



## SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, May 18, 2026

# Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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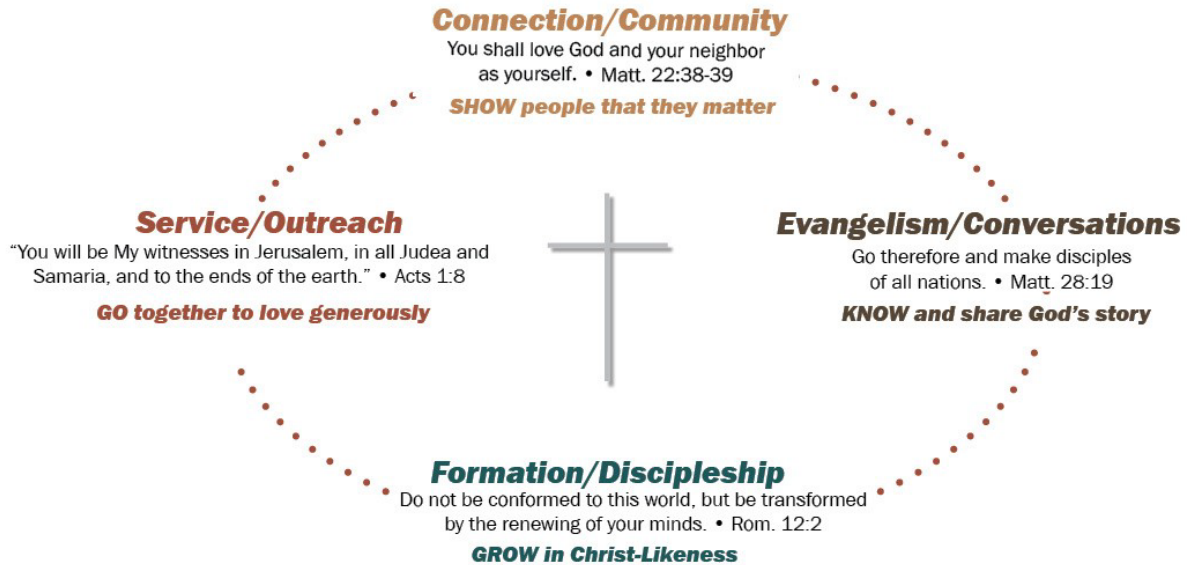
## Session Meeting Agenda

May 18, 2026



### Strategic Goals

2023-2028



### 1. Call to Order and Opening Prayer (Alf Halvorson)

### 2. Establishment of Quorum (Joe Stockdale)

### 3. Clerk's Report (Carla Bradford)

- Officer Nominating Season
- Second Reading of the MDPC Policy & Operations Manual- 2026 Revision

**Motion:** *To approve for publishing the revised MDPC Policy and Operations Manual.*

### 4. Treasurer's Report (Kyle Wienert)

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

**Motion:** *To approve The Mathis Group as the Owner's Rep for future Capital Campaign.*

### 6. Deacon Update (Bob Larson and Beth Case)

**7. Omnibus Motion**

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of April 2026, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the Combined Minutes of Session Committees, May 2026.
- c. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms to be performed in June 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Nora Lynn Graeve	Child	Kelly and Mark Graeve	Mom-No Dad-No	6/14/2026 Immersion
Luke Jeremy Shockley	Child	Amanda and Jeremy Shockley	Mom-Yes Dad-No	6/14/2026 Immersion

**d. Transfers and Dismissals**

Please remove from the MPDC roles at their request, the following active members:

**Chaffin, Chris** and **Mary** to Austin, TX.

Please transfer the following active members:

**Herzfeld, David** and **Stephani** to St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, Katy, TX

**Malejan, Kristin** to St. Peter’s United Methodist Church, Katy, TX

- e. **Motion** to approve the current Facilities Usage Schedule of Fees.
- f. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for May 2026 as follows:

Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding  
Recommendations  
May 2026

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations	Designated
Child Advocates	\$12,000 CFH
Galveston Urban Ministries	\$15,000 CFH
SEARCH Homeless Services	\$30,000 House of Tiny Treasures CFH
Small Steps Nurturing Center	\$20,000 CFH
The Forge for Families	\$32,500 CFH
The Restoration Team	\$10,000 CFH
Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center	\$60,000 Camper Scholarships DE
Stoney Creek Ranch	\$25,000 Camp Office Building Project DE
Amazing Place	\$35,000 HSN
Casa El Buen Samaritano	\$40,000 HSN
Easter Seals of Greater Houston	\$20,000 Adult Disability Program HSN
ECHOS	\$25,000 HSN
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)	\$15,000 SBH
Cornerstone Family Ministries	\$38,000 SBH
Nabor House Community	\$25,000 Scholarships SBH
Free Wheelchair Mission	\$35,000 Global

The Protestant Churches of Egypt -The Evangelical Fellowship of Egypt	\$15,000	Jossour - Bridges of Hope	Global
Grace International Children's Foundation	\$27,000	Lulwanda Children's Home	Global
Pars Theological Centre	\$20,000		Global
Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation	\$20,000	Renewing Our Minds	Global
The Antioch Partners	\$5,500	Rev. Mehrdad S and Family	Global Missionary
Totaling:	\$525,000		

**YTD Outreach Funding Total: \$889,000**

**8. Calendar Reminders**

May 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching  Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15  Pentecost Sunday Memorial Day Sunday
May 31	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Essential Tenets Series
June 7	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Essential Tenets Series   Communion
June 14	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Essential Tenets Series  Baptisms  Father's Day
June 21	? Preaching     Essential Tenets Series
June 22	Session Meeting  Chapel  6:30pm
June 28	? Preaching     Essential Tenets Series
July 5	? Preaching     Essential Tenets Series  Patriotic Sunday
July 12	? Preaching     Essential Tenets Series  Summer Celebration week
July 13-17	Summer Celebration
July 19	Rachel Poysky Preaching

**2026 Remaining Session Meeting Dates**

June 22  
**July -No Meeting**  
 August 24  
 September 28  
 October 26  
*November- No Meeting*  
 December 14

**2026 Remaining Communion Dates**

June 7  
 August 2  
 October 4| World Communion; First Communion  
 November 29| First Sunday in Advent

**9. Announcements and Additional Business**

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

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

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

Name	Month to Month			
	Apr 2026	Mar 2026	Difference	Apr 2025
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,730,911.51	3,618,967.17	111,944.34	3,282,886.63
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,415,967.45	1,148,325.68	267,641.77	1,406,448.21
<b>Total Unrestricted Cash &amp; Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>5,146,878.96</b>	<b>4,767,292.85</b>	<b>379,586.11</b>	<b>4,689,334.84</b>
Current Investments (Restricted)	7,817,963.43	7,836,551.79	(18,588.36)	4,351,951.84
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	5,088,781.21	5,191,186.43	(102,405.22)	4,576,048.84
<b>Total Restricted Cash &amp; Equivalents</b>	<b>12,906,744.64</b>	<b>13,027,738.22</b>	<b>(120,993.58)</b>	<b>8,928,000.68</b>
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	622,555.75	152,138.35	470,417.40	195,325.51
Miscellaneous Receivables	8,382.07	8,385.91	(3.84)	9,547.11
Property & Equipment	58,339,637.83	58,339,637.83	-	58,038,634.21
Accumulated Depreciation	(50,450,025.45)	(50,450,025.45)	-	(48,937,881.77)
Note Receivable	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>26,574,173.80</b>	<b>25,845,167.71</b>	<b>729,006.09</b>	<b>22,922,960.58</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts Payable	1,196,255.12	145,272.49	1,050,982.63	377,626.62
Other Payables	120,801.03	115,771.43	5,029.60	97,101.76
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	175,323.35	173,455.84	1,867.51	126,807.25
Custodial Accounts	37.96	37.96	-	13,789.94
	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1,492,417.46</b>	<b>434,537.72</b>	<b>1,057,879.74</b>	<b>615,325.57</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>				
Unrestricted Net Assets	11,218,205.60	11,526,121.93	(307,916.33)	12,128,457.06
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	8,795,929.47	8,811,975.99	(16,046.52)	5,571,172.08
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,633,763.68	4,638,674.48	(4,910.80)	4,174,148.28
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>25,081,756.34</b>	<b>25,410,629.99</b>	<b>(328,873.65)</b>	<b>22,307,635.01</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; NET ASSETS</b>	<b>26,574,173.80</b>	<b>25,845,167.71</b>	<b>729,006.09</b>	<b>22,922,960.58</b>

**Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 4 - April**  
**SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2026**  
**Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church**  
**Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2026**

Description	Apr Act	2026 YTD Act	2026 YTD Bud	Over (Under) Budget	% Variance YTD	Prior YTD 2025	2026 Budget Full Year
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>							
Contributions	\$ 934,660	\$ 4,559,691	\$ 4,142,505	\$ 417,186	10.07	\$ 3,965,599	\$ 14,728,728
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,955)	\$ (22,574)	\$ -	\$ (22,574)	-	\$ (22,088)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 292,679	\$ 1,249,130	\$ 1,304,752	\$ (55,622)	(4.26)	\$ 1,356,700	\$ 3,510,278
Other Operating Income	\$ 8,250	\$ 23,915	\$ 33,333	\$ (9,418)	(28.25)	\$ 33,977	\$ 100,000
<b>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,231,633</b>	<b>\$ 5,810,163</b>	<b>\$ 5,480,591</b>	<b>\$ 329,572</b>	<b>6.01</b>	<b>\$ 5,334,188</b>	<b>\$ 18,339,006</b>
<b>Ministry Operating Expense</b>							
<b>Pastoral Ministry</b>							
Caring Ministry	\$ 37,172	\$ 148,029	\$ 152,375	\$ (4,345)	2.85	\$ 137,323	\$ 450,729
Fuente	\$ 14,345	\$ 54,799	\$ 56,035	\$ (1,236)	2.21	\$ 56,474	\$ 170,496
Children's Ministry	\$ 70,822	\$ 280,157	\$ 302,905	\$ (22,749)	7.51	\$ 263,546	\$ 938,690
Youth Ministry	\$ 57,955	\$ 241,554	\$ 226,436	\$ 15,118	(6.68)	\$ 194,069	\$ 682,700
Relationships	\$ 30,861	\$ 151,664	\$ 137,419	\$ 14,245	(10.37)	\$ 131,045	\$ 388,360
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 12,182	\$ 99,467	\$ 173,668	\$ (74,200)	42.73	\$ 176,501	\$ 490,181
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 64,103	\$ 257,188	\$ 250,039	\$ 7,149	(2.86)	\$ 222,767	\$ 744,128
Adult Discipleship	\$ 27,087	\$ 114,235	\$ 133,644	\$ (19,409)	14.52	\$ 141,067	\$ 400,940
Young Adult	\$ 21,141	\$ 83,604	\$ 81,258	\$ 2,346	(2.89)	\$ 83,474	\$ 241,702
Worship	\$ 61,173	\$ 218,308	\$ 169,548	\$ 48,760	(28.76)	\$ 155,014	\$ 508,890
Traditional Music	\$ 55,445	\$ 165,614	\$ 148,920	\$ 16,694	(11.21)	\$ 167,298	\$ 438,820
Contemporary Music	\$ 31,279	\$ 113,257	\$ 109,824	\$ 3,433	(3.13)	\$ 113,845	\$ 332,576
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 14,483	\$ 58,980	\$ 68,440	\$ (9,460)	13.82	\$ 55,086	\$ 223,310
<b>Total Pastoral Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 498,047</b>	<b>\$ 1,986,857</b>	<b>\$ 2,010,510</b>	<b>\$ (23,654)</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>\$ 1,897,509</b>	<b>\$ 6,011,522</b>
<b>Support Ministry</b>							
Communications & Media	\$ 89,999	\$ 342,149	\$ 320,599	\$ 21,550	(6.72)	\$ 310,835	\$ 944,380
Administration	\$ 80,594	\$ 311,637	\$ 286,522	\$ 25,115	(8.77)	\$ 286,589	\$ 901,004
Food Service	\$ 19,249	\$ 60,623	\$ 53,333	\$ 7,290	(13.67)	\$ 55,485	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 220,836	\$ 878,677	\$ 895,429	\$ (16,752)	1.87	\$ 868,065	\$ 2,665,680
The Little School	\$ 131,149	\$ 503,697	\$ 475,124	\$ 28,573	(6.01)	\$ 460,766	\$ 1,425,388
The Yellow School	\$ 67,141	\$ 257,728	\$ 280,420	\$ (22,692)	8.09	\$ 268,562	\$ 841,456
<b>Total Support Ministry</b>	<b>\$ 608,967</b>	<b>\$ 2,354,511</b>	<b>\$ 2,311,427</b>	<b>\$ 43,084</b>	<b>(1.86)</b>	<b>\$ 2,250,301</b>	<b>\$ 6,937,908</b>
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Ministry Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 1,107,014</b>	<b>\$ 4,341,368</b>	<b>\$ 4,321,938</b>	<b>\$ 19,430</b>	<b>-0.45%</b>	<b>\$ 4,147,810</b>	<b>\$ 12,949,430</b>
<b>Outreach Expense</b>							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 132,341	\$ 358,312	\$ 409,444	\$ (51,131.62)	12.49	\$ 324,146	\$ 1,484,976
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ 276,000	\$ 314,626	\$ 437,555	\$ (122,929.30)	28.09	\$ 179,325	\$ 3,234,600
<b>Total Outreach Expense</b>	<b>\$ 408,341</b>	<b>\$ 672,938</b>	<b>\$ 846,999</b>	<b>\$ (174,060.92)</b>	<b>20.55</b>	<b>\$ 503,471</b>	<b>\$ 4,719,576</b>
<b>Other Operating Expense</b>							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 20,028	\$ 171,088	\$ 206,667	\$ (35,579)	17.22	\$ 197,841	\$ 620,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 16,667	\$ 16,667	\$ -	-	\$ 16,667	\$ 50,000
<b>Total Other Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$ 24,194</b>	<b>\$ 187,754</b>	<b>\$ 223,333</b>	<b>\$ (35,579)</b>	<b>15.93</b>	<b>\$ 214,507</b>	<b>\$ 670,000</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,539,549</b>	<b>\$ 5,202,061</b>	<b>\$ 5,392,270</b>	<b>\$ (190,209)</b>	<b>3.53%</b>	<b>\$ 4,865,789</b>	<b>\$ 18,339,006</b>
<b>Other Income(Loss)</b>							
<b>Total Other Income(Loss)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>\$ (307,916)</b>	<b>\$ 608,103</b>	<b>\$ 88,321</b>	<b>\$ 519,782</b>	<b>588.52%</b>	<b>\$ 468,400</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>
Restr & Enrichment Inc/(Exp)	\$ (20,957)	\$ (216,726)	\$ -	\$ (216,726)	-	\$ (218,082)	\$ -

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION  
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church  
April 27, 2026

**Elders Present:** Amanda Austin, Carla Bradford, Rick Chapman, Daniel Crank, Elizabeth Crawley, Lance Dardis, Bob Davis, Stephanie Espinoza, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Madison Limbacher, Tomas Lopes, David Michels, Kim Oswald, Mike Pelton, Rosy Pereira, Yvonne Ramirez, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, David Shelfer, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylo , Drew Tingleaf, Karin Tyson., Suzanne Wharton, Kyle Wienert and Kelly Handel (Immediate Past Clerk)

**Elders Excused:** Jeannie Able, Ellen Davidson, Kelley Edwards, Alex Knoop, Leslee Lumpkin, Lisa McChristian, Andre Verona

**Elders Absent:** Kevin Dillon, Hector Longoria, Nikki Pielop, Hunter Smith, Nathan Stedham

**Pastors Present:** Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Beth Case, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Brett Hurst, Rachel Poysky

**Pastors Excused:** Guillermo Yela

**Staff Present:** Laura Benes, Amy Delgado, Sally Henien, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Bin Wang

**Call to Order:** Pastor Alf Halvorson called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:30 pm in the Chapel and opened with prayer.

**Call for Quorum:** The Clerk, Joe Stockdale, affirmed that a quorum was present. Alf noted the QR code that was on the screen for check in.

**New Members:** (Dan Aikins)

*Abel Chacko, Kayla Griffiths, Nancy Reinowski, Linda Walker, Mike Walker, Milton West, Steffanie West*

The above-named friends attended in person to be received by Session. Dan noted that we are walking with three more of this class who will be baptized in May or June and will join the next new member class. Dan 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. Stephanie Espinoza, New Member Elder, prayed over our newest Covenant partners.

**The Hospitable Church: Church Planting Update** (Bin Wang)

After background given and an introduction by Alf, Bin shared a presentation with us on his current church planting efforts in the Houston and Katy areas.

**Clerk's Report:** (Carla Bradford, Kelly Handel, and Joe Stockdale)

- Joe Stockdale called on Marc Laney, Commissioner, to give a summary of the **ECO Texas Presbytery Meeting** – Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 4 p.m. via Zoom. The short meeting agenda was mainly composed of consideration to five constitutional amendments, PD-1 through PD-5.
- **First Reading of the MDPC Policy & Operations Manual**  
We have worked to substantially refine and condense the P&O, reducing it from 120 pages to less than 60. We have taken out the “fluff” to include any aspirational language, staff and officer job description details, etc. Some of these details will appear back in job descriptions and everyday ministry/department processes. This manual is an important document, serving as our guardrails, and our legal advice has been to get this document as lean as possible to reduce our risk, giving focus to what we may not be doing that we state we are!

First Reading can be found on the Officer Resources page. Please review and provide questions and comments to Jennifer Vajdos and/or the Clerks prior to the Second Reading planned for at the May 18 Session meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Kyle Wienert)

**Master Planning Update** (Marcus Vajdos)

**Motion Carried:** *To approve contract between Merriman Holt Powell (MHP) and MDPC for architectural services. The funds will come from the Capital Campaign account.*

**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 March 2026, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the Combined Minutes of Session Committees, April 2026.
- c. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in April 2026 and to be performed in May 2026:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Henry Luke Bass	Infant	Annie Katherine and Benjamin Thomas Bass	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	04/12/2026 Sprinkle
Parker Thomas Jeckovich	Infant	Cynthia Ormiston and Wilson Jeckovich	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	04/12/2026 Immersion
Wakefield (Field) Cullen Watkins	Child	Alexandra (Allie) Gossett and Cullen Douglas Watkins	Mom & Dad-No	04/12/2026 Sprinkle
Jett Richard Elias	Youth	Rebecca Redden and John Elias	Mom-Yes Dad-No	05/10/2026 Sprinkle
Charlotte Nicole Kerl	Infant	Lauren and Cameron Kerl	Mom-Yes Dad-No	05/10/2026 Sprinkle
Jana Lee Lakenmaker	Child	Kristina and Daniel Lakenmaker	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	05/10/2026 Sprinkle

**d. Transfers and Dismissals**

Please transfer the following active members:

**Wood, David** and **Nada** to Christ Presbyterian, Houston, TX

**e. Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for April 2026 as follows:

**Partner Funding Recommendations**

**Designated**

• Prestige Learning Institute	\$15,000		CFH
• Yellowstone Academy	\$15,000	Lower School PK - 5th	CFH
• Camp Aranzazu	\$20,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
• Camp for All	\$15,000	Camper Scholarships	DE
• Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly	\$12,000	Camp in the Valley	DE
• ChildBuilders	\$10,000		SBH
• Gracewood	\$25,000		SBH
• Kids' Meals	\$20,000		SBH
• Memorial Assistance Ministries	\$20,000	English Literacy Program	SBH
• Mission of Yahweh	\$25,000		SBH
• International Cooperating Ministries (ICM)	\$15,000	Farsi Bibles	Global
• The Outreach Foundation	\$7,000		Global
• The Antioch Partners	\$16,500	Adair Personal Support	Global Missionary
• Frontier Fellowship	\$11,000	Biru Personal Support	Global Missionary
• The Antioch Partners	\$5,500	House Family Personal Support	Global Missionary

• YWAM	\$11,000	Personal Support (Johnson)	Global Missionary
• The Antioch Partners	\$11,000	Leina & Salam Personal Support	Global Missionary
• Action International Ministries	\$11,000	Acct# 47001	Global Missionary
• Novo	\$11,000	Acct# 6781 Zovak	Global Missionary
• The Outreach Foundation	\$50,000	Designated: Bin Wang Support ***	

**Total: \$326,000**

**YTD Outreach Funding Total: \$364,000**

**\*\*\*See 2025 minutes from Strategic Initiatives Committee for supporting documentation.**

### **Announcements and Additional Business**

Drew Tingleaf- H-Town Fellows

Dan Aikins- Alpha Weekend at Stoney Creek

May 3	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15
May 10	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15  Mother's Day  Baptisms
May 17	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15  Legacy Sunday
May 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching   Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15  Pentecost Sunday
May 18	Session Meeting  Chapel 6:30pm
May 24	Alf Halvorson Preaching  Sermon Series: 1 Corinthians 15  Memorial Day Sunday

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*November- No Meeting*  
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#### **2026 Remaining Communion Dates**

June 7  
 August 2  
 October 4| World Communion; First Communion  
 November 29| First Sunday in Advent

### **Adjournment**

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

### **Prayer**

Beth invited us back into small groups and asked us to pray on the topic of Church Planting, specifically 1. Chinese Fellowship here at MDPC 2. ESL Efforts in Katy, TX 3. Partnership.

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

## **Combined Minutes of the Session Committees May 2026 Session Meeting**

### **Children's Ministries Committee Minutes:**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

**Attendants:** Keri Mosk, Ellen Davidson, David Kemper, Angela Jennings, Lenora Oliveira, Mimi Wells, Emily Smith, Mayra Arellano, Suzanne Wharton, Sarah Kilgore

Devotional led by Angela Jennings

### **Summer Interns:**

4 Interns start May 26 through August 2 (2 preschool and 2 elementary)

### **Summer Celebration:**

652 elementary kids registered (96% full), 150 teen volunteers, 150 adult volunteers, 47 preschool volunteers

### **Elementary Update:**

5<sup>th</sup> graders will be promoted June 7 to Youth (Move up Mixer), all other grades promote on kick off weekend. Bethany is doing a wonderful job leading worship during Galaxy.

### **Mission Extreme:**

3 weeks of Mission Extreme in June. Bus prices have doubled due to World Cup and fuel prices. Budget may need to be adjusted but will still have activities off campus. Mission extreme is space limited to keep numbers small because of partner restrictions.

#### **Important elementary dates:**

5/24 No Sunday School

### **Preschool Update:**

Bags from Serve Day were delivered to the partner school 5/5. This is the Last week for Chapel with YS and LS. Lenora has 3 months of the new curriculum to try over the summer. Since it is sold in three-month increments, she can test it without making a longer commitment, Sunday School went well during Lenora's vacation thanks to the volunteers.

#### **Important Dates:**

6/27 Preschool Princess Day

### **Childcare Plus Update:**

Upcoming PNO this Saturday, 93 kids registered. Last 2 weeks of May will host staff children on campus. Preparing staff and activities for In-House Childcare. Preparing Summer Celebration Staff, have 20 lined up so far.

#### **Important Dates:**

5/9 PNO

6/13 Parents Shopping Day

### **Kaleidoscope & Safe Haven Update:**

Teen and Young Adult PNO This Friday and a family night at the end of May at the Space Cowboys. Have a new 9<sup>th</sup> grade helper. Sunday's have been busy.

#### **Important Dates:**

5/8 PNO

5/29 Family Night

**No updates from Little School/Yellow School, Fuente, BPC.**

## Evangelism Committee Minutes:

<b>Date</b>	Sunday, April 19, 2026
<b>Present</b>	Tomás Lopes, Susan Wienert, Nancy Powell, CC Roberts, Dan Aikins, Harry Tallichetl, Stephanie Espinoza
<b>Absent</b>	John LaCarter, Shana Parker
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 17, 2026 at 11:15 AM (note: deacons meeting same day, one hour later, Dan will not be in attendance due to Sabbatical)

## Agenda

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- Volunteer recruitment and service lead coverage
- Church planting initiative update
- Evangelism class development (Lent challenge debrief & fall 2026 class)

### 1. Volunteer Recruitment & Welcome Team Updates

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#### Youth Sunday

- Youth Sunday took place today with youth volunteering at the 11:15 service — deemed a success overall.
- No youth signed up for the 8:30 service; Christine was notified in advance and prepared accordingly.
- Susan communicated proactively with Christine to avoid any confusion on Sunday morning.

#### Service Lead Coverage

- Current service leads: Mark Laney and Misty Chambers (11:15); Nancy, Matt, and Susan (9:45).
- Concern raised about summer coverage as team members travel — this will be the first summer the team fully manages volunteer coordination without Tracy.
- Action: Tomás to shadow either Misty or Mark on a communion or offering Sunday to learn the service lead role.
- Goal set: Aim for six service leads per service by year-end to ensure sufficient coverage and flexibility.

#### Potential New Service Leads / Volunteers

- Names discussed for potential recruitment as service leads or regular volunteers:
  - The Winslows
  - Trey McAfee
  - The Aarons
  - Betsy Nash and Jonathan
  - Aaron and Preston Cunningham.
  - Don and Peggy Vincent
  - Rafael Moreira

#### Volunteer List / SignUpGenius Export

- Dan to export SignUpGenius sign-up data from the last six months and share with Susan so the team can identify regulars vs. one-time volunteers (e.g., Easter only).
- Those who served at Easter are a priority re-engagement group.

#### Communication & Coordination

- Susan sends weekly Monday emails for volunteer sign-ups; no email was sent this week since Youth Sunday filled all slots.
- Discussion around circulating a volunteer list to the team so all members can identify regular volunteers by name.

## 2. Church Planting Initiative

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### Background

- MDPC has had a church planting task force for approximately one year, led by Dan and Amy Delgado (seven members total).
- The task force's mission: develop a plan for MDPC to become a serial church planting church — one that plants churches as part of its ongoing mission.
- Motivation: MDPC has a strong history of felt-needs/tangible ministry locally, but less emphasis on explicit evangelism locally. Church planting is seen as a way to address this gap.
- Tim Keller's view cited: church planting is the most effective method of evangelism.

### Vision: ECO Churches in Greater Houston

- The task force believes God is inviting MDPC to plant ECO (Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians) churches in the Houston metro area (four-county region).
- Rationale: ECO churches are rare in Houston. Current ECO churches identified: Grace, First Pres, Winwood, Winwood Northwest, First Pres Kingwood, a small African-American church, City Church (recently moved to The Heights), and a small church in Pearland.
- ECO occupies a unique theological space: conservative theology, ordains women, baptizes infants — a combination not easily found in Houston's Baptist/non-denominational landscape.
- Areas like Katy and Sugar Land have families seeking Reformed, ECO-style churches without success.

### Challenges: Pastor Pipeline

- Presbyterian ordination requires a minimum of three years (college + MDiv + ordination process), unlike Baptist churches where a congregation can ordain a gifted individual directly.
- This longer runway makes church planting harder for Presbyterians historically (referenced Old Side/New Side and Old School/New School debates of the 1800s as precedent).
- Two ordination pathways discussed:
  - Traditional: Full seminary education and ordination (preferred path).
  - Commissioned Lay Pastor: For second-career candidates or those with some seminary but not a full MDiv.
- Currently in the ordination process: Sally H and Luke F
- Building a pipeline of ordained candidates is a stated priority. MDPC will need to identify and support candidates going forward.

### Connection to Evangelism Committee

- Church planting is expected to drive a cultural revitalization of evangelism at MDPC — churches that plant tend to become more evangelistically minded.
- MDPC may send members to partner with church planters, similar to sending missionaries.
- Action for team: Be advocates. When church planting and evangelism topics come up in other contexts, speak positively and share the "why" — we love Jesus, and Jesus extends hospitality to those who don't yet believe.

### 3. Evangelism Class Development

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#### Lent Challenge Debrief

- Tomás completed a Lent challenge this year focused on personal evangelism, based on the book *I Once Was Lost*.
- The book traces the shift from 1990s-style campus preaching to more relational, process-oriented evangelism.

#### Fall 2026 Evangelism Class

- Dan and Tomás (with Luke Funderburk) are developing a practical evangelism class targeted for fall 2026.
- Format: Six-week class, likely on Sunday mornings, taught by Tomás and Luke.
- Goal: Help participants feel more comfortable with evangelism, tie it to theology, and provide practical tools and frameworks.
- The final week is designed to align with the start of Alpha so participants can immediately apply what they've learned by inviting someone to Alpha.
- Discussion on curriculum rollout:
  - Could be a standalone class or integrated across existing Sunday school classes (e.g., Bible Basics).
  - Adult discipleship (Clay) to be consulted on how this fits into the broader Sunday school framework.
- The group discussed the value of reaching more people by distributing curriculum across multiple classes rather than requiring attendance at one dedicated class.

#### Evangelism Approaches & Discussion

- Team members shared their personal evangelism styles:
  - Some prefer relational settings: small groups, coffee, or lunch conversations.
  - Others like more direct approaches such as handing out Jesus cards.
- Consensus: There is no single "right" method — the goal is to help people identify approaches that both stretch them and align with their personality.
- Practical tools discussed: Jesus cards, Discovery Bible Study, prayer frameworks, explicit gospel-sharing tools, and the 40-day tips resource referenced in the Lent challenge.
- The group noted the importance of first understanding the "why" of evangelism before the "how."
- Suggestion from one member: Have the evangelism book (*I Once Was Lost*) circulated and potentially studied by Sunday school classes over the summer.

#### Next Steps for the Class

- Tomás and Luke to develop a high-level draft in the coming weeks.
- Dan to review and provide input.
- Meeting with Clay (Adult Discipleship) to follow — to determine fit and scheduling within the broader curriculum.
- Updates to be shared at future team meetings.

#### Action Items Summary

Action Item	Owner	Due / Notes
Tomás to shadow Mark or Misty as service lead on a communion or offering Sunday	Tomás/Susan to help coordination	Next communion/offering Sunday

Export SignUpGenius sign-up list (last 6 months) and share with Susan for volunteer identification	Dan	Upcoming
Reach out to potential new service lead candidates (Winslows, Cunninghams, etc.)	Susan / Team	Ongoing
Set goal of 6 service leads per service by year-end	Susan / Team	Year-end 2026
Tomás & Luke to develop high-level draft of fall evangelism class	Tomás, Luke	Next few weeks
Share evangelism class draft with Dan for review and feedback	Tomás	After draft complete
Meet with Clay (Adult Discipleship) to discuss class fit and curriculum integration	Tomás, Luke, Dan	Summer 2026
Circulate I Once Was Lost book name/list to team; consider as summer reading for classes	Tomás	Upcoming
All team members: Advocate positively for church planting and evangelism initiatives	Everyone	Ongoing
Stephanie and Dan to connect before May 17 re: June plans during sabbatical	Stephanie, Dan	Before May 17

### **Finance Committee Minutes:**

April 20, 2026

Finance Meeting: called to order at 5:20 pm at the Pastor Conference Room.

The meeting was recorded on MDPC's Teams System

### **Individuals present:**

Marcus Vajdos, Dena Bankett, Joe Stockdale, Madison Limbacher, Chris Arend, Kyle Wienert, Rosy Pereira, Karin Tyson, Jeannie Able, Dan English, Amy Delgado, and Mark Pinheiro (online).

Blazek & Vetterling auditors: Morgan Kellete, Audit Manager, and Laurie Guttierrez, AuditPartner

Quorum was present.

**Opening Devotional:** provided by Jeannie Able

March Minutes were **deferred**

**2025 Auditors Report:** Morgan Kellete and Laurie Guttierrez (Rosy Pereira excused herself from this portion of the meeting) presented the audit results by reviewing GAAP Accounting and high-level guidelines.

No separate audit for in-kind donations related to food donated to MDPC was needed since MDPC Food pantry gave less than \$1MM of food classified as federal charity.

Auditors asked that any contracts signed in 2026 (Ex: architectural, construction company, builders' representative contract) should be disclosed to the auditors for 2026.

Significant Weakness found – The auditors stated MDPC missed supervisory approvals on 2 of 6 random credit cards transactions reviewed by the auditors. Recommended that greater controls be put in place so that supervisor signs off promptly so that Marcus as CFO can sign off shortly thereafter. This recommendation has been provided to the MDPC staff, and they will be

following a new protocol/control process to satisfy this weakness.

They also reviewed/discussed the MDPC financial statement variances.

#### Committee Updates:

- **Generosity:** the committee continues working on logistics pledge packages, including cleaning up a list of addresses, determining criteria to who will receive a package via email or mail. Expects to bring Generosity OS to the June meeting to discuss how to manage pledges while running a capital campaign.

- **Outreach:** Meeting tonight. Expects to submit approx. \$376K for session approval. Committee working on confirming an elder to attend the finance committee meeting.

- **Personnel:** Sabbatical approved for one pastoral employee, expects up to \$10K in reimbursements. Sabbatical policy for non-pastoral employees continues under discussion.

- **Clerk:** P&O is getting close to finish; Clercks invested over 144hs in review with the various areas. Expect to present the first draft in this month's session.

#### Finance Updates:

- YTD Contributions are higher by approx. \$362K, and total operating income by \$263K, which is consistent with expectation for this time of the year. Pastoral ministry expenses are lower by \$39.9K, primarily due to sports and reach programs having lower attendance and offset by higher worship and youth ministry expenses. Overall, operating expenses are in line with the budget. Net income was \$916K, and it is positive primarily due to the timing of outreach distributions.

- Denna explained the overall performance of the reserves and the schedule being updated for the key terms and conditions of each reserve. As of March, reserve balances are as expected. Going forward, Denna will reconcile the reserves to the P&L activities.

#### Old Business:

- **Lease Purchase:** Management is still studying the best opportunity between leasing or purchasing these assets.

- **Copier Printer Evaluation:**

- **Computers**

- **Update on P&O Manual:** Marcus will share the most recent version with the committee for reading and discussion at the next finance committee meeting.

- **Master Plan Update:** Marcus noted the contract with the architect has been pre-signed and will be presented at this month session for approval. The task force is meeting with contractors on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and expects to select the contractor by early May. Three firms will present their proposals and expertise at that day.

**New Business:** None

**Other items:**

- Marcus is working on creating a one-page mock calculation for the “dollar-for-dollar” formula and included in the P&O. Management needs to update the 24% study done at the last update.
- Discussed whether to put the financials and the Operating Procedural Manual on the main page of the website or whether to place MDPC members with only access to it. It was determined appropriate to keep it on a secure page where only members have access to it.
- Got feedback from the committee on the usage, purchase of the leased video equipment in the center of the Sanctuary on the stage. The questions asked were the cost/benefit analysis of renting it 3-4 a year for the summer celebration and Christmas and Easter or purchase it for full time use. Discussed whether the moving video screen creates a distraction from worship, or if it is helpful. Determined additional research and studies need to be made prior to a decision.

Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Arend and seconded by Maddison Limbacher.

Closing prayer at 6:55pm. Rosy Pereira agreed to lead devotional prayers in May.

**Fuente Committee Minutes:**

**Fuente MDPC**

*Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.*

**Steering Committee – Agenda & Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 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, Jenny Rodriguez, Nubia Olvera, Gleide Avila, Brenda Vega, Rev. Damaris Abreu, Willman Parraci y Diana Orozco **Absent (Excused):** Stefano Lugo

- Opening Prayer / Devotional – Pastor Guillermo
- Strategy – Pastor Guillermo ● The 6 Types of Working Geniuses: The pastor shared that the MDPC pastoral team is currently reading this book and has already completed the assessment to identify their main strengths and areas of frustration, with the goal of improving team effectiveness.

● He would like the Committee to complete the assessment at the next meeting to better understand how we can work more effectively together. ● **Motion:** A motion was made for the Committee to complete the “6 Working Geniuses” assessment at the next meeting and to review and discuss the results afterward. **Approved.**

● Website - Next steps (fuentes.mdp.org): Meetings will be held over the next few Tuesdays with the different ministries (Women, Men, Christian Education, and Events) to review the proposed updates for their respective sections of the website. The goal is to submit the changes to the Media team as soon as possible. Yvonne will send the suggested updates via email, and with the Pastor’s support, the meetings will be coordinated.

● Fuente 20th Anniversary: ● The anniversary will be celebrated on April 24–25, 2027.

● A Gala Dinner will be held on Saturday the 24th, during which recognitions will be given. Invitations will be sent to individuals who were foundational in establishing Fuente.

● The idea of creating a shared online space to collect photos from Fuente’s history was discussed, to be presented during that weekend.

● Sunday the 25th: consider inviting Rev. Mauricio Chacón as guest speaker.

● 20th Anniversary Planning Committee: Pastor, Meliza, Yulie, Nubia, Marina, and Daniel. This committee will be responsible for presenting a proposal, including budget and event plans, by October, in order to request funding from MDPC if needed.

▪ Committee / Ministry Reports: ● Ministry reports – Attached document ▪ Reports were received and approved.

▪ Upcoming Activities

● Mother’s Day Celebration – 5/9

● Baptisms – 5/24

▪ Other

● Next meeting: 5/3/2026

● Christian Education: The original purpose of maintaining separate children’s and youth groups within Fuente, apart from MDPC’s regular classes, was discussed. However, it has been determined that separate youth classes are no longer necessary, as the youth are now fully integrated into MDPC’s regular classes. Therefore, the pastor and the committee will evaluate maintaining only the children’s group on Sundays and Wednesdays.

▪ Closing Prayer

### **Outreach Committee Minutes:**

May 11, 2026

#### **Agenda:**

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I. Committee Reports

● Global

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| ● Free Wheelchair Mission                                               | \$35,000 |                           |
| ● The Protestant Churches of Egypt -The Evangelical Fellowship of Egypt | \$15,000 | Jossour - Bridges of Hope |
| ● Grace International Children's Foundation                             | \$27,000 | Lulwanda Children's Home  |
| ● Pars Theological Centre                                               | \$20,000 |                           |

- Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation \$20,000 Renewing Our Minds
- The Antioch Partners \$5,500 Rev. Mehrdad S and Family
- CFH
  - Child Advocates \$12,000
  - Galveston Urban Ministries \$15,000
  - SEARCh Homeless Services \$30,000 House of Tiny Treasures
  - Small Steps Nurturing Center \$20,000
  - The Forge for Families \$32,500
  - The Restoration Team \$10,000
- DE
  - Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center \$60,000 Camper Scholarships
  - Stoney Creek Ranch \$25,000 Camp Office Building Project
- HSN
  - Amazing Place \$35,000
  - Casa El Buen Samaritano \$40,000
  - Easter Seals of Greater Houston \$20,000 Adult Disability Program
  - ECHOS \$25,000
- SBH
  - Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) \$15,000
  - Cornerstone Family Ministries \$38,000
  - Nabor House Community \$25,000 Scholarships

## II. Staff reports

- Global Kelsi McCormack
  - Greece trip is leaving this Friday to lead a childcare trip to support The Antioch Partner retreat. Remaining 2026 trips are to The Micah Project (Labor Day weekend), and with FEBC to Cambodia/Thailand to visit the ministry and radio tower MDPC support has helped build.
- Local Julie LaRue
  - Julie has visited with several potential new ministries (Beta Academy, Riverside Project, Sharpen Recovery). We will continue getting to know them to see if there is potential in the future for a partnership.
  - Hunger Committee food drive benefitting our Fuente Food Pantry is currently underway, finishing this weekend.
  - Julie is nearing completion of a “resource guide” we can share with people in need regarding the many support organizations in the Houston area.

## III. Closing Prayer - Marc Laney

Next meeting: June 8, 2026; dinner & devotional: Sharon Roark

**Outreach  
Funding Recommendations  
May 2026**

**CFH**

**Child Advocates**

2025 Funding: \$12,000

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$12,000**

Child Advocates mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. They speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive.

<https://www.childadvocates.org>

**Galveston Urban Ministries**

2025 Funding: \$25,000 (*\$10,000 and \$15,000 O&A*)

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000**

Galveston Urban Ministries (GUM) is a Christian community development ministry transforming the North Broadway neighborhood in Galveston. They focus on teaching kids how to read, helping adult neighbors prepare to enter the work force, educating work groups from all over Texas and sharing the abundant love of Jesus!

<https://galvestonurbanministries.org>

**SEARCH - House of Tiny Treasures**

2025 Funding: \$35,000 (*\$30,000 and \$5,000 O&A*)

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000**

The House of Tiny Treasures is a preschool for SEARCH Homeless Services that serves children ages 2 to 5, whose families are homeless, at risk of homelessness or living in deep poverty. They offer full-day, year-round program for families. While the children are being cared for, parents are able to focus on getting back on their feet and regaining a stable, self-sufficient life for their family.

<https://www.searchhomeless.org>

**Small Steps Nurturing Center**

2025 Funding: \$25,000 (*\$20,000 and \$5,000 O &A*)

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000**

Small Steps Nurturing Center is an exemplary early childhood program that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of children from low-income families in a nurturing Christian environment. With locations in Houston's Fifth Ward and Sharpstown/Gulfton areas, they provide high-quality education, transportation, nutritious meals, and social and emotional therapy to economically at-risk children.

<https://www.ssnc.org>

**The FORGE For Families**

2025 Funding: \$37,500 (\$32,500 and \$5,000 O&A)

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$32,500**

The Forge for Families fosters a fun, Christ-centered environment through strategic investment and collaboration, to help families in Houston's Third Ward grow educationally, economically, and spiritually. Programs include after school enrichment, mentoring, summer day camp, athletic discipleship, family life and parent enrichment nights.

<https://www.forgeforfamilies.org>

**The Restoration Team**

2025 Funding: \$10,000

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000**

The Restoration Team (TRT) is a home repair and disaster response nonprofit in Houston, Texas dedicated to assisting families whose homes were damaged in hurricanes, floods, or other natural disasters. Responding to devastation by facilitating communication and action with congregations and community partners! Additionally, TRT engages with the community to ensure vulnerable homeowners have a safe, sanitary, secure home.

[www.TheRestorationteam.org](http://www.TheRestorationteam.org)

**DE****Stoney Creek Ranch**

**2025 Funding: \$25,000**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000** (Funds are designated for camp office building project)

Stoney Creek Ranch is a Christian Camp, located in New Ulm, dedicated to serving urban youth. They serve young people in ways that will allow them to come to know Christ, His role in their lives and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. They work with organizations that target urban youth, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation through a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors.

**Cho Yeh Camp and Conference Center, Inc.**

**2025 Funding: \$60,000**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$60,000** (Funds are designated for camper scholarships)

Cho-Yeh is a premier Christian summer camp and retreat center near Livingston. They are a place where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

## HSN

### **Amazing Place**

**2025 Funding: \$35,000**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000**

Amazing Place is a faith-based organization that supports families dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's while promoting brain health for all. It offers a Day Program and Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for adults with mild to moderate dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI). For caregivers, there are educational resources, support groups, and counseling. Amazing Place provides free Brain Health classes to educate on dementia, memory preservation, and aging process navigation, as 45% of dementia cases can be prevented through lifestyle changes.

### **Casa El Buen Samaritano**

**2025 Funding: \$35,500**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$40,000**

Casa El Buen Samaritano shares the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income and uninsured families in more than 110 zip codes in Houston and surrounding areas. Volunteer nurses, doctors, and dentists treat patients for a number of general health issues.

### **Easter Seals of Greater Houston**

**2025 Funding: \$20,000**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000 (Restricted: Adult Disability Program)**

Adult Programs of Easter Seals Houston offer recreational opportunities to promote physical, mental and spiritual health to adults with disabilities through bi-weekly meetings, bowling, fields trips, education, self advocacy, skills training and touch based technology training. These programs offer many clients their only opportunity for socializing, and provides respite for the adult participants' caregivers. One group meets at MDPC every Monday.

### **ECHOS**

**2025 Funding: \$25,000**

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000**

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) connects people in need with health, social and educational resources that improve lives. Collaborating with over 30 organizations, ECHOS offers benefits application assistance and education for Medicaid, CHIP, Harris Health System, and SNAP benefits; health screenings; food from a food pantry; and more for families in Houston.

## SBH

### **Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA)**

2025 Funding: \$15,000

**2026 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.

<https://avda.org>

### **Cornerstone Family Ministries**

2025 Funding: \$38,000 (plus \$20,000 Over & Above)

#### **2026 Funding Recommendation: \$38,000 (Designation: None)**

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a faith-based organization, located in Spring Branch, that empowers at-risk students and their families to discover their God given purpose and calling. Programming encompasses ministry, education and social entrepreneurship.

[www.cfmhouston.org](http://www.cfmhouston.org)

### **Nabor House Community**

2025 Funding: \$22,400 (plus two Over & Above gifts of \$3,000 & \$2,275)

#### **2026 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 (Designation: Scholarships)**

Nabor House Community invests in the growth and development of children from low-income families by providing quality, affordable early childhood centers in a Christian environment, enabling parents to pursue employment or education.

[www.naborhousecommunity.org](http://www.naborhousecommunity.org)

### **Global Partners**

#### **Free Wheelchair Mission**

2025 Funding: \$35,000

#### **2026 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. <https://www.freewheelchairmission.org/>

#### **Jossour (Confidential Ministry in Egypt)**

2025 Funding: \$10,000

#### **2026 Funding: \$15,000**

This ministry partner mobilizes Egyptian missionaries and churches to share the Gospel with unreached people in Egypt and throughout the Arabic-speaking world. They serve in 15 countries across the Middle East and North Africa through outreach, discipleship, church planting, and leadership development. For security reasons, the organization's name cannot be published.

#### **Lulwanda Children's Home (c/o Grace International Children's Foundation)**

2025 Funding: \$27,000

#### **2026 Funding Recommendation: \$27,000**

Lulwanda Children's Home provides a permanent, loving home for children in Uganda who have been orphaned or abandoned. Over 120 children receive holistic care—including housing, meals, health care, and education—within a Christian community that helps each child reach their full potential. The on-site Lulwanda Primary School also educates children from the surrounding community, raising up future Christian leaders. <https://www.ugandaorphans.org/>

**Pars Theological Center**

2025 Funding: \$20,000

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000**

Iran is hosting one of the fastest growing churches in the world today. With this comes a critical need for training faithful and effective leaders who would shepherd the Iranian church into maturity in Christ and act as agents of change in all the spheres of culture and society across the Persian-speaking world. PARS Theological Center is a London-based ministry that provides theological education, leadership development, and broad support to the underground Iranian church. <http://www.parstheology.org>

**Renewing Our Minds (c/o Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation)**

2025 Funding: \$20,000

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000**

Renewing Our Minds seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

<https://www.forumforleadership.org/rom-renewing-our-minds>

**Global Missionaries****Missionary Partner: Rev. Mehrdad and Family**

Funding made out to: The Antioch Partners, Designated: Rev. Mehrdad S and Family

2025 Funding: \$5,500

**2026 Funding Recommendation: \$5,500**

Rev. Mehrdad, the first Iranian ordained pastor in ECO, lives in Germany and serves as director of the Persian Ministry at Quest Academy. He equips and mentors Persian-speaking believers in Europe and the Middle East through theological training, discipleship, and leadership development. In partnership with churches and mission organizations, he supports house churches and encourages believers to grow in faith and ministry. Pray for Mehrdad, his wife, and their two sons as they raise up a new generation of faithful leaders.