



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, May 19, 2025

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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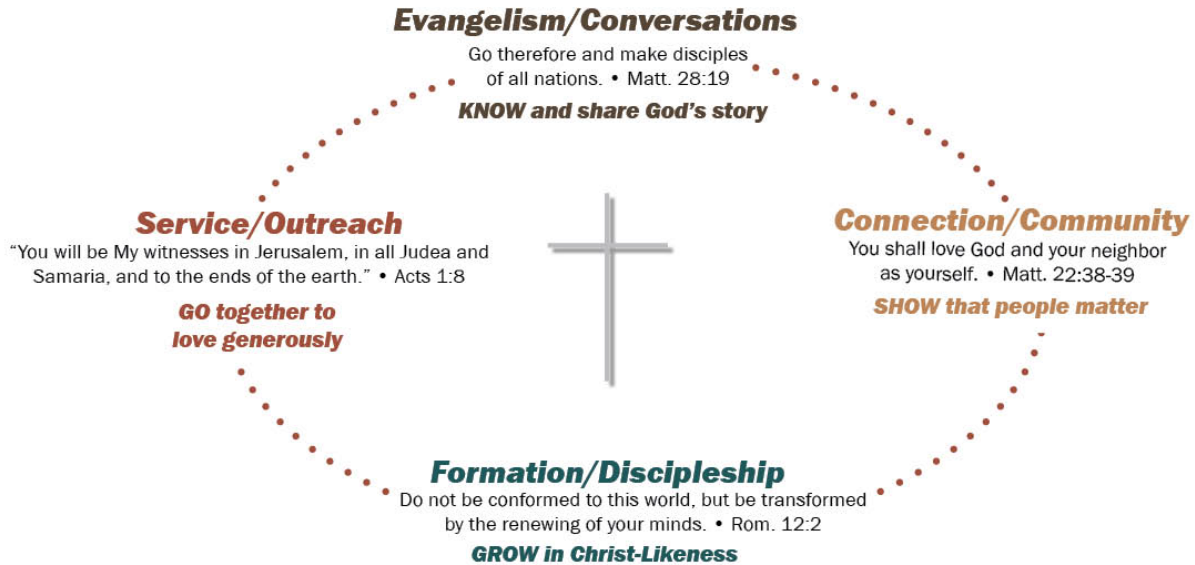
Session Meeting Agenda

May 19, 2025



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Beth Case)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Kelly Handel)
 - Please check in on the MDPC App!
3. **Emotionally Healthy Leadership** (Rachel Poysky)
4. **Clerk's Report** (Kelly Handel and Joe Stockdale)
 - Officer Nominations: This Week - August 25th
5. **Treasurer's Report** (Chris Arend)
6. **Legacy Update** (Nathan Stedham/Marcus Vajdos)

Motion to approve \$50,000 from donated Legacy General Funds for alternate architectural review.

7. **Omnibus Motion**
 - a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2025, Session Meeting.
 - b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in May 2025:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Hudson Michael Mueller	Infant	Kaitlin Handel and Nicholas Mueller	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/11/2025 sprinkle
Berkley Anne Nondorf	Infant	Kristi Handel and Garrett Nondorf	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/11/2025 sprinkle
Margaret Elizabeth Sears	Infant	Elizabeth Wright and Thomas Spears	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	5/11/2025 sprinkle

- c. **Motion** to increase the sabbatical stipend for Pastors to \$10,000.
d. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for May 2025 as follows:

**Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding
Recommendations**
Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations		Designated	
Agape Development Ministries	\$40,000		CFH
Open Door Mission	\$45,000		CFH
SEARCH	\$30,000	House of Tiny Treasures	CFH
Forge for Families	\$32,500		CFH
Camp Blessing	\$20,000		DE
Camp for All	\$15,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center	\$60,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
Presbyterian Mo Ranch Assembly	\$12,000	Camp in the Valley	DE
Amazing Place	\$35,000		HSN
Lifhouse Houston	\$10,000		HSN
Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy	\$13,000	South Texas Family Camp	HSN
Prayers of the People	\$5,000	Language Advocacy Programs	HSN
Vita-Living	\$25,000		HSN
Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM)	\$20,000	English Literacy Program	SBH
Nabor House Community	\$22,400	Scholarships	SBH
Spring Branch Community Health Center	\$35,000		SBH
Spring Spirit	\$25,000		SBH
The Antioch Partners	\$35,000		Global
Faith in Practice	\$30,000		Global
Frontier Fellowship	\$25,000		Global
The Protestant Churches of Egypt -The Evangelical Fellowship of Egypt	\$10,000	Lulwanda Children's Home	Global
Grace International Children's Foundation	\$27,000	Renewing Our Minds (ROM)	Global
Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation	\$20,000		Global
Totaling:	\$591,900		
Year To Date:	\$1,027,900		

8. 2025 Calendar Reminders

May 18	Officer Nominations Open
May 19	Session Meeting 6:30 pm in Chapel
May 25	Dan Aikins Preaching Memorial Day Weekend
June 1	Communion Summer Sermon Series: <i>The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness</i>
June 8	Dan Aikin Preaching Summer Sermon Series: <i>The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness</i>
June 15	Summer Sermon Series: <i>The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness</i>
	Father's Day Baptisms
June 22	Beth Case Preaching Summer Sermon Series: <i>The Hall of Fame of Faith & Faithfulness</i>
June 23	Session Meeting 6:30 pm in Chapel

Remaining 2025 Session Meeting & Important Dates

June 23
July -No Meeting
August 25
September 22
October 27
November- No Meeting
December 15

July 14-18 Summer Celebration

2026 Important Dates

January 23-24	Staff and Officer Retreat
January 27-29	ECO National Gathering- Atlanta, GA

9. Announcements and Additional Business

10. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (*Beth Case*)

- **Motion** to adjourn the May 2025 Session Meeting.

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 4 - April
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2025
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025

<u>Description</u>	<u>Apr Act</u>	<u>2025 YTD Act</u>	<u>2025 YTD Bud</u>	<u>Over (Under) Budget</u>	<u>% Variance YTD</u>	<u>Prior YTD 2024</u>	<u>2025 Budget Full Year</u>
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 787,257	\$ 3,965,599	\$ 4,316,192	\$ (350,593)	(8.12)	\$ 4,447,262	\$ 14,203,392
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,502)	\$ (22,088)	\$ -	\$ (22,088)	-	\$ (22,258)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 286,976	\$ 1,356,700	\$ 1,258,005	\$ 98,695	7.85	\$ 1,189,352	\$ 3,388,112
Other Operating Income	\$ 7,146	\$ 33,977	\$ 33,333	\$ 644	1.93	\$ 237,672	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	1,077,877	5,334,188	5,607,531	(273,343)	(4.87)	5,852,028	17,691,504
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 34,880	\$ 137,323	\$ 154,409	\$ (17,085)	11.07	\$ 136,020	\$ 456,835
Fuente	\$ 17,237	\$ 56,474	\$ 52,800	\$ 3,674	(6.96)	\$ 55,800	\$ 160,781
Children's Ministry	\$ 65,362	\$ 263,546	\$ 290,728	\$ (27,182)	9.35	\$ 252,443	\$ 897,412
Youth Ministry	\$ 47,832	\$ 194,069	\$ 232,811	\$ (38,742)	16.64	\$ 169,871	\$ 702,140
Relationships	\$ 30,892	\$ 131,045	\$ 137,488	\$ (6,443)	4.69	\$ 125,697	\$ 388,560
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 24,468	\$ 176,501	\$ 162,307	\$ 14,194	(8.75)	\$ 154,101	\$ 484,570
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 58,216	\$ 222,767	\$ 222,554	\$ 213	(0.10)	\$ 218,409	\$ 661,504
Adult Discipleship	\$ 38,839	\$ 141,067	\$ 140,852	\$ 215	(0.15)	\$ 132,468	\$ 422,584
Young Adult	\$ 19,455	\$ 83,474	\$ 69,858	\$ 13,616	(19.49)	\$ 42,034	\$ 207,510
Worship	\$ 42,759	\$ 155,014	\$ 165,758	\$ (10,744)	6.48	\$ 174,020	\$ 482,268
Traditional Music	\$ 46,031	\$ 167,298	\$ 148,141	\$ 19,157	(12.93)	\$ 165,948	\$ 450,868
Contemporary Music	\$ 31,157	\$ 113,845	\$ 110,256	\$ 3,589	(3.26)	\$ 115,807	\$ 332,968
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 13,226	\$ 55,086	\$ 66,924	\$ (11,839)	17.69	\$ 63,370	\$ 200,768
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 470,353	\$ 1,897,509	\$ 1,954,885	\$ (57,376)	2.94	\$ 1,805,988	\$ 5,848,767
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 85,374	\$ 310,835	\$ 291,972	\$ 18,863	(6.46)	\$ 326,931	\$ 872,794
Administration	\$ 68,903	\$ 286,589	\$ 296,184	\$ (9,595)	3.24	\$ 278,360	\$ 929,040
Food Service	\$ 16,461	\$ 55,485	\$ 53,333	\$ 2,151	(4.03)	\$ 51,753	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 226,007	\$ 868,065	\$ 868,023	\$ 43	(0.00)	\$ 956,702	\$ 2,586,448
The Little School	\$ 124,676	\$ 460,766	\$ 435,263	\$ 25,503	(5.86)	\$ 412,183	\$ 1,324,610
The Yellow School	\$ 71,701	\$ 268,562	\$ 252,938	\$ 15,624	(6.18)	\$ 268,048	\$ 768,714
Total Support Ministry	\$ 593,122	\$ 2,250,301	\$ 2,197,713	\$ 52,588	(2.39)	\$ 2,293,977	\$ 6,641,606
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 1,063,475	\$ 4,147,810	\$ 4,152,598	\$ (4,788)	0.12%	\$ 4,099,965	\$ 12,490,373
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 106,570	\$ 324,146	\$ 447,720	\$ (123,574.01)	27.60	\$ 301,913	\$ 1,554,757
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ -	\$ 179,325	\$ 527,000	\$ (347,674.70)	65.97	\$ 458,281	\$ 2,996,373
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 106,570	\$ 503,471	\$ 974,720	\$ (471,248.71)	48.35	\$ 760,194	\$ 4,551,130
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 49,460	\$ 197,841	\$ 200,000	\$ (2,159)	1.08	\$ 185,086	\$ 600,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 16,667	\$ 16,667	\$ -	-	\$ 16,667	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 53,627	\$ 214,507	\$ 216,667	\$ (2,159)	1.00	\$ 201,753	\$ 650,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,223,672	\$ 4,865,789	\$ 5,343,984	\$ (478,196)	8.95%	\$ 5,061,912	\$ 17,691,504
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ (145,794)	\$ 468,400	\$ 263,546	\$ 204,853	77.73%	\$ 790,116	\$ 1
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (16,269)	\$ (218,082)	\$ -	\$ (218,082)	-	\$ 657,727	\$ -

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Balance Sheet Thru April
MDPC Summary Balance Sheet-2025

Name	Month to Month			
	April 2025	March 2025	Difference	April 2024
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,282,886.63	3,325,689.21	(42,802.58)	5,184,969.88
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,406,448.21	1,146,274.12	260,174.09	2,195,291.01
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	4,689,334.84	4,471,963.33	217,371.51	7,380,260.89
Current Investments (Restricted)	4,351,951.84	4,519,717.86	(167,766.02)	2,575,200.67
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	4,576,048.84	4,738,354.80	(162,305.96)	4,891,151.45
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	8,928,000.68	9,258,072.66	(330,071.98)	7,466,352.12
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	195,325.51	209,174.22	(13,848.71)	334,198.36
Miscellaneous Receivables	9,547.11	13,803.95	(4,256.84)	12,670.81
Property & Equipment	57,975,154.21	57,975,154.21	-	55,618,502.77
Accumulated Depreciation	(48,937,881.77)	(48,937,881.77)	-	(47,575,114.53)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	22,859,480.58	22,990,286.60	(130,806.02)	23,236,870.42
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	314,146.62	283,408.03	30,738.59	179,750.85
Other Payables	97,101.76	98,088.65	(986.89)	87,516.81
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	126,807.25	125,787.50	1,019.75	139,400.00
Custodial Accounts	71,522.94	71,037.41	485.53	37,302.12
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	609,578.57	578,321.59	31,256.98	443,969.78
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	12,070,724.06	12,325,794.79	(255,070.73)	13,561,672.16
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	5,571,172.08	5,470,716.73	100,455.35	3,009,136.28
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,174,148.28	4,181,595.90	(7,447.62)	5,788,234.61
TOTAL NET ASSETS	22,249,902.01	22,411,965.01	(162,063.00)	22,792,900.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	22,859,480.58	22,990,286.60	(130,806.02)	23,236,870.42

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
April 28, 2025

Elders Present: Chris Arend, Amanda Austin, Sandy Ballard, Carla Bradford, , Stephanie Espinoza, Ginny French, Kelly Handel, Hector Longoria, Michael Kringel, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, , , Michael McCormack, Rafael Moreira, Christina Morse, Kim Oswald, Rosy Pereira, Nikki Pielop, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylor, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Jeannie Able, Rick Chapman, Ellen Davidson, Jennifer Fernelius, Alex Knoop, Madison Limbacher, Lisa McChristian, Mike Pelton, David Shelfer Hunter Smith, Nathan Stedham, Andre Verona

Elders Absent: Tarryn Lankford, Stefano Lugo, Leslie Sloan, Mat Yelvington

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Brett Hurst, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Pastors Absent: Clay Brown

Staff Present: Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Steffanie Dean West

Call to Order: Pastor Beth Case called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:31pm in the Chapel. Beth opened us with a reading from Psalm 103 and prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk-elect, Joe Stockdale, affirmed that a quorum was present. A reminder was made to check in on the MDPC app!

New Members: (Dan Aikins)

Casey Cornett, Marshall Cornett, Rose Ann Gregory, Don Haley, Joanie Haley, Chris Hollister, Kathy Hollister, Mike Smith, Sherri Smith, Brad Sears, Liz Sears, Charla Wilson, George Wilson

Dan Aikins gave a brief introduction and welcomed our thirteen covenant partners from the most recent new member class. All were in person and asked to introduce themselves, telling Session why they were attracted to MDPC and one place they wish to serve. Beth thanked them for the introductions and asked the three questions of membership. Beth then asked for the **Motion** *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC*, which was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously and with great joy. Dan prayed for our newest members and dismissed them with the invitation to remain for the duration of the meeting or to be excused.

Clerk's Report: (Kelly Handel and Joe Stockdale)

Kelly reminded us to please keep looking at the P&O. Will wrap up by end of summer- insurance, liability, etc.- we need to keep as general and as simple as possible.

Joe updated us on the Officer Nomination Process and Timeline- he encouraged us to keep the ball rolling--we are here because we were nominated. Find your replacement! He encouraged us to recruit for our committees.... Who would do a better job than you would? Who would you want to represent your committee in your absence once you depart? Class of 2028. Nominations open the week of May 18th and close August 25th. Nom Com will meet Sept 4th through end of month, and if needed through 10/2.

Emotionally Healthy Leadership and Our Relationship to Technology (Alf Halvorson)

We are in a year long conversation on The Emotionally Healthy Leader – a couple months ago, we listened to an audio - last month we modeled TSW as a means to think spiritually- This month we will watch a short video based on the book in 2017 by author Andy Crouch, The Tech Wise Family- in some ways it is prophetic material...in some ways dated.

Alf mentioned his Lenten disciple to withhold social media from 7pm-7am – harder than he thought it would be- he learned about his lack of discipline in some ways and there are some things he will continue – listen and then break into small groups. Process with your group the first three questions and then will discuss last question as a group.

Discussion Questions in Small Groups:

- 1) According to Barna research, 78% of parents with children believe that raising kids is more complicated today than for the previous generation. The most common reason for this was technology. Agree or disagree?
- 2) How do you feel about your own relationship with technology? Are you addicted, resistant, or somewhere in between?
- 3) What difference does it make to discuss technology from a distinctly Christian standpoint? What can technology do *for* us, and what can technology do *to* us?
- 4) Andy Crouch says: “The Tech-wise life is not just about limits – it about flourishing, what we really want.” The Crouch family has as family-goals wisdom and courage. What goals might you have for your family, for your ministry? How do your habits with technology help you work toward these goals?

We talked about the last slide briefly, discussing if we were to steal a couple of things from Andy Crouch, what would those be?

Treasurer’s Report: (Chris Arend)

Not a lot has changed-still tracking about the same. Chris thanked the staff and Session for being good stewards of our resources to date.

Motion to amend the use of the proceeds of the Ruffin Trust to provide scholarship assistance to MDPC based seminary students.

Church Planting (Dan Aikins)

Dan shared the attached document and gave an update on church planting efforts.

Master Planning Status Report: (Michael McCormack)

Michael gave a thorough update on the committee’s work. No written information provided. If you were absent from the meeting and wish to hear an audio of the discussion, please reach out to Jennifer.

Omnibus Agenda:

Beth 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, which was forthcoming, seconded, and affirmed by unanimous voice vote.

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in March and April 2025:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Miles Donald Coleman	Infant	Allison Poarch and Thomas Coleman	Mom-Yes Dad-No	3/2/2025 sprinkle
Smith Ellis Durham	Infant	Kaitlyn Smith and Joshua Durham	Mom-Yes Dad-No	4/6/2025 sprinkle
Gracie Caroline Endsley	Infant	Mariah Michie and Michael Patrick Endsley	Mom-Yes Dad-No	4/6/2025 sprinkle
Oliver Lous Reed	Infant	Jessica Estrada and James Lawton Reed III	Mom-No Dad- Yes	4/6/2025 sprinkle

- c. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for April 2025 as follows:

Outreach Ministry – April

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations		Designated	
The Beacon	\$20,000		CFH
Boys and Girls Country	\$15,000		CFH
Prestige Learning Institute	\$15,000		CFH
Camp Aranzazu	\$20,000	Scholarships	DE
FIND	\$25,000		DE
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$25,000	Scholarships for Summer Urban Initiative	DE
Archway Academy	\$15,000	Scholarships	HSN
Be An Angel	\$30,000	Hearing Aids / Adaptive Equipment for children from low-income families	HSN
CanCare of Houston	\$25,000		HSN
Senior Rides and More	\$7,000		HSN
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse	\$15,000		SBH
Christian Community Service Center	\$7,500	Martha's Way	SBH
Gracewood	\$20,000		SBH
Houston Achievement Place	\$10,000		SBH
Frontier Fellowship	\$60,000	Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia	Global
Pioneers	\$5,500	Designated: Account 112440	Global Missionary
Totaling:	\$315,000		
Year to Date:	\$436,000		

Announcements and Additional Business

Steffanie Dean West joins us as new Music Director; 12 women to Honduras in May; Budapest trip on May 21st; Ginny French, Children's Elder announced a praise! Baby girl on the way in August.

Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the April 2025 Session Meeting was made at 8:09 p.m.

Rachel Poysky invited us to bring up prayer requests to the group and she concluded the meeting with prayer at 8:14 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Kelly Handel, Clerk.

By Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Coordinator, April 2025

5) In *The Tech-Wise Family*, Andy Crouch shares the commitments that he and his family have made. Do any of these connect with or inspire you?

- a. We develop wisdom and courage together as a family
- b. We want to create more than we consume...so we fill the center of our home with things that reward skill and active engagement.
- c. We are designed for a rhythm of work and rest...so one hour a day, one day a week, and one week a year, we turn off our devices and worship, feast, play, and rest together.
- d. We wake before our devices do, and they "go to bed" before we do.
- e. We aim for "no screens before double digits" (of age) at school and home.
- f. We use screens for a purpose, and we use them together, rather than using them aimlessly and alone.
- g. Car time is conversation time.
- h. Spouses have one another's passwords, and parents have total access to children's devices.
- i. We learn to sing together, rather than letting recorded and amplified music take over our lives and worship.
- j. We show up in person for the big events of life. We learn how to be human by being fully present at our moments of greatest vulnerability. We hope to die in one another's arms.



Church Planting Task Force

The Church Planting Task Force is a group of 6-8 people organized by the Moderator of Session (Pastor Alf) for the purpose of exploring how MDPC should engage in church planting.

The Commission

The Church Planting Task Force is commissioned for two years to complete the following:

- Clarify and articulate a provisional vision of church planting for MDPC. The provisional vision will be discussed and may be adopted by the appropriate leadership team at MDPC.
- Identify the resources and expertise that MDPC could offer church planting efforts.
- Identify initial opportunities to support church planting during the two-year commission. These initial opportunities may serve as “starting points” or “launching pads” for future MDPC church planting efforts and may allow MDPC to gain expertise necessary for future efforts.
- Engage with existing denominational, regional, and national church planting networks/efforts, as appropriate, to learn, to build relationships, and to discern how MDPC may partner with others for Kingdom collaboration.
- Report to session at least bi-annually.
- Ultimately present a proposal for how MDPC should continue to engage church planting efforts.

The Work

The Church Planting Task Force will meet every other month to pray, to discern God’s leading, and to consolidate insights. Between meetings, Task Force members can expect 1) to have one to two conversations with church planting experts or practitioners and 2) to learn about church planting by reading, listening to, or watching assigned content related to church planting.

The Team

The Task Force is appointed by the Moderator of Session (Pastor Alf). The Evangelism Pastor (Dan A.) and Outreach Director (Amy D.) will serve as co-moderators.

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees May 2025

Children's Ministries Committee Minutes:

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Attendants: Keri Mosk, Heather Tackett, Kristen Anderson, Mayra Arellano, Lenora Oliveira, Maryam Baraya, Ellen Davidson, Michael Kringel, Angela Jennings, Ginny French, Mimi Wells

Devotional led by Kristen Anderson

Easter Village: 650 attendants There did not seem to be any impact in attendance by being the week earlier. One suggestion is to separate the preschool egg hunt by age group to prevent older preschoolers from trampling the younger kids.

Elementary Update: Need Sunday school volunteers. In fall the 4th grade and 5th grades will not be combined and will be co-ed. May 18th is the last day for galaxy volunteers before summer break. No Sunday School Memorial Day. Interns start June 1st end August 3. Kick off Weekend August 15. Mission partners are set for mission extreme for all days (including but not limited to Kids Meals, Brookwood, mission of Yahweh, Alpha). Kinder/1st and 2nd/3rd Mission Extreme have limited spots available.

Important Elementary Dates:

Volunteer Training August 10

Blast Off September 18

Faith walk September / 28

First Communion 10/5

3rd grade Bible retreat November 2

3rd Grade bible November 9

Preschool Update: There are 2 more Sundays left for volunteers. Preschool serve day gift bags going to Terrace Elementary (Kristen Anderson delivering). Renew Orange subscription for curriculum (Have not found anything better at the moment)

Important Preschool Dates:

Princess day is June 28 (with puppet show by Lenora)

Boys Day September 20

Preschool bubble day October 18 (family event).

Childcare Plus Update: 97 kids are registered for this coming Parents night out. Breakfast for CCP staff on May 18. Registration is full for End of May staff child care. 4 paid teens will help. Staff Training (Little School and Yellow School) August 11-15 (no in house child care that week)

Kaleidoscope & Safe Haven Update: Welcome Angela! low attendance (3 kids 9:45, no one at 11:15). Angela will start hosting events to hopefully bring in new families. Angela will advertise Kaleidoscope with Bee hive organization.

Summer Celebration: 4 elementary spots left, 686 are registered (cut off 690), 74 preschool registered (cut off 100), 144 adult volunteers registered. Need more adult volunteers. 150 \\\pTeen volunteers (Teens get fed)

Little School and Yellow School Update: Last day May 16 (carnival after), summer school in June. Teacher appreciation week this week. Teacher Breakfast this coming Friday.

Fuente: no update

BPC: Mother's Day celebration this Sunday, going to invite BPC moms to volunteer at Summer Celebration, BPC Retreat in September

Finance Committee Minutes:

April 22, 2025

Present members: Marcus Vajdos, Dena Bankett, Kelly Handel, Christina Morse, Bob Davis, Chris Arend, Kyle Wienert, Rosy Pereira, Karin Tyson

Absent members: Michael McCormack, Jennifer Fernelius, Mark Lumpkin, Bill Enzer

Quorum: there was quorum present

1. The meeting was held in person and started at 5:06pm. There were no online attendees.
Meeting was not recorded
2. Minutes for February and March were approved
3. A devotional was led by Chris Arend
4. Mr. Arend asked for updates from the different committees:
 - a. Outreach: Ms. Pereira reported no updates, other than requests for giving being approved.
 - b. Generosity: Mr. Wienert noted contributions continue to be lower as compared to this period of 2024, consistent with reports from March. He also explained that 40% of pledges are from amounts < \$5K, and 23% are from amounts between \$5K and \$10K.
 - c. Personnel: Ms. Morse provided updates on the sabbatical policy, and on the hiring of the new worship director, along with the change in the current worship director to a part-time role.
 - d. Clerk: Ms. Handel noted there were no changes in updates since March.
5. Mr. Vajdos reported on financials
 - a. 2025 YTD contributions were lower than budget by \$163K, ministry revenues were higher by \$66K and other operating income was higher by \$2K. Overall, gross revenue was lower by \$96K and remains consistent with discussions held in previous months.
 - b. 2025 YTD pastoral expenses were \$50K lower than budget, primarily due to timing, and support ministry was at budget. He also explained that facilities expenses are coming lower at this time of the year and continue to be closely monitored.
 - c. Mr. Vajdos reported that MDPC buses are no longer in use and there are companies working on the valuation of these assets for possibly selling them. The service has been replaced with a third-party service provided and there was due diligence to confirm these companies have the appropriate insurance. Mr. Davis suggested Marcus connect with Mr. Enzer to discuss a system for tracking insurance policies from vendors. Mr. Vajdos explained that once the new youth leader position is fulfilled, there is an expectation that personnel expenses can be slightly higher than the budget.
 - d. Overall, March ended with a positive cash flow (\$140K).
6. Mr. Vajdos provided updates on the new credit line setup and how this finance strategy is expected to offset some of the finance expenses.
7. Mr. Vajdos explained the changes to investment balances and noted the finance committee is discussing how to better apply these funds.
8. Mr. Vajdos noted there are no updates from the insurance committee as the meeting has been postponed to April 28th.
9. Regarding unfinished businesses, the group discussed:

- a. Sabbatical policy: No action from the finance committee, other than adding one line item to the financials for tracking purpose.
- b. Reserve accounts: The creation of a document explaining the nature of these accounts and the assessment of whether the available balances are where they are expected to be to fulfil the expected usage remains in progress.
- c. Sweep account change: Ms. Bankett explained the sweep account mechanism. No action expected from the finance committee.

10. Motions:

- a. Mr. Vajdos explained the Ruffin trust and the request to change the nature of use to make it broader. Information will be provided at the session. A motion to expand the use of the Rufin trust was made and carried out.

A motion to adjourn the April Finance Committee meeting was made at 6:40pm
Mr. Arend closed us in prayer.

Legacy Committee Minutes:

Wed, Apr 16, 2025

Prepared by Ginny Glass

In attendance: Nathan Stedham, Kate Brock, Michael McCormack, Alf Halvorson, Marcus Vajdos, Melinda Jackson, and Ginny Glass

Absent: Chris Arend, Dena Bankett, Taryn Lankford, and Cy Canton

Nathan opened the meeting in prayer.

Marcus noted that 2024 approvals amounted to \$2.1M. Two projects, pickleball and restrooms had overages, but the CLC roof came in under budget.

First 2025 Project will be upgraded hallway monitors and software for the East hallway. An upcoming request will be for interior Sanctuary improvements to include recovering the fabric and restaining the wood on the pews, redoing the Chancel flooring and the room carpet, and an upgraded lighting system. Marcus noted that the stain glass will need major maintenance within the next decade.

Chris Arend has asked that the committee be cognizant of annual maintenance and/or insurance costs for any Legacy requests. A discussion followed of whether Legacy owns the maintenance on the projects that they fund. It was generally agreed that those costs should fall within the department for whom it benefits. For example, Pickleball court maintenance fees should be added to the Sports budget; hallway monitors should be added to the Communications budget.

Marcus noted that the general budget does include \$50K for deferred maintenance.

The next Legacy Sunday is scheduled for May 18. Discussed the script that was written, and the committee offered several suggestions for additional content.

Michael closed the meeting in prayer.

Outreach Committee Minutes:

Monday, May 12, 2025, 6 p.m.

I. Devotional and Dinner

Mike Pelton

Mike shared May 12 from Jesus Calling and prayed for our committee deliberations

II. Committee Reports: Funding Recommendations and Meeting Debriefs

Global

Sharon Roark

- The Antioch Partners \$35,000

- Faith in Practice \$30,000
- Frontier Fellowship \$25,000
- Jossour \$10,000
- Lulwanda Children's Home (c/o Grace International Children's Foundation) \$27,000
- Renewing Our Minds (c/o Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation) \$20,000

Committee proposed, Mike Pelton seconded, passed unanimously

Children Families and Housing

Kim Oswald

- Agape Development Ministries \$40,000
- Open Door Mission \$45,000
- SEARCH - House of Tiny Treasures \$30,000
- The FORGE For Families \$32,500

Committee proposed, Marc Laney seconded, passed unanimously

Discipleship and Education

Lisa McChristian

- Camp for All \$15,000 (Designation: Camper scholarships)
- Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly \$12,000 (Designation: Camp in the Valley)
- Cho-Yeh Camp and Conference Center \$60,000 (Designation: Camper scholarships)
- Camp Blessing \$20,000

Committee proposed, Jennifer Fernelius seconded, passed unanimously

Health and Special Needs

Marc Laney

- Amazing Place \$35,000
- LifeHouse \$10,000
- Parent Project MD \$13,000 (Designation: Family camp)
- Prayers of the People \$5,000 (Designation: Continue language advocacy program)
- Vita-Living \$25,000

Committee proposed, Mike Pelton seconded, passed unanimously

Spring Branch and Hunger

Mike Pelton

- Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) \$20,000 (Designation: English Literacy Program)
- Nabor House Community \$22,400 (Designation: Scholarships)
- Spring Branch Community Health Center \$35,000

- SpringSpirit \$25,000
Committee proposed, Sharon Roark seconded, passed unanimously

III. Staff reports

A. Local

Julie LaRue

- Fuente food drive is going great. Have 1 more week.
- Taking Care of Seniors fundraising event this coming Saturday 2-4pm.
- Mission of Yahweh honoring MDPC at their Luncheon on 5/20 at JLH. Let Julie know if you'd like to attend.
- MAM Back to School event details coming soon.

B. Global

Kelsi McCormack

- Last week was successful Living Water women's trip to Guatemala.
- Saturday Kelsi plus 5 others will be heading to YWHAM Budapest for 9 days.
- Labor Day weekend there will be a 3-day trip to visit Micah Project in Honduras.
- There are other churches' trips available if you'd like more information.

C. Special Initiatives

Amy Delgado

- Explanation of budget categories 900 and 950 and how Outreach holds back funds for special projects, budget shortfalls or other unforeseen scenarios.

IV. Closing Prayer

Amy Delgado

Next meeting: Monday, June 9, 2025 with Dinner and Devo by Rory Pereira

YA - LEAD
meeting notes.

YA FRAMEWORK
Connect | Grow | Engage

PARTICIPANTS
Sally Henien, Lacey Dusek,
Edneia Moreira, Nicholas Okai,
Matthew Adair

1. Opening

- **Opening Prayer:**
The session began with a prayer for the Young Adults Mission Trip and for those who will be traveling to Budapest, Hungary. YA members who are traveling joined the meeting to receive prayer from YA Lead Team during this prayer moment.
- **YA Mission Trip will be May 17-26. YAs serving include young professionals and HCU College students. YAs will be serving alongside MDPC Outreach Partner, YWAM Budapest.**

2. Devotional

- **Led by:** Edneia
- **Scripture:** *Isaiah 55:8 – “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.*
- **Reflection:**
This verse highlights the difference between God's perspective and human perspective, emphasizing that God's ways are higher and more profound than human understanding.

3. YA Table Hosting – Sundays May 18 & 25 at MDPC

- **Support Requested by:** Sally
- **May 18:** Matthew will support by setting up/tearing down and connecting with YAs from 10:45am-11:15am.
- **May 25:** Nicholas will support by setting up/tearing down and connecting with YAs from 10:45am-11:15am.
- **Follow-up:** Edneia will check with Georgia to see if she is available to support Matthew and Nicholas and will inform the group.
- **Reminders when Tabling:**
 - Engage with anyone who comes to the table
 - **IMPORTANT:** Ask them to fill out a YA Connection Card. After card is filled out, take a picture of it and TEXT it to Sally + Matthew.
 - Help the person you're talking to get plugged in at MDPC. Learn what they are looking for and help them connect. If you do not know who to guide them to, write down their needs on the connection card and we will follow-up later.
 - Hand out YA merch and flyers about Bible Studies, Events coming up
 - Most of all, be a friend. If you're comfortable, exchange numbers and plan to go out for coffee/lunch with them.

4. Bible Class Updates

A. The Parish: New Beginning Sunday School Class

- **Target Audience:** Young Adult newly married couples and young adults couples with new babies.
- **Happy Hour:** Saturday May 31 at By Popular Demand (12420 Memorial Dr.) from 4-6pm. Free Childcare is available upon registration.
- **Class Launch:** Sunday June 1 at 11am
- **Location:** YA Hallway across from the MDPC Sanctuary – Room 218
- **Leaders:** Amanda Grace + Stephen Morris, Luke + Sophia Tucker
- **Guidance for Inquiries (provided by Sally):**
 1. First, collect the person's contact information – fill out YA connection card.
 2. Then, direct them to the YA website (ya.mdpc.org) where they can find more information, including the email created for this class.
 - Email Address for this class, specifically is MDPCParishNewBeginnings@gmail.com

B. Thriving in the Workplace

- **Target Audience:** Young professionals (singles – but couples are 100% welcome to attend)
- **Co-lead:** Stella Chen, Drew Tingleaf, Sally Henien
- **Sunday May 25:** Nicholas + Eyram will lead the class.
- **Sunday June 1:** Rachel will lead the class, teaching spiritual gifts.

C. College Student Class

- **Focus:** Undergraduate group (18-22yrs old)
- **Leader:** Matthew Adair
- **Location:** Room 217.
- **May 25 & June 1:** Class is canceled. College students will be invited to join the "Thriving in the Workplace" class.

D. YA Ladies Bible Study

- **Status:** Ladies are currently meeting up for community building events (May 15 - dinner, May 31 – brunch and walk the park, June 6 – game night)
 - **Next Meeting:** Summer Bible Study class will start Wednesday June 11 at 6:30pm
 - **Location Room 219**
 - **Leaders:** Georgia Drager, Kamryn Colazzi, Sally Henien
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5. Ministry & Leadership Updates

Deacon Meeting – BackStage Pass Series

- A new initiative offering all deacons the opportunity to visit ministry areas and learn more about each one. YA should be included during August agenda.

YA Sports Feedback

- Some YA members expressed a desire to meet more often, beyond the sports activities.
 - Encouraged YAs to use YA Sports Social GroupMe to arrange more meet-ups.
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6. Planning & Communication

• **Next YA Lead Team Meeting:**

- Sally will send a poll/survey to the YA lead team to determine the best date.
- **Proposed Dates:** June 17 or June 22 (in person).

• **July Meeting:**

- May be canceled if the team feels well-prepared for the August semester kickoff.

• **Ongoing Communication:**

- Sally encouraged the team to continue sharing feedback using GroupMe chat.
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7. Closing

• **Closing Prayer:**

Matthew concluded the meeting with a prayer, blessing the week ahead.
