



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, June 24, 2024

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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Session Meeting Agenda

June 24, 2024



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Alf Halvorson)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Bob Holloway)
3. **New Members** (Dan Aikins and Guillermo Yela)

Alejandro Almeida, Marian Barroso, Gustavo Javier Velásquez Bravo, Rebecca Gorsuch, Laurie Grimm, Angie Hernandez, Mitchell Kearney, Fabiana (Eleni) Kotzabassis, Carlos Matute, Sergio Melean, Rafeal E Meza, Yelitza Monhammad, Rafael Jose Meza Moreno, Nubia Olvera, Desire Parra, Raul Pineda, Nestor Arana Solis, Jason Tanous, Jenny Tanous, Josh Weber, Amanda (Mandy) Weber, Ciria Yela, Annette Zuanich, Greg Zuanich, Rosaeva Zuñiga

Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*

4. **Time with Alf** (Alf Halvorson)
5. **Clerk's Report** (Bob Holloway and Laura Miller)
 - a. Officer Nominations
 - b. Policies and Procedures Update
 - c. Background Check Process

6. Finance Report (Bob Davis and Marcus Vajdos)

7. Master Plan Update (Marcus Vajdos)

8. Omnibus Agenda

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the following individuals as Communion servers:
 - Diana Orozco, Willman Parraci, Jenny Rodriguez, Ciria Yela.
- c. **Motion** to approve the following Baptisms performed in June 2024:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Jack Bennett Sturdevant	Infant	Jordan Wilson and Chase Sturdevant	Mom-Yes Dad-No	6/16/2024 Sprinkle
Thomas Charles Sturdevant	Infant	Jordan Wilson and Chase Sturdevant	Mom-Yes Dad-No	6/16/2024 Sprinkle

- d. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for June as follows:

June 2024

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

Urban Catalyst	\$5,500	Justin Elder's House Church Collective	DE
Bridges to Life	\$15,000		DE
Fuller Theological Seminary	\$20,000	Texas Student Scholarships	DE
Loving Houston	\$15,000		DE
Prison Entrepreneurship Program	\$25,000		DE
Theology by the Pint	\$15,000		DE
WorkFaith	\$25,000		DE
Archway Academy	\$15,000	Scholarships	HSN
Cancare, Inc.	\$25,000		HSN
Joyride Center	\$23,000		HSN
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$15,000		SBH
ChildBuilders	\$10,000		SBH
Christian Community Service Center	\$6,600	Martha's Way Training Program	SBH
Houston Achievement Place	\$10,000		SBH
Newspring	\$25,000		SBH
Far East Broadcasting Company	\$45,000		Global
Free Wheelchair Mission	\$35,000		Global
Frontier Fellowship	\$63,000	Light of Hope Ethiopia	Global
Nueva Vida	\$30,000		Global
One for Israel	\$10,000		Global
YWAM Budapest	\$25,000		Global
Totaling:	\$458,100		

Year to Date: \$1,473,350

9. Calendar Reminders

June 24	Session Meeting
June 30	Almir Dias Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Redeemer</i>
July 7	Alf Halvorson Preaching Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Death & Salvation</i>
July 8-12	Summer Celebration
July 14	Rachel Poysky Preaching
July 21	Dan Aikins Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Faith & Grace</i>
July 28	Beth Case Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Holy Spirit</i>
August 4	Alf Halvorson Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Prayer</i>
August 11	Clay Brown Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Scripture</i>
August 18	Alf Halvorson Preaching Kick off Sunday “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Sacraments</i>
August 25	Alf Halvorson Preaching “Unshakable Truth: Building a Rock-Solid Faith”: <i>Church</i>
August 26	Session Meeting

Remaining 2024 Session Meeting Dates

August 26
September 23
October 28
November- No Meeting
December 16

10. Announcements and Additional Business

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the June 2024 Session Meeting.

12. Prayer (Rachel Poysky)

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru May
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2024

Name	Month to Month			May 2023
	May 2024	April 2024	Difference	
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,129,460.75	5,184,969.88	(1,055,509.13)	4,860,570.40
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	2,254,981.73	2,195,291.01	59,690.72	2,034,109.58
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	6,384,442.48	7,380,260.89	(995,818.41)	6,894,679.98
Current Investments (Restricted)	2,575,200.67	2,575,200.67	-	2,216,507.48
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	4,644,944.41	4,644,944.41	-	4,221,969.18
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	7,220,145.08	7,220,145.08	-	6,438,476.66
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	313,580.63	334,198.36	(20,617.73)	671,649.39
Miscellaneous Receivables	26,115.81	12,670.81	13,445.00	42,824.89
Property & Equipment	55,618,502.77	55,618,502.77	-	54,571,872.49
Accumulated Depreciation	(47,575,114.53)	(47,575,114.53)	-	(46,273,756.61)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	21,987,672.24	22,990,663.38	(1,002,991.14)	22,345,746.80
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	439,199.88	368,750.85	70,449.03	1,222,700.87
Other Payables	89,173.38	87,516.81	1,656.57	48,341.12
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	140,782.50	139,400.00	1,382.50	138,437.50
Custodial Accounts	37,212.17	37,302.12	(89.95)	48,092.76
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	706,367.93	632,969.78	73,398.15	1,457,572.25
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	12,484,690.67	13,372,672.16	(887,981.49)	13,623,407.63
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	3,007,968.45	3,009,136.28	(1,167.83)	2,129,570.31
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	5,354,787.60	5,542,027.57	(187,239.97)	4,701,339.02
TOTAL NET ASSETS	21,281,304.31	22,357,693.60	(1,076,389.29)	20,888,174.55
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	21,987,672.24	22,990,663.38	(1,002,991.14)	22,345,746.80

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 5 - May
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2024
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2024

Description	May-24	2024 Actual		Over (Under)		% Variance		Budget 2024 Full	
		YTD	2024 Budget YTD	Budget	YTD	2023 Actual YTD	Year		
OPERATING INCOME									
Contributions	\$ 591,005	\$ 5,016,009	\$ 4,422,166	\$ 593,843	13.43%	\$ 4,306,456	\$ 13,719,797		
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 227,105	\$ 1,416,457	\$ 1,445,445	\$ (28,987)	-2.01%	\$ 1,468,292	\$ 3,061,907		
Other Operating Income	\$ 13,260	\$ 250,932	\$ 41,667	\$ 209,265	502.24%	\$ 150,618	\$ 100,000		
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 831,370	\$ 6,683,398	\$ 5,909,277	\$ 774,121	13.10%	\$ 5,925,366	\$ 16,881,704		
Ministry Operating Expense									
Pastoral Ministry									
Caring Ministry	\$ 33,623	\$ 169,643	\$ 187,775	\$ (18,132)	-9.66%	\$ 173,932	\$ 448,929		
Fuente	\$ 18,187	\$ 73,987	\$ 43,473	\$ 30,514	70.19%	\$ 19,904	\$ 106,765		
Children's Ministry	\$ 71,798	\$ 324,240	\$ 357,630	\$ (33,390)	-9.34%	\$ 315,116	\$ 885,876		
Youth Ministry	\$ 46,948	\$ 216,819	\$ 231,150	\$ (14,331)	-6.20%	\$ 229,431	\$ 567,216		
Relationships	\$ 28,439	\$ 154,136	\$ 169,670	\$ (15,534)	-9.16%	\$ 157,513	\$ 393,813		
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 9,876	\$ 163,977	\$ 148,968	\$ 15,009	10.08%	\$ 149,414	\$ 417,441		
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 52,559	\$ 270,968	\$ 254,635	\$ 16,333	6.41%	\$ 235,124	\$ 607,660		
Adult Discipleship	\$ 33,001	\$ 165,469	\$ 168,106	\$ (2,637)	-1.57%	\$ 141,399	\$ 403,494		
Young Adult	\$ 13,264	\$ 55,298	\$ 88,978	\$ (33,681)	-37.85%	\$ 121,013	\$ 213,538		
Worship	\$ 43,050	\$ 217,070	\$ 225,442	\$ (8,372)	-3.71%	\$ 168,895	\$ 529,786		
Traditional Music	\$ 32,146	\$ 198,094	\$ 173,570	\$ 24,524	14.13%	\$ 173,161	\$ 426,904		
Contemporary Music	\$ 25,303	\$ 141,110	\$ 139,098	\$ 2,011	1.45%	\$ 132,209	\$ 337,296		
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 15,102	\$ 78,473	\$ 82,345	\$ (3,872)	-4.70%	\$ 62,811	\$ 197,624		
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 423,296	\$ 2,229,284	\$ 2,270,840	\$ (41,557)	-1.83%	\$ 2,079,921	\$ 5,536,342		
Support Ministry									
Communications & Media	\$ 77,690	\$ 404,621	\$ 377,208	\$ 27,413	7.27%	\$ 378,318	\$ 905,300		
Administration	\$ 65,529	\$ 343,889	\$ 329,008	\$ 14,881	4.52%	\$ 414,489	\$ 820,741		
Food Service	\$ 14,097	\$ 65,850	\$ 64,583	\$ 1,267	1.96%	\$ 56,320	\$ 155,000		
Facilities & Technology	\$ 240,071	\$ 1,196,772	\$ 973,123	\$ 223,649	22.98%	\$ 933,819	\$ 2,380,816		
The Little School	\$ 99,086	\$ 511,269	\$ 518,440	\$ (7,170)	-1.38%	\$ 481,173	\$ 1,255,145		
The Yellow School	\$ 65,129	\$ 333,177	\$ 319,386	\$ 13,791	4.32%	\$ 342,778	\$ 758,233		
Total Support Ministry	\$ 561,602	\$ 2,855,579	\$ 2,581,748	\$ 273,830	10.61%	\$ 2,606,896	\$ 6,275,235		
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -		
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 984,898	\$ 5,084,863	\$ 4,852,589	\$ 232,274	4.79%	\$ 4,686,817	\$ 11,811,577		
Outreach Expense									
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 124,246	\$ 426,159	\$ 461,637	\$ (35,477.99)	-0.08%	\$ 420,915	\$ 1,293,639		
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 558,000	\$ 1,016,281	\$ 739,200	\$ 277,080.77	0.37%	\$ 1,034,023	\$ 3,181,488		
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 682,246	\$ 1,442,440	\$ 1,200,837	\$ 241,602.78	0.20%	\$ 1,454,939	\$ 4,475,127		
Other Operating Expense									
Insurance & Legal	\$ 48,042	\$ 233,128	\$ 227,083	\$ 6,045	2.66%	\$ 150,944	\$ 545,000		
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 20,833	\$ 20,833	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 20,833	\$ 50,000		
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 52,209	\$ 253,961	\$ 247,917	\$ 6,045	2.44%	\$ 171,777	\$ 595,000		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,719,352	\$ 6,781,264	\$ 6,301,342	\$ 479,921	7.62%	\$ 6,313,533	\$ 16,881,704		
Other Income(Loss)									
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -	\$ -		
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (887,981)	\$ (97,866)	\$ (392,065)	\$ 294,199	-75.04%	\$ (388,167)	\$ 0		
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (188,408)	\$ 469,320	\$ -	\$ 469,320	0%	\$ 116,634	\$ -		

**Outreach Ministries
Funding Recommendations
June 2024**

DE

Bridges to Life

2023 Funding: \$15,000

2024 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.

www.bridgestolife.org

Fuller Theological Seminary (Texas)

2023 Funding: \$20,000 + \$15,000 O&A

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (designated: Texas student scholarships)

Fuller's Houston campus was founded to bring the rich programs of Fuller Theological Seminary to Texas. Scholarships to seminarians help ensure these future leaders in the Body of Christ may complete their seminary education without the burden of significant debt.

www.fuller.edu/texas

Justin Elder Missionary

2023 Funding: \$5,500

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$5,500 (designated: Justin Elder's House Church Collective @ Urban Catalyst)

New MDPC Field Partner, Justin Elder feels a very strong call to start house churches in the Houston area among the Muslim community. He created the House Church Collective, and his sending agency is Urban Catalyst. The first house church was started two years ago by Justin, his wife and several others. Their goal is to convert Muslims living in Houston to Christianity, then support them as they return to their home countries and begin house churches of their own, preaching the Gospel in their native land and language.

[www.https://www.ucatalyst.org/](https://www.ucatalyst.org/)

Loving Houston

2023 Funding: \$15,000 + \$5,000 O&A + \$983 Mission Market

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Loving Houston is advancing community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. They inspire and equip churches to build long-term relationships with local schools so that every child, parent, and teacher can experience Jesus' love in a tangible way.

www.lovinghouston.net

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP)

2023 Funding: \$25,000 + \$4,250 + \$1,213 Mission Market

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) is a pioneer of 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.

www.pep.org

Theology by the Pint (formerly Theology on Tap)

2023 Funding: \$15,000 total (=\$5,000 grant plus \$10,000 one-time start up gift)

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Theology by the Pint is a ministry to young adults where we explore big questions and ideas around Theology, Philosophy, Faith, and Culture in order to inspire people to consider and follow Jesus. Their hope is to engage participants in robust but winsome discussion about spiritual ideas in a way that displays Christian charity while being true to the authority of Scripture.

www.theologybythepint.org

WorkFaith

2023 Funding: \$25,000 + \$5,000 O&A

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

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 build their value and the confidence necessary for a successful transition back into the workforce.

www.workfaith.org

HSN

Archway Academy

2023 Funding: \$15,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 (designated: Scholarships)

Archway is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, independent school that provides a sober learning environment for high school students who are recovering from substance use disorders and mental health issues. There is a significant risk faced by teens coming out of treatment programs when they return to their former schools and peer groups. Archway offers these students a sober alternative where they can continue their education in a healthy environment that encourages their recovery process and promotes spiritual growth. <https://www.archwayacademy.org>

CanCare, Inc.

2023 Funding: \$25,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

CanCare is an interfaith ministry founded in 1990 at MDPC by Anne Turnage, who was the wife of former associate pastor Mac Turnage. Her goal was that no one should walk through cancer alone. CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their caregivers by matching them with trained volunteers who are cancer survivors (matched as closely as possible by type and stage of cancer). <https://www.cancare.org/>

Joyride Center

2023 Funding: \$22,000 + \$5,000 O&A

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$23,000

To help people with different abilities find more joy in life through equine-assisted services and functional, life skills education. JoyRide believes all people deserve joy and are proud to serve people of all ages with special needs, mental health conditions, and US veterans and first responders. <https://www.joyridecenter.org/>

SBH

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

2023 Funding: \$15,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) works to end family violence by providing victims with legal defense, advocating for the safety and self-determination of victims, educating and promoting accountability for abusers, training law enforcement agencies, and fostering a community response to abuse.

www.avda-tx.org

ChildBuilders

2023 Funding: \$0

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

ChildBuilders promotes mental health and prevents abuse by empowering children, parents, and teachers with assertiveness skills, emotional control, empathy, resilience and the ability to resolve conflict non-violently. Programs involve training and building a community that protects children from bullying, Internet dangers, abuse, neglect and relationship violence.

www.childbuilders.org

Christian Community Service Center - Martha's Way

2023 Funding: \$6,600

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$6,600 (designated: Martha's Way Training Program)

Martha's Way is a vocational training program offered by Christian Community Service Center that helps low-income men and women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training. Programming helps those who face employment barriers to find gainful work in residential housekeeping.

www.ccschouston.org

Houston Achievement Place

2023 Funding: \$10,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Houston Achievement Place's Project CLASS (Children Learning Appropriate Social Skills), helps children who are disadvantaged, underserved and from low-income families find success at school, home and in the community. Social skills curriculum targets children's behavior and learning readiness and is implemented in many Spring Branch ISD schools.

www.hapkids.org

Newspring

2023 Funding: \$25,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

NewSpring is a faith-based, community non-profit serving Houston students and their families through the tools of art, vocational and business mentoring to encourage, uplift and inspire historically under-served individuals to achieve a better life. Offerings includes the Visual Arts program, The College Launch Program, The Student Art Auction, Business Edge and the Flight 25 program for rising high school students.

www.newspringcenter.org

GLOBAL

Far East Broadcasting Company

2023 Funding: \$45,000 + \$20,000 O&A + \$10,000 Disaster Relief

2024 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. It broadcasts in more than 100 languages in 49 countries. For over 70 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of their listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ.

Free Wheelchair Mission

2023 Funding: \$35,000 + \$1,699 Mission Market

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to developing nations around the world where people with disabilities do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways.

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

2023 Funding: \$65,000

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$63,000

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, both in Ethiopia and North America. Its mission is carried out through a holistic approach, focusing on literacy, building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

Nueva Vida

2023 Funding: \$30,000 + \$5,500 O&A

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Nueva Vida is a multifaceted ministry serving children affected by disabilities and their families through comprehensive therapy services, grade school education, and intentional community outreach and collaboration in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala. These children of God are rarely accepted in the public school and public square, but can find a loving home at Nueva Vida, sharing hope, sharing Christ, and supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.

One For Israel

2023 Funding: \$7,000 + \$13,000 Disaster Relief

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Established in 1990, One for Israel began as a Bible college 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 Messiah in Israel, and blessing the community with Jesus' love. 99% of Israelis don't know Jesus as their Messiah and One For Israel seeks to introduce Him to both Jews and Arabs and unite the community in Christ. Their Bible College, Israel College of the Bible, is the only Hebrew-speaking evangelical bible college in the world, building up the next generation of spiritual leaders.

YWAM Budapest

2023 Funding: \$25,000 + \$2,000 Disaster Relief

2024 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Youth With A Mission serves through evangelism, mercy ministries, and leadership and discipleship training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffee house that serves as an evangelism outreach tool — a place where music and good coffee help spark spiritual discussions. MDPC members are always welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
May 20, 2024

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Chris Arend, Sandy Ballard, Rick Bradford, Tom Braschayko, Mariel Braun, Ellen Davidson, Bob Davis, Stephanie Espinoza, Bob Holloway, Alex Knoop, Sara Kuhn, Marc Laney, Tarryn Lankford, Madison Limbacher, Stefano Lugo, Michael McCormack, Laura Miller, Rafael Moreira, Mike Pelton, Kathy Redden, Sharon Roark, David Shelfer, Dillon Shindler, Nathan Stedham, Joe Stockdale, Mandy Todd

Elders Excused: Jennifer Fernelius, Ginny French, Michael Kringel, Mike Pelton, Christina Morse, Leslie Sloan, Bill Swenson, Jeff Taylor, Ryan Taylor, Kyle Wienert, Mat Yelvington

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Beth Case, Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Other Staff Present: Carter Bliss, Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Meliza Gomez, Sally Henien, Ashley Michels, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos

Call to Order: Pastor Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:32pm in the Chapel. She gave praise for electricity here. As we met as a Session tonight, many in our group were still without power from last Thursday's powerful storm. Beth provided a reading from Psalm 46 as our opening prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk Elect, Bob Holloway, affirmed that a quorum was present.

Beatitude Series: (Alf Halvorson) After seven weeks now in the Beatitude series, and one more week this coming Sunday, we want to ponder tonight this scripture, **Matthew 5:1-12**. Ponder in groups around you...from this set of scripture What has struck you in this series? What have you learned? What have you attempted to put into practice, if anything, with the Spirit's help?

Clerk's Report: (Bob Holloway and Laura Miller)

Bob brought up ECO and Metanoia theme: complete transformation that calls us back- Bob encouraged us to look at job descriptions and consider metanoia in all decision making and please give consideration in defining decision-making process for your committees. When does decision making process require Session? Laura joked that Session process is like asking Dad!

Laura announced that Officer Nominations open now, and job descriptions are on the website for review- not overly bulky process- as straight forward as possible but fields to be populated if you have more info to provide on a candidate- please nominate for a successful nominating season! Laura also reported on the April 26th Texas Presbytery Meeting- in the Jan 2024 Synod meeting, there were five proposed amendments that came out of that meeting- each presbytery to vote and Texas has now voted yes to all five. Her main takeaway is that it is an exciting startup time in our denomination- where ECO has seen things that are not working as they should, there have been appropriate changes along the way, and we can be a part of this process.

ECO Ordination Candidate- Blake Swoboda was with us to share about himself, his call, and his plan. After Blake shared, we spent time asking him questions. We also clarified some next steps in the process. Blake left the room and Beth asked for a **Motion** to receive Blake Swoboda as an Inquirer for ECO Ordination Candidacy. Motion was made and the floor was opened for questions and comments. A question came up about our residency – our residents will watch and learn and be mentored by our talented staff in all departments. Blake would come on as a resident in rotation amongst our ministry areas. The motion is separate from the Residency in this case, but this residency is his Next Step in his ordination process.

Motion was unanimously approved. Blake was welcomed back in, congratulated, and prayed over by Dan.

Finance Report: (Bob Davis and Marcus Vajdos) 700K ahead of budget as of today. Each department is getting where you stand on expenses to budget year to date from Dena. Bob reminded us that we are in a better position this year with cash, and we can earn some interest on that cash. Called Carter up to talk about facilities expenditures, especially as they relate to having power here at MDPC and our humbling experience serving as a Red Cross Shelter during the storm. Alf reminded us that while budget discussions can be boring, our budget and healthy financial position is allowing us to be nimble and meet needs on the spot.

Legacy Report and Updated Approvals: (Marcus Vajdos)

Marcus suggested that we go back and watch the Legacy video if didn't see it this past Sunday- we did not get to show in 9:45 service due to our brief power loss. Marcus showed slides with details on each of the proposed projects in the upcoming motion-at this point, Bunker Hill has approved everything, and we will now just be confirming our funding – all projects should be done in the next 13 weeks. The following Motion comes from Legacy Committee-Beth asked for discussion before we vote:

Motion for Session approval of 1.7M for the following projects: Bathrooms in Ministry Center (4), Pickleball Courts, CLC Roof, LED Monument Signs, Exterior Signs

There was discussion around the details of the pickleball approval process and it was brought up by an Elder that there is still some resistance from neighbors. Alf did clarify that the decision was made and voted on in December to move forward with pickleball courts, but that approval was pending city approval. Tonight, we are voting on the *funding* of these already approved projects. Affirmations and pros of pickleball were shared as well. After lengthy discussion, the motion was put before Session for approval and unanimously approved.

Omnibus Agenda:

Beth introduced the Omnibus Motion below for May. She asked if there were any items that needed to be removed for separate consideration. Beth then asked for a motion to approve the Omnibus Motion as presented, which was forthcoming, seconded, and affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2024, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the following Baptisms performed in May 2024:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Anna Jane Ormond	Child	Katherine and Eric Ormond	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Sprinkle
Harris James Ormond	Infant	Katherine and Eric Ormond	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Sprinkle
Mary Frances Hills Warren	Infant	Hannah Tucker and Cody Warren	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Sprinkle
Whitman Fielder Warren	Infant	Hannah Tucker and Cody Warren	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Sprinkle
Zacharty Evans Cooper	Youth	Maren and Jason Cooper	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Immersion
Palmer Lucille Lewis	Youth	Emily Mayfield and Norman Lewis	Mom-No Dad-No	5/12/2024 Immersion
George Hollbrook Lewis	Youth	Emily Mayfield and Norman Lewis	Mom-No Dad-No	5/12/2024 Immersion
Brooke Sheryl Shive	Youth	Dee Burnee and Bradley Shive	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/12/2024 Immersion
Luke Francis Verbeke	Youth	Lisa Nichols and Peter Verbeke	Mom-No Dad-No	5/12/2024 Immersion

c. **Motion to approve Outreach Partner Funding for May as follows:**

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations		Designated	
Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos	\$15,000	Home Operating Funds	CFH
Family Point Resources	\$30,000		CFH
Prestige Learning Institute	\$15,000		CFH
Yellowstone Academy	\$15,000	K-5 Program	CFH
Camp Aranzazu	\$20,000	Scholarships for Houston Partners	DE
Camp Blessing	\$25,000		DE
Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center	\$50,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
Presbyterian Mo Ranch Assembly	\$12,000	Camp in the Valley	DE
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$25,000	Summer Urban Initiative	DE
Casa El Buen Samaritano	\$40,000		HSN
Hope and Healing Center	\$10,000		HSN
Be An Angel	\$30,000	Hearing Aids / Adaptive Equipment	HSN
LIFE Houston	\$15,000	Purchase Formula	SBH
Nabor House Community	\$15,000		SBH
RaiseUp Families	\$25,000		SBH
Urban Outreach	\$40,000		SBH
The Outreach Foundation	\$16,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Global
The Outreach Foundation	\$20,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo - New Faculty Apartments	Global
Faith in Practice	\$30,000		Global
Faith Ministry	\$30,000		Global
The Micah Project	\$60,000		Global
Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation	\$20,000	Renewing Our Minds	Global
Totaling:	\$558,000		

Year to Date: \$1,015,250

Announcements and Additional Business

Next Session Meeting is June 24th- we will have new members at this meeting. We do have June 2nd Communion coming up and need servers.

There being no additional business or announcements, Beth asked for a motion to adjourn which was forthcoming, seconded and approved. We closed the meeting at 7:58 and ended with popcorn prayer with a theme on S's: Summer, Shelter, Spiritual Health. We finished our prayer time with The Lord's Prayer.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Bob Holloway, Clerk.

Jennifer Vajdos, May 2024

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees

June 2024

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

June 18, 2024

Attendees: Penny Bryant, Beth Case, Annette Erickson, Kathy Redden, Christine Roskamp, Sue Warren, Judy Stockton, Beverly Fluke, Karen Austin, Judy Gordon, Lisa Shelfer

Not in Attendance: Karen Austin, Christine Gentil, Judy Gordon, Jim Newlin, Suzanne Tobin, Paul Whelchel

Opening Prayer & Devotional: Penny Bryant

Ministry Reports

Card-writing:

- The Branches group held its monthly meetings in May to send handwritten notes to MDPC members who had been in the hospital/rehab, lost a loved one, or just needed encouragement.
- The five dedicated Prayer Chain writers took turns writing to those on the Prayer Chain list.

Community Relations:

- **Information on ideas to help make MDPC more dementia-friendly was turned into Carter, Marcus, and the committee working on the remodeling and updating of the church campus.**

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- **The Gathering Place:** The Gathering met on Wednesday, June 5. The theme was Hawaiian, so we all wore leis. There were 5 care receivers, with their caregivers, and 10 volunteers. Nancy Blurton and her friend Carleen led us in exercise to Hawaiian music. Our entertainment was Ebony Cowgirl. We had puzzles, lunch, and Bingo.
- **Caregiver Support Group:** The group meets for lunch at MDPC to support one another on the 3rd Thursday of each month. For more information, contact Beverly Fluke or deacon Penny Bryant at phb14@comcast.net.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** The spring series of the Transforming Grief program wrapped up on May 22 with a beautiful closing service. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information about the next offering in the fall.
- **The Widows Connection: The Widows Connection met May 21 in the church café. Eleven women attended. Next lunch will be Tuesday, June 18 at 11:30.**
- **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:

- Our most recent Blood Drive was held on Sunday, June 9, 2024, in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy Kimmey and Debbie Cordell hosted GCRBC, and the afternoon yielded 14 donors, 12 donations, with one new donor. Our next MDPC Blood Drive will be October 27, 2024.

Home Communion:

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

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team, comprised of 12 volunteers, visits 32 homebound church members every month. This is our chance to lift up and brighten their days and reduce feelings of loneliness. If you have a caring heart for our older members, this would be a wonderful ministry in which to get involved. Please

contact Jim Newlin, Visitation Deacon, at jnewlin@comcast.net or Beverly Fluke if you would like to join the team or learn more about this ministry.

Memorial Services:

- May – 3 memorial services with receptions at MDPC. One included an inurnment service in the Columbarium.

Prayer Ministry:

- Leaning into teamwork, seven (7) Stephen Ministers offered the ministry of presence and prayer following each of the three (3) English-language worship services on Sunday, May 26, especially to host and comfort those whose family members were named and honored in Remembering the Saints.
- Plans are being made for a contemplative prayer retreat, led by Leigh McLeroy and Beth Case. Location yet to be determined.

Second Family:

- Second Family volunteers expended 90 hours to support their care partners during May.
- We currently have 11 care partners and have been busy attending to each care partner's special needs. We sadly lost two care partners within a short period of one another and MCPC held both memorial services. We assisted one care partner who lost power during the storms and relocated her to a hotel for 3 nights. Then assisted the care partner with cleaning out the refrigerator and freezer upon her return. One care partner fell recently and received a black eye but is recovering well. Visitation keeps us very busy each month and is most beneficial to check on their health and wellbeing. Several care partners are taken on long walks and to lunch every week with long visitations. Others are taken to the grocery store weekly and others to doctor appointments.
- Mobile meals are delivered on Mondays and Thursdays of every week. We currently have 4 deliveries with 3 stops.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- The monthly Senior Adult newsletter is mailed to 110 families (September to May). The newsletter contains descriptions of upcoming activities of Venturers, Encore Fellowship, Prime Timers, and Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch. Information for Senior events and activities are also online at seniors.mdpc.org
- **Venturers:** does not meet June, July, or August. The next meeting will be on September 9 at Fratelli's Restaurant.
- **Encore Fellowship:** On May 13, twenty-one met at Chavez Mexican Restaurant for dinner and fellowship. They plan to meet next at Carrabba's Restaurant on June 13.
- **Prime Timers:** A shopping trip to the Montrose area took place on May 15 with 13 attending. The summer events are movies in the Amphitheater. *Ordinary Angels* will be shown June 12 at 3pm. Upcoming films are the *Boys in the Band*, June 26; *Golda*, July 17; and *Journey to Bethlehem* on July 30.
- **Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch:** The monthly Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch is held at MDPC Café to have lunch, meet new friends, and learn more about existing friends. The last lunch was on May 20th with 26 attending. Stitchery was the featured craft with quilts, embroidery, a framed 23rd Psalm, and other examples displayed. June 17th will feature Summer Celebration Carpentry kits and other woodworking. Lunches are on the third Monday of each month through August, (in July with MDPC Café closed, we will meet at Fuzzy's Pizza) with each lunch meeting having collections, crafts, hobbies, talents, etc., which our Senior Adults want to share with others. We are in the process over several months of mailing postcards and phoning (by several callers) some 450 church members to inform them of Seniors Lunch.
- **Special Event:** We are planning to have Lt. Guinn of Precinct 5 make a presentation on August 8. He made a presentation last year on Active Shooter Response. Planning for this event is ongoing.

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met for its Supervisory meetings on May 14th and May 28th.
- The Stephen leadership team invites referrals for potential care receivers who would benefit from a Stephen Ministry relationship as well as members whose giftedness may make them good candidates to become future Stephen Ministers.

- Exciting news -- 10 MDPC members were just commissioned as new Stephen Ministers on June 11, 2024, after 50 hours of weekly training from January through May.

Deacons:

- Nominations are open for the next class of officers! Please pray for these and nominate at least one person for one of the 20 open officers' roles (13 elders; 7 deacons). Deadline August 31, 2024.
- Deacons (and elders) who are rolling off have been asked to consider their role descriptions and make edits as necessary. This is profoundly helpful for the next class of officers!

Closing Prayer: Kathy Redden

Next CM Meeting: Tuesday, August 20th, at 10:00 am in room 101 (Devotional – Annette; closing prayer – Beverly)

Finance Committee Minutes:

May 13, 2024

Attendance:

- Attending in person was Marcus, Bob H, Bob D, Kyle, Bill, Tom
- Attending online was Mandy, Karin, Matt
- Absent was Dena, Oliver, Chris, Rosy

Bob opened us in prayer at 5:15 and there was a Quorum present

The April 2024 minutes were approved.

MV reported that MDPC is \$834,000 ahead of the 2024 budget Projections as of April 30, 2024

MV reported that pledged contributors on average donated 106% of their pledged amount for 2023.

A few updates on the AFE status of the Legacy projects that we have ongoing

- The CLC roof is expected to cost \$500,000 however we are looking at additional bids and companies hoping to get the cost down to \$300,000 or less
- The restroom remodel will cost approximately \$600,000. This will allow us to have 6 restrooms that are ADA compliant and add family style restrooms.
- The exterior signs will cost approx. \$35,000

For new business, we discussed formalizing the creation of a new reserve account for Insurance deductibles in the amount of \$1,500,000. Bob H. made a motion and Tom B seconded it to establish and open a new money market account at Frost Bank for this Insurance deductible reserve.

There were discussions about the reallocation of the Memorial Donations account as the intended purpose of this account is for "Capital Projects" and the last distribution was in 2018 or 2019. We agreed to discuss this further but that we would not reallocate the funds at this time.

Marcus announced that the new payroll conversion software is going well.

Matt F and Bill S made a motion to adjourn and seconded the motion.

Bob H closed us in prayer at 6:07 pm

Generosity Committee Minutes:

Wed, Jun 12, 2024

Prepared by Ginny Glass

In attendance: Bill Swenson, Jeannie Able, Kate Beck, Ava Caliendo, Colby Mueck, Michael McCormack, Marcus Vajdos, and Ginny Glass

Absent: Chris Arend, Alf Halvorson, Hunter Smith, Joe Stockdale, and Nathan Stedham.

Bill Swenson opened the meeting in prayer.

Marcus presented numbers from the MDPC database that showed comparative giving and pledging for 2023 and 2024; discussion followed. Michael McCormack will be making suggestions about different Generosity goals, possibly including long-range goals (5-year and 10-year) vs. annual, and goals geared toward new members.

Marcus briefed everyone on the June 26 discussions regarding the master plan, inviting our elders to participate in the meetings. This group is looking at long-term growth and needs. The Generosity elders will keep an eye out for how our operating budget might be affected.

Ginny Glass provided the calendar update below for the upcoming Generosity season.

Ministry Videos in Worship

Jan 7 The Get Together

Apr 7 FiND

Jun 9 Santa Maria Hostel

Jun 30 Mikey's Place

Jul 28 Nabor House

Aug 4 Joyride

Aug 25

Oct 13 Forge for Families

Sep 22

Nov 24

Dec 22

(Yet to be scheduled)

One for Israel

Spring Branch Community Health Center

Magnificat House

Prestige Learning Institute

Generosity Videos

Oct 13 Show the last Ministry Partner Video (FORGE for Families)

Oct 20 Frontier Fellowship

Oct 27 Red Cross Disaster Relief

Online

Oct 7 Go live with online pledging

Mailings

Oct 14 Mailing of Covenant Package

Generosity Season

Oct 27 Don't Treat God like Dirt (Luke 8:1-15) Alf Halvorson preaching

Nov 3 Don't Treat God like Dirt (2 Cor. 1:3-7 & Luke 8) Alf Halvorson preaching

Nov 3 Covenant Sunday

Dec 10 Giving Update to the congregation

Jan 2025 Advise congregation how we did on pledges

The minutes of the April meeting were approved and seconded.

Ava gave an encouraging financial report; discussion followed.

Next meeting: Aug 14

Michael McCormack closed the meeting in prayer.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

June 10, 2024- Parlor, 6pm

Anticipated Attendees: Tom Braschayko, Jennifer Fernelius, Marc Laney, Julie LaRue, Kelsi McCormack, Mike Pelton, Sharon Roark, Joe Stockdale,

Not Present: Amy Delgado, Mariel Braun (CFH), Kyle Wienert

Responsibility

Marc Laney

Tom Braschayko

Jennifer Fernelius

Mike Pelton

Sharon Roark

Marc Laney

All

- I. Devotional: "Mission Motivation"
- II. Introduction/review of the Agenda
- III. Committee Reports: Funding Recommendations & Meeting Debriefs
 - A. Discipleship and Education
 1. Bridges to Life - \$15,000
 2. Fuller Theological Seminary (Texas) - \$20,000 (designated: Texas Student Scholarships)
 3. Justin Elder Missionary - \$5,500 (designated: Justin Elder's House Church Collective at Urban Catalyst)
 4. Loving Houston - \$15,000
 5. Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) - \$25,000
 6. Theology by the Pint (formerly Theology on Tap) - \$15,000
 7. WorkFaith - \$25,000

Motion: to approve as presented **Vote:** Approved
 - B. Spring Branch and Hunger
 1. Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse - \$15,000
 2. ChildBuilders - \$10,000
 3. Christian Community Service Center - \$6,600 (designated: Martha's Way Training Program)
 4. Houston Achievement Place - \$10,000
 5. NewSpring - \$25,000

Motion: to approve as presented **Vote:** Approved
 - C. Global
 1. Far East Broadcasting Company - \$45,000
 2. Free Wheelchair Mission - \$35,000
 3. Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (c/o Frontier Fellowship) - \$63,000
 4. Nueva Vida - \$30,000
 5. One For Israel - \$10,000
 6. YWAM Budapest - \$25,000

Motion: to approve as presented **Vote:** Approved
 - D. Health and Special Needs
 1. Archway Academy - \$15,000 (designated: Scholarships)
 2. CanCare, Inc. - \$25,000
 3. JoyRide Center - \$23,000

Motion: to approve as presented **Vote:** Approved

Discussion Items

- Significant MDPC Outreach impact
 1. Committee members brainstormed ways for MDPC members to gain better appreciation of the significant impact of its generosity made available to the local and global community through MDPC Outreach Ministry.
 2. Ideas include delivering more information via MDPC website, Thursday e-blasts, during Sunday worship, and in person; by way of telling/publishing/viewing more partner stories and videos, "Did you know..." short briefs, visits to each Sunday School class, and involvement of volunteers in Outreach Committees
- Holistic review by each Committee of its allocation of budget funds to partners
 1. Members agreed that each committee would benefit from year-end assessment of the relative amounts of funding provided to each partner; for one, to gain additional insight for determining recommended funding of same partners in the subsequent year
 2. It was suggested that some structure may be needed to ensure consistency in holistic reviews

IV. Staff reports

A. Local

Julie LaRue

1. The Fuente Food Drive resulted in donations of more than 1450 cans of fruits, vegetables and tuna, and 1230 boxes of cereal and macaroni and cheese
2. Kids' Meals activities
 - a. The additional church-wide Kids' Meals event (May 29) to replenish Kids Meals stocks lost during storm-related power outage attracted more than 160 volunteers and they made ~6600 sandwiches
 - b. Elementary kids in Mission Extreme recently made ~1500 sandwiches

B. Global

Kelsi McCormack

- a. Seeking more participation for two upcoming mission trips to, 1) The Micah Project (August), and 2) Germany (September) . More information about each trip can be found at trips.mdpc.org
- b. Via Zoom, Global Committee members attended the opening of The Micah Project's new Culinary Arts kitchen, to be used to prepare students for related careers

C. General – There will be no Outreach Meeting in July. Next meeting is Aug 12

V. Closing Prayer was delivered by Joe Stockdale

Worship Committee Minutes:

Monday, May 20, 2024

In Person: Alf H., Rachel P., Ginny G., Kathryn W., Rafael M., Dillon S., David S., Meliza G., Michael M., Charlie G., Tracy S., Steffanie D.

By Zoom: Charles H.

RECAPOF LEGACY SUNDAY / PENTECOST SUNDAY

- The Pentecost (praying in multiple languages) moment was affective at 8:30 and 11:15. At 9:45, the mics were not on for those who prayed in non-English languages, so the congregation in the “house” didn't hear them.
- Due to a power outage during the 9:45 service, the Legacy video wasn't shown. It will be added to the Thursday All Church email on May 23rd and possibly shown on May 26th at the 9:45 service. We want to be sure the 9:45 congregation sees the Legacy video.

FACILITIES WISH LIST FOR WORSHIP & MUSIC

- Ideas discussed: adding a rectangular LED screen to the area above the choir and below the cross so the congregation is looking forward and not to the side during worship. Text can be on this screen to help those with limited vision.
- Remove pews from the Sanctuary and replace them with chairs (like the padded chairs we currently have on campus). This would allow for a variety of set-up options in the Sanctuary.
- Consult an acoustician to ensure good acoustics for both choral and congregational singing.
- Upgrade the Scout House to 2-story building. This multi-purpose space can be used as a 500-seat worship space for Youth and Young Adults as well as conferences, classrooms, etc. A coffee shop can also be added.
- Make the Chapel lobby a true lobby and not a hallway, thereby reducing noise and interruptions for services held in the Chapel. By using Room 181 (off the fellowship hall), some of the Chapel courtyard, and parts of the Summit Room, we can create a designated indoor hallway to go around the Chapel.

CHURCH COPYRIGHT LICENSES

- MDPC has been notified of copyright infringement on Facebook several times. They are not accepting our current copyright licenses. Pastor Alf will reach out to lawyers at MDPC for advice. Steffanie will reach out to a Facebook Lobbyist who has helped a political organization in the past. Rachel will reach out to a copyright lawyer as well.
- The temporary solution is to not livestream on Facebook. Instead, post the link to the livestream on MDPC's website and our Facebook page. For CITC video, use public domain music only.

- Recent Facebook viewer numbers:
May 5, 2024
 8:30am – 10 Peak
 9:45am – 2 Peak (lost power during service)
 11:15am – 10 Peak

May 12, 2024
 8:30am – 11 Peak
 9:45am – 8 Peak
 11:15am – 6 Peak

May 19, 2024
 8:30am – 11 Peak
 9:45am – 17 Peak
 11:15am – 0

WORSHIP ELDER NOMINEES

- Suggested requirements:
 - Not focused on one service style
 - Musical background is helpful to understand the music / media needs in worship
 - Has time to help during the week as well as on Sundays
 - Perhaps a female to give a balanced perspective; we currently have 3 male Elders

Young Adults Committee Minutes:

May 19, 2024 | 12:00

PARTICIPANTS

Sally Henien, Lacey Dusek, Edneia Moreira, Jeremiah Collins, Nicholas Okal

Opening Remarks:

The meeting commenced with a warm atmosphere as attendees enjoyed lunch and engaged in casual conversation. Sally initiated the meeting with a prayer, setting a reflective tone for the discussions ahead.

YA Worship Night (May 16th):

Unfortunately, the YA Worship Night scheduled for May 16th was canceled due to inclement weather.

Feedback and Planning for Future YA Worship Night:

Attendees provided valuable feedback on meeting start times and suggested a consistent start between 7 - 7:15 pm. There was also a fruitful discussion on potential meeting formats, with a focus on small group discussions, worship sessions, and theme-driven discussions. YA Worship Nights will resume on a monthly rhythm starting the Fall Semester (Sept)

Summer Events:

Sally, representing Georgia, shared details about the Summer Kickoff Party held on May 19th and discussed the support needed for its success. Additionally, plans for a YA Summer Social, including a potential boat trip on June 29th(?), were explored. Luke to share details on Discord.

Alpha Conference (July 24-25):

Attendees were encouraged to participate in the upcoming Alpha Conference, described as an opportunity to reimagine the future of church and leadership. Sally proposed bringing some YA lead team members, with further details to be shared via Discord.

MDPC Kickoff Week (August 22nd):

Highlighted was the importance of MDPC's involvement in the kickoff week at HCU, particularly the freshmen move-in event. Plans were made to align MDPC YA's presence with the agenda, fostering connections with students. Sally to share more details on Discord.

Fall Retreat and Local Retreat Feedback:

Discussion centered around potential dates and locations for the YA Fall Retreat, with an emphasis on creating an immersive experience aligned with group interests.

Feedback from a recent local retreat was also shared, with suggestions for improvement to enhance participant engagement and commitment.

Upcoming Events:

Plans were made for upcoming events including YA Friendsgiving on November 16th, with volunteers identified for testimony sharing. Suggested names: Yvonne, Nicholas, Clay, Rodrigo, Melissa.

Additionally, the team voted on Friday, December 13th, as the preferred date for the YA Christmas Party, with the location to be determined.

Closing Remarks:

Sally concluded the meeting by stressing the importance of intentionality, mutual support, and relationship-building within the group.

Edneia closed the meeting with prayer, asking God's blessings for the endeavors ahead.