahead of last year in both pledged and non-pledged income, with 41% of the pledged amount already paid and 75% of pledgers having contributed, compared to 36.7% and 71% last year, respectively.
- **Engagement of High-Impact Households:** A list of 50 high-impact households was compiled for targeted campaign meetings, with efforts to ensure at least 60-70% participation through in-person and online options, aiming to inform campaign budgeting and strategy.
- **Gift Acceptance and Asset-Driven Giving:** The team discussed the distinction between income-driven pledges and asset-driven capital campaign gifts, including the handling of non-cash gifts such as property or stock, and the importance of adhering to the church's gift acceptance policy.
- **Financial Performance and Budget Variances:** Marcus, Dena, and others reviewed the church's financial performance through May, highlighting positive variances in contribution income, the impact of mission trip revenue timing, outreach disbursements, and ongoing monitoring of operating expenses and benefits costs.
 - **Contribution Income and Budget Comparison:** Contribution income was reported as overstated by \$877,000 compared to the budget, primarily due to timing differences in revenue recognition and higher-than-expected payments from pledgers.
 - **Mission Trip and Ministry Event Revenue:** Mission trip revenues are recognized as contributions when received, leading to a temporary variance that is expected to normalize in June as budgeted revenue aligns with actual collections.
 - **Outreach Disbursements and Variances:** A significant outreach payout of \$525,000 in May helped reduce previous variances, with an additional \$500,000 in requests scheduled for approval, ensuring outreach spending aligns with budget expectations.
 - **Operating Expenses and Benefits:** Operating expenses were \$30,000 over budget through May, attributed partly to timing, while benefit costs were lower than expected despite an increase in staff, due to a favorable benefits program.
 - **School Discounts and Staff Demographics:** The church offers a 50% childcare discount for staff, with an increase in staff families utilizing this benefit, contributing to outreach and community engagement.
- **Personnel Updates and Organizational Changes:** Madison, Marcus, and others provided updates on personnel matters, including the search for a new communications director due to Ginny's upcoming retirement, changes in reporting structure, and considerations for hospitality staffing following the end of the ECI contract.
 - **Communications Director:** Ginny is retiring at the end of September, prompting the start of interviews for her replacement, with three candidates (one internal, two external) being considered. The new director will report to Steffanie West under the worship department.
 - **Hospitality Staffing Options:** With the ECI contract ending in July, the team is exploring bringing hospitality management in-house, potentially at a lower cost, and considering internal staff for the role.
 - **Personnel Committee Updates:** No major financial updates from the May personnel meeting were reported, but future changes in compensation or staffing may be brought to the committee as the year progresses.
- **Legacy and Restricted Funds Management:** Marcus, Sharon, and others discussed the status and reporting of restricted and legacy funds, including recent activity, the use of accrual accounting, and considerations for future legacy projects and capital expenditures.
 - **Restricted Fund Reporting Enhancements:** A new report now provides detailed visibility into restricted fund activity, including contributions, interest earnings, and unrealized gains or losses, with drill-down capabilities for further analysis.
 - **Legacy Fund Utilization:** Legacy funds are being evaluated for use in upcoming maintenance and capital projects, such as sanctuary flooring, carpet, lighting, and parking lot repairs, with a current balance of \$5 million considered a strong reserve.

- **Accrual Accounting Practices:** The team uses accrual accounting for certain budget items, accruing funds monthly for capital purchases and adjusting as expenses are incurred, ensuring accurate financial tracking.
- **Gift Acceptance Policy:** The church maintains a policy for accepting non-cash gifts, such as property or stock, ensuring they are promptly liquidated and credited appropriately, and does not accept designated gifts with restrictive conditions.
- **Master Planning, Banking, and Capital Project Preparation:** Marcus, Dan, Sharon, and others reviewed progress on the master plan, discussed the need for a banking task force, outlined steps for engaging banks for construction financing, and emphasized the importance of internal policy development and cash flow modeling before external engagement.
 - **Master Planning Committee Progress:** The Master Planning Committee has finalized initial concepts and is preparing for meetings with high-impact households to inform the capital campaign, with a total project estimate between \$69 and \$75 million.
 - **Banking Task Force and Financing Strategy:** A task force will be formed to solicit bids from multiple banks for construction and bridge loans, leveraging committee members' banking relationships and ensuring competitive terms for the anticipated financing needs.
 - **Cash Flow and Policy Development:** Before engaging banks, the team will develop detailed cash flow models and internal policies for approving change orders and payments, ensuring readiness for financial oversight and audit requirements during the capital project.
 - **Campaign Pledge Collection and Construction Timing:** The campaign aims to collect 50-80% of pledges during the quiet phase, with major construction expenses not expected until after the campaign concludes, allowing for positive cash flow and interest income management.
 - **Committee Structure for Project Oversight:** Future phases will involve forming a building committee and hiring an owner's representative to oversee construction, with clear delineation of responsibilities for financial and operational oversight.
- **Copier Lease Versus Purchase Decision:** Karin, Marcus, and Sharon discussed options for replacing the church's copier, weighing the financial implications of leasing versus purchasing, and considering the use of legacy funds for a capital purchase.
 - **Financial Considerations for Copier Replacement:** The team is evaluating four proposals for copier replacement, with the most expensive option offering production quality needed by communications. The decision between leasing (operating expense) and purchasing (capital expense) will be guided by financial analysis and may involve using legacy funds for a purchase.
- **Committee and Bylaw Updates:** Marcus provided updates on committee nominations, at-large member vetting, and ongoing bylaw revisions, including clarifying definitions and updating outdated provisions.
 - **Nominations and At-Large Member Vetting:** The Finance Committee will begin the nomination process for new members and initiate a program to vet at-large members, with future voting to occur by session rather than committee.
 - **Bylaw Revision Process:** Updates to the bylaws are underway, with Ted Byer and David Michels reviewing definitions and removing outdated references, such as those related to obsolete practices.

Follow-up tasks:

- **Capital Campaign Lead Donor Meetings:** Follow up with invited lead donor families who have not yet signed up for meetings to ensure maximum participation, including offering online meeting options as needed. (Lead Team)
- **Banking Task Force Formation:** Identify and propose members for a banking task force to evaluate and coordinate banking options for the upcoming capital campaign and construction financing. (Marcus, team)
- **Copier Acquisition Decision:** Determine whether to purchase or lease a new production-quality copier, including confirming the appropriate funding source (e.g., legacy fund or budget) and consulting accounting for best financial treatment. (Marcus, Karin, accounting team)
- **2010 Study Update:** Complete the update of the 2010 John Hardman study to reflect 2026 data and coordinate scheduling a meeting (potentially via Zoom) for all relevant participants. (Chris, Dan, John Hardman)

- **Master Plan Financial Modeling:** Develop a detailed financial model and budget for the master plan, including cash flow projections and timing, before engaging with banks for construction financing. (Master Planning Committee)
- **Capital Campaign Policies and Controls:** Establish and document policies for approving change orders, payments, and financial controls for the capital campaign and construction process prior to project commencement. (Master Planning Committee)
- **Communications Director Search:** Continue the search and interview process for a new communications director to replace Ginny, who is retiring at the end of September, and ensure transition planning for reporting structure changes. (Personnel Committee)

August 2026:

Finance Meeting: called to order at 5:15 pm on August 17th in Summit Room

The meeting was recorded on MDPC's Teams System

Attendance

Member	Office	Attending	Absent
Marcus Vajdos	Chief Operating Officer	x	
Dena Bankett	Finance Director		x
Joe Stockdale	Clerk of Session	x	
Madison Limbacher	Personnel Elder	x	
Chris Arend	2025 Retiring Treasurer	x	
Kyle Wienert	Treasurer	x	
Rosy Pereira	Treasurer Elect	x	
Karin Tyson	Treasurer Elect-Elect	x	
Jeannie Able	Generosity Elder		x
Marc Laney Sharon Roark	Outreach Rep.	x	
Dan English	At Large	x	
Marcelo Pinheiro	At Large		x
Bill Enzer	At Large	x	

Opening Devotional: provided by Chris Arend

Approval of Minutes

(Found in Teams; Finance Committee; Minutes: 2026 Minutes)

- The June Meeting minutes were _x approved _ disapproved _ deferred

MDPC Finance: Budget, Reserves & Capital Campaign

The meeting reviewed stewardship and capital giving, year-to-date operating performance, conference cost controls, capital campaign financing, reserve policy, procurement, and a potential restricted-stock donation.

Discussion:

Giving and Stewardship:

Annual stewardship pledges were distinguished from the capital campaign: stewardship is generally funded from annual income, while capital giving is an optional offering from an individual's asset base and should not reduce the regular pledge. The 3 Ts—time, talent, and treasure—were reaffirmed as resources that will be increasingly important as the church grows.

Budget and Cash Flow:

Through July, contributions were reported as \$585,000 ahead of budget. Sports and REACH revenue was lower because three programs now remit 20% after collection rather than the church recording gross revenue and instructor expenses; enrollment remains generally sound, and the year-over-year effect was approximately \$50,000 unfavorable but expected to normalize by year-end. Lower REACH expenses reflect the same accounting change. Pastoral expenses were under \$50,000, while support ministry expenses were \$86,000 over budget; facilities incurred concentrated HVAC and repair costs, and Communications

exceeded its part-time labor allocation. Program expenses were reported \$35,000 over budget, with a commitment to remain within the approved budget and evaluate programs for possible sunset. The operating budget is \$14.7 million. Each 1% compensation increase represents approximately \$50,000, while the capital-expenditure maintenance allocation is \$50,000; benefits and other costs are rising. Results were also reported as \$469,000 better than budget, with approximately \$700,000 nearing approval; the context of the latter figure was not fully specified. Cash flow typically reaches its low point in September or October, and the meeting referenced approximately \$500,000 currently below cash-flow expectations and a potential annual trough near \$1 million.

Events and Outreach Costs:

The upcoming three-day conference is expected to have approximately 250 attendees paying a \$150 registration fee, but the host church generally absorbs security, facilities, housekeeping, HVAC, electricity, setup, and media costs. MDPC does not generally charge organizations such as BSF for facility use. The committee agreed that conferences and other outside events require advance cost estimates, ownership of the budget, and a decision on whether the cost is reimbursed, budgeted as outreach, or treated as a strategic community/brand investment. Media labor is a significant variable cost. A standardized request and approval process, potentially including volunteer support, was recommended; no final policy was adopted.

Capital Campaign and Financing:

The master-plan process is entering a lead-gift phase targeting 60%–70% of the amount ultimately required. Building scope remains contingent on fundraising results. A future construction note or other construction financing may be needed; MDPC currently has no debt and maintains a \$500,000 line with Frost. Frost has completed preliminary credit review, but multiple construction-lending options should be evaluated. Architects, the builder's representative, and GenerosityOS are expected at the next session meeting. Banker and construction-financing contacts were requested, with an objective of having initial information in place by early the following week.

Reserves:

In December 2020–2021, session approved a \$650,000 outreach reserve intended as a shortfall hedge and repayable if borrowed. The applicable formula indicates a reserve of \$771,000 by the end of 2026. Year-end 2023–2024 information showed a \$10.6 million operating-fund balance, \$665,000 in the outreach fund after reclassifications, \$16.5 million of cash, \$14.1 million restricted, and approximately \$2.5 million unrestricted and available. A proposal to bring the outreach reserve to \$771,000 and establish an equal operating reserve in TPF money-market accounts earning approximately 4.5%–5% was discussed. The proposal was tabled for further review; session approval is required before changing the mandate or restrictions. The committee also debated whether existing outreach reserves should support seasonal cash flow rather than creating a separate operating reserve.

The Name Storm reserve was discussed in connection with a \$25 million exposure and a 10% deductible, with a target referenced variously as approximately \$2.5 million to \$2.7 million. Additions were described as discretionary rather than a formal session requirement.

Procurement and Technology:

Computer purchases are being held while procurement controls are reviewed. The current replacement cycle is three years, with one computer generally expected per employee; an additional computer would be paid for by the employee. Printer and copier leases have been cancelled, and six proposals are under review. The 25% allocation discussion was deferred to next month.

Restricted Stock Gift:

A potential donor wishes to contribute company stock subject to a six-month restriction from the time it leaves the donor's account. The donor is exploring an attorney-drafted arrangement that could permit liquidation after 60 days; otherwise, the gift may be delayed until the following year. MDPC's policy requires sale within a reasonably prompt period, but the committee noted that an imposed restriction may affect what is reasonable. Receiving stock at fair market value and later selling at a lower value could create a realized accounting loss and budget variance. No formal exception or acceptance motion was made; the matter will be evaluated after the donor provides complete employer, legal, and timing details.

Internal Action Items:

- Review the restricted-stock gift terms, employer restrictions, timing, valuation, and accounting implications if the donation proceeds.
- Continue evaluating whether the gift-acceptance and reserve procedures require revisions after the committee's further discussion.

Action Items:

- Bring the outreach reserve to the session-mandated \$771,000 level and revisit reserve structure and repayment restrictions with session.
- Develop advance budgeting and approval procedures for conferences and outside events, including media, security, facilities, and volunteer requirements.
- Attend the next session meeting with the architects, builder's representative, and Generosity OS; identify banker and construction-lending contacts.
- Continue obtaining legal and employer documentation for the proposed restricted-stock gift.
- Resume discussion of the 25% allocation at the next meeting

Fuente Committee Minutes:

August 16, 2026

Fuente MDPC Vision

"We are a multicultural and diverse family, united in God's love to share faith in Jesus Christ, reach souls, and serve with commitment and love, according to God's Word."

Fuente MDPC Mission

"To reach the Hispanic/Latino community of Houston for Christ, transforming lives through the power of the Gospel and serving as a united family in God's love, committed to discipling and raising generations who live out and reflect faith in Jesus Christ."

Key Verse

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1Cor. 1:10

Attendance: Pastor Guillermo Yela, Ciria Yela, Yvonne Ramirez (Elder), Mary Galvan (Deacon), Mario Porras (Deacon), Daniel Chavez, Marina Porras, Nubia Olvera, Gleide Avila, Brenda Vega, Willman Parraci y Diana Orozco

Absent (Excused): Stefano Lugo, Jenny Rodriguez, Rev. Damaris Abreu

- Opening Prayer / Devotional – Pastor Guillermo
 - Considering that we have reached the halfway point of the year, Pastor Guillermo proposed conducting a check-in/follow-up with the different ministries to evaluate how we have progressed so far. He encouraged everyone to review the goals established last year and assess the progress made in each ministry. Pastor Guillermo also recognized the growth we have experienced across the different ministries and highlighted the opportunity to continue growing and strengthening our work as a church.

- Strategy – Pastor Guillermo

- Mission trip - UNICAS: During the month of October, Pastor Guillermo will be traveling to Guatemala on a mission trip. As part of the trip, he will take the opportunity to visit UNICAS, an organization focused on the holistic development of women and girls through training, leadership development, and family support.

UNICAS has several programs, including one focused on providing assistance to women, mothers, and guardians at the city's Hematology-Oncology Hospital. This program has received support from Fuente over the past several years. However, Pastor Guillermo would like this support to transition under MDPC Outreach moving forward. As part of **this process, a visit to the organization** is considered necessary.

A virtual meeting has already been held with representatives from ÚNICAS, with leaders from MDPC Outreach also participating. The next step will be an in-person visit to the organization during the trip to Guatemala. Pastor Guillermo extended an invitation to Stefano to accompany him on this trip.

- Proposal - Tiempo con Dios 2027: The proposal is to hold a congregational weekend during one of the first two months of 2027 at the Fuente MDPC facilities, providing an opportunity to begin the year by seeking the Lord's direction together. The event would include times of worship, teaching, prayer, and family fellowship, involving the different church ministries and serving as a first step toward the vision of a family retreat in 2028.

- Motion Approved.
- We will continue working on the details of this retreat during the Committee Retreat.

▪ Committee / Ministry Reports:

- Ministry reports – Attached document
 - Noche de Sabor (“Night of Flavor”): The need to encourage greater participation and motivate people to bring dishes was discussed. It was agreed that each leader will help coordinate the dishes by country; for example, those from Mexico will coordinate the dishes representing that country, and so on. Nubia will be informed of who will be bringing the different dishes so that she can follow up and coordinate as needed. The following areas of support were also identified:
 1. Decorations: A group of volunteers is needed to help with decorations on Friday.
 2. Before the event: At least three people are needed to arrive early to assist with the distribution and preparation of the trays, as well as to keep track of those arriving with food and direct them to the appropriate areas.
 3. During the event: Ushers are needed to welcome and receive guests.
 4. Cleanup after the event: The more people who participate in this group, the better, so that cleanup can be completed more quickly.
- Discuss Actions (if applicable): Gleide presented a proposal for prevention and response to the emergency situations that have recently arisen at the church (details included in her report). It was agreed that the process established by MDPC for handling emergency situations should be confirmed to ensure that the church's protocol is followed in the event of any emergency.
- Activity Evaluation:
 - Back to School – July 25 (Included as part of the ministry reports)
 - Summer Activities (Children and Youth): Alex encouraged the children and youth to go to the movies every Monday. They also spent a weekend at the ranch during the summer. It was a good and blessed summer for the children and youth groups.

▪ Upcoming Activities

- Dinner for Four – August 29
- Noche de Sabor – September 19

- Upcoming Activities on the Horizon – 2027
 - Fuente's 20th Anniversary – April 24–25, 2027: Daniel reported that the planning team has met twice to begin coordinating the celebration of Fuente's 20th anniversary. Two special activities are planned for the weekend:
 - Saturday – Gala Dinner: A possible program for the event was discussed. The team will be working on a historical overview of Fuente, which will include a compilation of photos and videos to be presented during the celebration. The team is currently determining the number of guests that can be accommodated, as the dinner will be by invitation only.
 - Sunday – Worship Service: A special worship service will be held in the Sanctuary at 2:00 p.m.
- Other
 - Next meeting: 9/27/2026
- Closing Prayer

Generosity Committee Minutes:

June 10, 2026

Members in Attendance:

Marcus Vajdos, Ginny Glass, Ava Caliendo, Steffanie West, Rosy Pereira, Jeannie Able, Hunter Smith (zoom) Lance Dardis, David Michels, Nathan Stedham, Josh Weber, Mark Lumpkin, Allison Cattan

Members not in Attendance: Alf Halvorson

We met with Doug Turner, President, and Amanda Woods, Consultant, of Generosity OS. We asked them a list of questions about launching the fall annual pledge campaign with the pending capital campaign slowing kicking off.

1. What have you seen work best to keep the annual fund and capital campaign partners, not competitors?
2. What strategies do you have to help ensure the annual budget and tithing are protected?
3. What expectations should we set as the generosity committee?
4. How do you expect the capital campaign to affect the annual giving?
5. Any suggestions to prevent donor fatigue?
6. What errors do you see occur in churches around their annual giving campaign while also running a capital campaign?
7. What strategies stand out to you for running two successful campaigns side by side?
8. Greatest wisdom you have gained through the years of church campaigns

Doug and Amanda's response:

o Pray continually for the project to have a spiritual connection, not just raising funds. We will come up way short of the \$ intended to be raised if we only focus on cash. will have to include vested wealth

o This will be "over and above" – not an option to substitute annual pledge card

- o A campaign of this size will need to keep in mind this is “over and above” – and will take more – will be dependent on donations other than cash flow – asset based, other vehicles – work hard to communicate!
- o MDPC – 99% commitment cards within 10 weeks.
- o Advice – always translate programs into life changing stories – how has the ministry changed lives @MDPC. If it is just about budget, it will be dry and academic. BUT show life giving stories and there will be a connection.
- o This is about discipleship, not fund raising.
- o Principles of generosity: devotional thought, call to action, not a commercial, kingdom impact, life change
- o Often these campaigns elevate annual pledge giving
- o here is a vitality that comes out of capital campaigns, there is a potential to revive one’s annual giving

August 12, 2026

Present: Alf Halvorson, Marcus Vajdos, Jeannie Able, Christina Densmore, Ava Caliendo, Hunter Smith, Rosy Pereira, David Michels, Nathan Stedham, Mark Lumpkin

Absent: Allison Cattan, Josh Weber, Steffanie West, Lance Dardis

Ava gave a financial update as well as a report comparing the amounts of giving when the plate is passed in the worship services.

Ava has cleaned up the MDPC mailing list, using AI and Ministry Platform, in attempt to prevent waste of postage fees for the mailing this fall.

Generosity will add a QR code to the fall pledge card. We will also add a working link to the email that will be sent out for commitment Sunday.

We will keep with the same theme as last year, Active Generosity, with a fresh look and updated colors.

The giving / generosity educational video that was made by this committee is now live on YouTube and will be added to the church website under generosity.

We will keep determining the proper pace of AI to help with repetitive tasks that commitment Sunday and pledge cards bring about.

We decided to not have a pledge packet in the upcoming new member weekend, as the fall brings around a new Commitment Sunday and a new pledge card packet.

Sunday, November 1 is Commitment Sunday.
Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 9.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Meeting Date **August 10, 2026, 6pm, Parlor**

Attendees Lisa McChristian, Marc Laney, Mike Pelton, Kim Oswald, Sharon Roark, Julie LaRue, Karin Tyson, Kelsi McCormack, Amy Delgado

I. Devotion & Opening Prayer – Sharon Roark

II. Committee Reports

- Global (Sharon Roark)

- The Antioch Partners \$ 35,000
- Evangelical Theological Society in Cairo (c/o The Outreach Foundation) \$ 20,000

* Designated: MDiv Scholarships

- Faith Ministry \$ 30,000
- Far East Broadcasting Co. \$ 45,000
- Frontier Fellowship \$ 25,000
- Light of Hope Ethiopia (c/o Frontier Fellowship) \$ 55,000
- The Micah Project \$ 60,000
- One for Israel \$ 10,000

* Designated for Pre-Military IDF Soldier Ministry Program

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

- CFH (Kim Oswald)

- Agape Development Ministries \$ 40,000
- Casa de Esperanza \$ 15,000
- Foundations Christian Academy \$ 10,000
- Mission Centers of Houston \$ 30,000
- Outreach Center of West Houston \$ 12,500

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

- DE (Lisa McChristian)

- Bridges to Life \$ 15,000
- The Gathering of Men \$ 6,000
- Prison Entrepreneurship Program \$ 30,000

* Designated: Houston-area Survive to Thrive program operations

- WorkFaith Connection \$ 30,000

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

- HSN (Marc Laney)

- Be An Angel \$ 30,000

- Houston Area Parkinson's Society \$ 15,000
- Magnificat Houses \$ 25,000
- Prayers of the People \$ 7,000
- * Designated: Houston Operations
- PTSD Foundation/Camp Hope \$ 10,000
- Reach Unlimited \$ 25,000
- SportsQuest \$ 7,500

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

- SBH (Mike Pelton)
 - East Spring Branch Food Pantry \$ 10,000
 - Interfaith Ministries \$ 35,000
 - * Designated: Meals on Wheels & Animeals
 - Santa Maria Hostel \$ 20,000
 - * Designated: Greater Houston Operations
 - Spring Spirit \$ 25,000
 - Urban Outreach \$ 40,000

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

- Special Initiatives
 - Alpha USA \$ 30,000
 - Steiger international \$ 17,500
 - * Designated: US Operations
 - Steiger International \$ 2,500
 - * Designated: Carolina & Jozef Knapick Support
 - Street Grace \$ 65,000
 - * Designated: Street Grace Houston
 - Houston Food Bank \$ 33,000
 - * Designated: HCC Eagle Pantry & SWMS Weekend Food Program

Motion to approve as presented

Vote: Approved

III. Staff reports

- Local Julie LaRue
 - MAM Back to School drive is currently underway; low response, to-date
 - IMPACT Mentoring is recruiting new volunteers and there has been good interest.
 - Preparing for Thanksgiving Meal in a Bag. Should have food list from ESBFP next week. 1500 bags arrived today.
- Global Kelsi McCormack

- The Micah Project trip is leaving September 3-7 with 11 participants
- FEBC trip to Thailand/Cambodia: 4 signed up to-date with strong interest from several others. Will be a great opportunity to visit the tower/studio/office we have assisted with constructing in Phnom Penh.
- Other partner-led trips are available to Guatemala (Nueva Vida) and Turkey (The Outreach Foundation)
- Planned Living Water trip to Honduras in April 2027
- Connecting Mission Leaders Conference is being hosted at MDPC in October. This is open to mission leaders from across the country with some international partners in attendance.
- Any other business
 - Outreach Sunday is September 27th. Invitations will be sent shortly. Please plan to attend and have committee members available to host our partner guests.
 - Amazing Place luncheon to be hosted at MDPC on Oct. 28th for all Amazing Place supporters.
 - Ender nominations: Please ensure all nominations have been submitted. Discussed possible candidates.
 - Volunteer recruitment: Discussed that HSN will need a large number of new members next year due to non-returning current members. Encourages to have current committee members reach out to their other communities to assist with recruiting.

IV. Closing Prayer

Amy Delgado

Next Meeting: September 21st @ 6pm, Parlor