



SESSION DOCUMENTS

Mon, Dec 15, 2025

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

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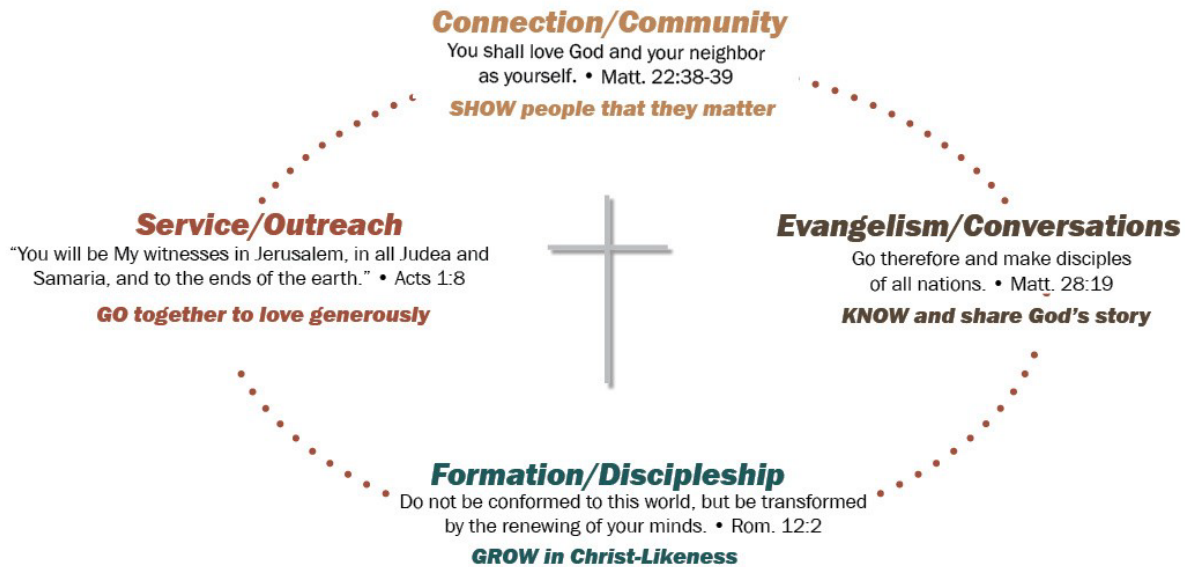
Session Meeting Agenda

December 15, 2025



Strategic Goals

2023-2028



1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** (Alf Halvorson)
2. **Establishment of Quorum** (Kelly Handel)
3. **New Members** (Dan Aikins)
*Angie Bouzerand, Jerred Crumley, Kelly Crumley, *Cameron DeLaat, Kate Henderson, Steven Henderson, *Carson Jaeger, *Carter Khalil, Damien LaPar, Kelly LaPar, Emily Lewis, Trey Lewis, *Parker Sloan, Hannah Stuckey, Russ McGowan, Bill Schwartz, Lisa Schwartz, Michele Toffelmire, Angela Winslow, Kevin Winslow, Loyd Wright, Wendy Wright*

*Denotes Confirmand

Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*
4. **Sabbatical Gleanings for Emotionally Healthy Leadership** (Beth Case)
5. **Clerk's Report** (Kelly Handel)
6. **Farewell to the Class of 2025**
7. **Treasurer's Report** (Chris Arend)

Motion from Advisory Council to merge the MDPC Memorials Fund into the MDPC Legacy Capital fund effective December 31, 2025. Effective January 1, 2026, Memorial Gifts will be credited to the Legacy Capital fund

8. First Reading of the Budget (Marcus Vajdos)

9. 2026 Housing Allowances (Marcus Vajdos)

Motion: to approve the following Housing Allowance amounts for MDPC's Ordained Staff effective 1/1/2026:

Dan Aikins	\$45,650
Clay Brown	\$46,000
Beth Case	\$47,121
Almir Dias	\$30,000
Alf Halvorson	\$58,000
Sally Henein	\$27,240
Brett Hurst	\$30,000
Michael Middleton	\$58,005
Rachel Poysky	\$40,000
Guillermo Yela	\$45,000

10. Master Planning Update (Alf Halvorson and Marcus Vajdos)

11. Omnibus Motion

- Motion** to approve the minutes of October 27, 2025, Session Meeting.
- Motion** to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2025, Session Meeting.
- Motion** to approve the terms of service for the following members of the Columbarium Committee:
Class B: Cindy and Buzz Jochetz, Sue and Joe Warren | January 1, 2023-December 31, 2026
- Transfers and Dismissals**

Please transfer the following active members:

Cochran, Cindy to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX

Perkins, Britt to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX

Wells, Phyllis and Jeff to Boerne Global Methodist Church, Boerne, TX.

- Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in November and December 2025:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Zoe Isabella Greene	Youth- Confirmand	Arlene and Cid Greene	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	11/16/2025 Immersion
Chloe Louise Jennings	Youth- Confirmand	Angela and Thomas Edward Jennings	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	11/16/2025 Immersion
Colton Louis Jennings	Youth- Confirmand	Angela and Thomas Edward Jennings	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	11/16/2025 Immersion
Georgia Hall Lancaster	Youth	Kristy and Trey Lancaster	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	11/16/2025 Immersion
Noah Jackson O'Brien	Infant	Courtney and Gavin Daniel O'Brien	Mom-Yes Dad-No	11/16/2025 Sprinkle
Tyler Gray Seaman	Adult	N/A	No	11/16/2025 Sprinkle

Tatum Grace Seaman	Infant	Haley and Tyler Seaman	Mom-No Dad-No	11/16/2025 Sprinkle
Carter James Wallis	Youth- Confirmand	Jennifer and James Wallis	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	11/16/2025 Immersion
Frances Queenie McGowan	Toddler	Hannah Stuckey and Russ McGowan	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/7/2025 Sprinkle
Georgette Blythe McGowan	Infant	Hannah Stuckey and Russ McGowan	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/7/2025 Sprinkle
Turner Miller Coleman	Toddler	Katy and Ross Coleman	Mom-Yes Dad-No	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Delaney Donalee Frank	Infant	Lindsay Adams and Austin Frank	Mom-Yes Dad-No	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Sienna Townes Johnson	Child	Katherine "Kat" and Sean Johnson	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Canyon Rae Jones	Toddler	Melanie and Garrett Jones	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Shepherd Wade Jones	Infant	Melanie and Garrett Jones	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Oliver Abbott O'Keefe	Infant	Caitlin Mairead and Patrick O'Keefe	Mom-Yes Dad-No	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
John "Jack" Tayloe Peyton	Infant	Caitlin and Harry "Hap" Peyton	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	12/14/2025 Sprinkle
Rebecca Andrea Wu	Youth Reaffirmation	Jose Wu		12/14/2025 Reaffirmation

e. **Motion** to approve Outreach Partner Funding for December 2025 as follows:

**Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding
Recommendations
December 2025
Consent Agenda items:**

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• Generation One	\$30,000	CFH
Totaling:	\$30,000	

2. Outreach - Additional Funding Recommendations*

Designated

Priority

*Funding will be distributed down the list in the order as presented below until all available funding is assigned.

• Agape Development Ministries	\$20,000	Fix sewer line issues	1
• Camp for All	\$12,950	Mattresses	2
• Action International	\$19,000	Account # 47001 Miguel and Laura Lopez - Car	3
• ECHOS	\$10,000	100 (\$100) Food-only gift cards	4
• Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack	\$3,580	Purchase of new rolling shelves & additional food for backpacks	5
• Outreach Center of West Houston	\$20,000	Robust Artificial Intelligence enabled security system	6

• Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly	\$28,130	Riverfront Relief Project	7
• Nueva Vida	\$4,175	Hearing aids, assessment and care plan	8
• Vita-Living	\$15,000	One Generator	9
• Gracewood	\$9,300	3 sets of Washers and Dryers	10
• The Beacon	\$9,000	Facility Improvements	11
• Camp for All	\$4,500	Elkway water bottle filling station	12
• Allegro Organizational Solutions	\$10,000	Glory-Stories.MJS (The Good Seed Studio)	13
• Senior Rides and More	\$2,000	40 (\$50) Gift Cards	14
• Salvation Army	\$7,500	Houston - 100 Sets of Bed Sheets, Towels & Washcloths	15
• Mission Centers of Houston	\$15,000	Purchase and install standby generators	16
• Fuller Theological Seminary	\$20,000	Scholarships for Houston Students	17
• Bible Presbyterian Ministry Uganda	\$20,000	Roof, Windows, Doors for church in West Uganda	18
• Casa El Buen Samaritano	\$10,000	Benevolence Fund	19
• Spring Branch Community Health Ctr	\$25,000	Equipment for SBCHC's West Houston CHC	20
• Galveston Urban Ministries	\$15,000	Van repair	21
• Theology By The Pint	\$3,000	Guest speaker Expenses	22
• Forum for Leadership and Reconciliation	\$20,000	Renewing Our Minds - New Van	23
• CarePartners	\$10,000	Equipment for Dementia "Snoezelen Room" at the dementia day center	24
• Nabor House Community	\$2,275	Outdoor Storage Shed, safety gates, kitchen cart & double stroller	25
• SEARCH	\$5,000	House of Tiny Treasures - Playground Enhancements	26
• Young Life	\$5,000	Houston Multi-ethnic Weekend Camp	27
• Grace International Children's Foundation	\$9,000	Solar Supply for Lulwanda Primary School & Security Lighting	28
• Magnificat Houses, Inc.	\$7,957	Audio-Visual Equipment for the Guest Advancement Center	29
• LIFE Houston	\$8,500	Printer, office supplies and formula	30
• The FORGE For Families	\$5,000	Copier Replacement	31
• Young Life	\$5,000	Houston Weekend Camp Scholarships	32
• Cornerstone Family Ministries	\$20,000	Ford Transit Van to transport clients.	33
• Yellowstone Academy	\$3,500	Lower school restriced funds - new laminator	34
• Street Grace	\$10,000	YLA Program	35
• The Outreach Foundation	\$20,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo - Faculty Housing	36
• Santa Maria Hostel	\$32,000	General building repair for Paschal facility	37

• <u>Small Steps Nurturing Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>Outdoor learning equipment (Fifth Ward Campus)</u>	<u>38</u>
• <u>Far East Broadcasting Company</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>Cambodia Radio Tower and Studio Equipment</u>	<u>39</u>
• <u>ECHOS</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>Purchase & mount TVs for waiting room and conference room</u>	<u>40</u>
• <u>Spring Branch Community Health Ctr</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>Dental equipment to increase daily service outputs.</u>	<u>41</u>
• <u>Mission Centers of Houston</u>	<u>\$15,000</u>	<u>External walk-in freezer</u>	<u>42</u>
• <u>Team Expansion</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>MP3-GC Center - Facility Expansion</u>	<u>43</u>
• <u>Pars Theological Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Counseling Support Initiative</u>	<u>44</u>
• <u>Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack</u>	<u>\$3,000</u>	<u>Additional Food Offering in the Bags for students</u>	<u>45</u>
• <u>YWAM Budapest</u>	<u>\$3,500</u>	<u>YWAM Staff Retreat</u>	<u>46</u>
• <u>The Protestant Churches of Egypt -The Evangelical Fellowship of Egypt - Bridges of Hope</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Jossour - Bridges of Hope - Guest Apartment Renovation</u>	<u>47</u>
• <u>Agape Development Ministries</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Fix sewer line issues</u>	<u>48</u>
• <u>The Antioch Partners</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>TAP Retreat Partner Scholarships</u>	<u>49</u>
• <u>His Grace Foundation</u>	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>Financial Assistance</u>	<u>50</u>
• <u>Faith Ministry</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>SUV for Reynosa</u>	<u>51</u>
• <u>JoyRide Center</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>52</u>
• <u>Bo's Place</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>Technology</u>	<u>53</u>
• <u>Galveston Urban Ministries</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Programming / Equipment - New van</u>	<u>54</u>
• <u>Spring Branch Community Health Ctr</u>	<u>\$11,500</u>	<u>Dental equipment to increase daily service outputs.</u>	<u>55</u>
• <u>Pars Theological Center</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Student Sponsorship Program</u>	<u>56</u>
• <u>Houston Area Parkinson's Society</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>400 hours of in-home respite care</u>	<u>57</u>
• <u>Grace International Children's Foundation</u>	<u>\$7,000</u>	<u>Access road to Lulwanda repair (Phase 1)</u>	<u>58</u>
• <u>Interfaith Ministries - Meals on Wheels</u>	<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>Replace HVAC Units at Houston & Galveston Facilities</u>	<u>59</u>
• <u>CanCare of Houston</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>Training of 100 Volunteers</u>	<u>60</u>
• <u>The Rose</u>	<u>\$4,000</u>	<u>Gifts for Families</u>	<u>61</u>
• <u>Easter Seals Adult Disability Program</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>Expanded Activities for Day Program</u>	<u>62</u>
• <u>Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse</u>	<u>\$10,000</u>	<u>CAPP Training</u>	<u>63</u>

Totaling: \$779,867

Year To Date: \$2,602,900

12. Calendar Reminders

December 21	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: Beautifully Broken 4 th Sunday in Advent
December 24	Christmas Eve Alf Halvorson Preaching Contemporary: 2:00 pm; Family 4:00 pm. Candlelight: 5:30, 7:00 and 8:30pm.
December 28	Rachel Poysky Preaching Final Sunday of 2025
January 4	Brett Hurst Preaching First Sunday of 2026

2026 Important Dates

January 11	New Officer Installation
January 23-24	Staff and Officer Retreat at MDPC
February 2-5	ECO National Gathering- Atlanta, GA
March 1	Annual Meeting

13. Announcements and Additional Business

14. Adjournment & Closing Prayer (Rachel Poysky)

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

Budgeted Financial Statement for Period 11 - November
SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENSE - 2025
Company#: 1 Name: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Fiscal Year Beginning 1/1/2025

Description	Nov Act	2025 YTD Act	2025 YTD Bud	Over (Under) Budget	% Variance YTD	Prior YTD 2024	2025 Budget Full Year
OPERATING INCOME							
Contributions	\$ 1,156,959	\$ 11,181,734	\$ 11,434,598	\$ (252,865)	(2.21)	\$ 11,397,255	\$ 14,203,392
Bank/Gateway/Credit Card Fees	\$ (3,347)	\$ (47,135)	\$ -	\$ (47,135)	-	\$ (47,356)	\$ -
Ministry Events Revenue	\$ 244,253	\$ 3,117,018	\$ 3,131,752	\$ (14,734)	(0.47)	\$ 2,795,977	\$ 3,388,112
Other Operating Income	\$ 2,265	\$ 241,675	\$ 91,667	\$ 150,008	163.65	\$ 332,578	\$ 100,000
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 1,400,128.92	\$ 14,493,291.24	\$ 14,658,017.02	\$ (164,725.78)	(1.12)	\$ 14,478,454.07	\$ 17,691,504.37
Ministry Operating Expense							
Pastoral Ministry							
Caring Ministry	\$ 35,566	\$ 378,958	\$ 418,652	\$ (39,695)	9.48	\$ 374,635	\$ 456,835
Fuente	\$ 3,555	\$ 152,408	\$ 147,600	\$ 4,808	(3.26)	\$ 158,919	\$ 160,781
Children's Ministry	\$ 64,525	\$ 817,321	\$ 824,902	\$ (7,581)	0.92	\$ 763,292	\$ 897,412
Youth Ministry	\$ 53,037	\$ 602,741	\$ 647,304	\$ (44,563)	6.88	\$ 534,278	\$ 702,140
Relationships	\$ 37,914	\$ 343,358	\$ 357,867	\$ (14,509)	4.05	\$ 327,497	\$ 388,560
Sports and REACH Programs	\$ 8,818	\$ 450,669	\$ 465,818	\$ (15,149)	3.25	\$ 447,632	\$ 484,570
Outreach (Admin)	\$ 53,908	\$ 612,502	\$ 607,111	\$ 5,391	(0.89)	\$ 594,585	\$ 661,504
Adult Discipleship	\$ 24,437	\$ 380,984	\$ 387,343	\$ (6,359)	1.64	\$ 367,722	\$ 422,584
Young Adult	\$ 22,060	\$ 227,800	\$ 190,572	\$ 37,228	(19.53)	\$ 153,685	\$ 207,510
Worship	\$ 37,660	\$ 428,663	\$ 440,667	\$ (12,004)	2.72	\$ 415,524	\$ 482,268
Traditional Music	\$ 35,294	\$ 395,561	\$ 406,404	\$ (10,843)	2.67	\$ 387,375	\$ 450,868
Contemporary Music	\$ 30,455	\$ 311,840	\$ 305,429	\$ 6,411	(2.10)	\$ 304,699	\$ 332,968
Brazilian Ministry	\$ 13,198	\$ 171,656	\$ 184,041	\$ (12,385)	6.73	\$ 178,588	\$ 200,768
Total Pastoral Ministry	\$ 420,427	\$ 5,274,460	\$ 5,383,711	\$ (109,251)	2.03	\$ 5,008,431	\$ 5,848,767
Support Ministry							
Communications & Media	\$ 83,831	\$ 881,834	\$ 799,998	\$ 81,836	(10.23)	\$ 847,394	\$ 872,794
Administration	\$ 71,870	\$ 814,245	\$ 854,879	\$ (40,634)	4.75	\$ 808,845	\$ 929,040
Food Service	\$ 17,306	\$ 165,980	\$ 146,667	\$ 19,313	(13.17)	\$ 147,187	\$ 160,000
Facilities & Technology	\$ 207,394	\$ 2,350,256	\$ 2,364,661	\$ (14,405)	0.61	\$ 2,618,299	\$ 2,586,448
The Little School	\$ 115,927	\$ 1,231,573	\$ 1,215,192	\$ 16,381	(1.35)	\$ 1,054,618	\$ 1,324,610
The Yellow School	\$ 70,699	\$ 773,791	\$ 704,902	\$ 68,889	(9.77)	\$ 678,341	\$ 768,714
Total Support Ministry	\$ 567,028	\$ 6,217,678	\$ 6,086,299	\$ 131,379	(2.16)	\$ 6,154,685	\$ 6,641,606
Anticipated Budget Reduction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -	\$ -
Total Ministry Operating Expense	\$ 987,455	\$ 11,492,138	\$ 11,470,009	\$ 22,129	-0.19%	\$ 11,163,116	\$ 12,490,373
Outreach Expense							
Outreach - Ministry Sponsored	\$ 72,846	\$ 1,187,183	\$ 1,391,023	\$ (203,840.65)	14.65	\$ 1,094,284	\$ 1,554,757
Outreach - Ministry Partners	\$ -	\$ 2,644,020	\$ 2,164,000	\$ 480,019.97	(22.18)	\$ 2,480,381	\$ 2,996,373
Total Outreach Expense	\$ 72,846	\$ 3,831,203	\$ 3,555,023	\$ 276,179.32	(7.77)	\$ 3,574,665	\$ 4,551,130
Other Operating Expense							
Insurance & Legal	\$ 50,891	\$ 582,818	\$ 550,000	\$ 32,818	(5.97)	\$ 507,402	\$ 600,000
Capital Additions/Reserve	\$ 4,167	\$ 45,833	\$ 45,833	\$ (0)	0.00	\$ 45,833	\$ 50,000
Total Other Operating Expense	\$ 55,058	\$ 628,651	\$ 595,833	\$ 32,818	(5.51)	\$ 553,236	\$ 650,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 1,115,359	\$ 15,951,992	\$ 15,620,866	\$ 331,126	-2.12%	\$ 15,291,017	\$ 17,691,504
Other Income(Loss)							
Total Other Income(Loss)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	\$ -	\$ -
NET INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 284,770	\$ (1,458,701)	\$ (962,849)	\$ (495,852)	51.50%	\$ (812,563)	\$ 1
Restr & Enrichment Inc/((Exp)	\$ 2,593,563	\$ 3,300,472	\$ -	\$ 3,300,472	-	\$ (123,755)	\$ -

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

Name	Month to Month			
	Nov 2025	Oct 2025	Difference	Nov 2024
ASSETS				
Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,551,592.77	1,044,964.94	2,506,627.83	3,640,623.87
Current Investments (Unrestricted)	1,570,897.30	1,706,474.37	(135,577.07)	1,692,964.87
Total Unrestricted Cash & Cash Equivalents	5,122,490.07	2,751,439.31	2,371,050.76	5,333,588.74
Current Investments (Restricted)	4,660,120.41	4,660,120.41	-	2,476,089.99
Legacy Restricted Cash & Equivalents	5,157,241.82	5,157,241.82	-	4,394,813.96
Total Restricted Cash & Equivalents	9,817,362.23	9,817,362.23	-	6,870,903.95
Prepaid Expense, Deposits, Inventory	309,849.84	344,438.12	(34,588.28)	363,647.56
Miscellaneous Receivables	8,202.98	8,719.32	(516.34)	15,653.62
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	24,295,177.56	21,959,231.42	2,335,946.14	20,627,182.11
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	204,054.33	788,418.50	(584,364.17)	127,256.17
Other Payables	87,634.56	88,606.40	(971.84)	90,758.57
Prepaid Tuition and Fees	56,955.00	14,019.33	42,935.67	84,221.00
Custodial Accounts	47,444.61	47,431.76	12.85	105,206.77
Note Payable-PNC /PPP	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	396,088.50	938,475.99	(542,387.49)	407,442.51
NET ASSETS				
Unrestricted Net Assets	10,141,782.50	9,857,012.28	284,770.22	11,769,772.61
Temp. Restricted Net Assets	8,713,505.77	6,023,710.18	2,689,795.59	2,950,602.04
Perm. Restricted Net Assets	433,857.59	433,857.59	-	433,857.59
Restricted Legacy Net Assets	4,609,943.20	4,706,175.38	(96,232.18)	5,065,507.36
TOTAL NET ASSETS	23,899,089.06	21,020,755.43	2,878,333.63	20,219,739.60
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	24,295,177.56	21,959,231.42	2,335,946.14	20,627,182.11

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION
Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
October 27, 2025

Elders Present: Jeannie Able, Amanda Austin, Sandy Ballard, Carla Bradford, Rick Chapman, Stephanie Espinoza, Ellen Davidson, Alex Knoop, Michael Kringel, Marc Laney, Bob Larson, Hector Longoria, Stefano Lugo-Doval, Lisa McChristian, Michael McCormack, Kim Oswald, Nikki Pielop, Sharon Roark, Peggy Samuels, David Shelfer, Nathan Stedham, Joe Stockdale, Kyle Wienert

Elders Excused: Chris Arend, Ginny French, Kelly Handel, Mike Pelton, Rosy Pereira, Andre Verona

Elders Absent: Jennifer Fernelius, Tarryn Lankford, Leslie Sloan, Hunter Smith, Ryan Taylor, Mat Yelvington, Christina Morse, Madison Limbacher,

Pastors Present: Dan Aikins, Clay Brown, Almir Dias, Alf Halvorson, Rachel Poysky, Guillermo Yela

Pastors Excused: Beth Case, Brett Hurst

Staff Present: Amy Delgado, Beverly Fluke, Sally Henein, Hillary McMullen, Amanda Shockley, Jennifer Vajdos, Marcus Vajdos, Steffanie West

Call to Order: Pastor Alf Halvorson called the meeting of the Session of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church to order at 6:32 pm in the Chapel. He gave us an update on his mom's health and his visit with her in Missouri. He then opened us with a reading from 2 Cor 4:16-5:5 and prayer.

Call for Quorum: The Clerk-elect, Joe Stockdale, affirmed that a quorum was present.

New Members:

Karol Bell, Robert Bell, Kaye Busiek, Guadalupe Bonola, Kamryn Colazzi, Linda Crosby, Kat Johnson, Sean Johnson, Donna Langerud, Finn Langerud, Bryan Reyes

The above-named friends all attended in person to be received by Session. All were approved as new Covenant Partners at MDPC.

Clerk's Report: (Carla Bradford and Joe Stockdale)

- Commissioner Update and Additional Call -ECO National Gathering – February 2026

Motion to approve the following individuals as Commissioners to the Synod Business Meeting, ECO National Gathering on February 5, 2026: Carla Bradford, Sharon Roark

- Nominating Committee- Presentation of Approved Slate
- Officer Job Descriptions- Director/Elder Updates - spent some time in small groups working on updates to job descriptions, as part of the bigger update of Policies and Operations.

Treasurer's Report: (Kyle Wienert)

Generosity Committee Update: (Michael McCormack)

Columbarium Committee Update: (Dena Bankett and Christine Gentile)

Motion from the Columbarium Committee: To approve a price increase for Niches in the MDPC Columbarium as follows: Single Niche Increase from \$2200 to \$3000 and Double Niche increase from \$4000 to \$5000.

Ministry Update Youth: (Amanda Shockley and Hillary McMullen)

Confirmation Class update and a call out for elders to participate in the review of the confirmation candidates. Elder Review and Session meeting to approve both on November 9th. This is a change from years past when the Session meeting occurred just prior to the 9:45 service where confirmands presented to the congregation.

Master Planning Update: (Alf Halvorson and Marcus Vajdos)**Omnibus Agenda:**

Alf introduced the Omnibus Motion below for October 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

- a. **Motion** to approve the minutes of September 22, 2025, Session Meeting.
- b. **Motion** to approve the following baptisms performed in October 2025:

Name	Age	Parents	Member	Date
Kendall Beth Fedorko	Youth	Laura Beth and Benjamin Adam Fedorko	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	10/12/2025 Immersion
Blake Christopher Haas	Youth	Angelica and David Haas	Mom-No Dad-No	10/12/2025 Immersion
McClaine Marie Jones	Infant	Lauren Chapman and Graham Jones	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	10/12/2025 Sprinkle
Wyatt Matthew Saxe	Youth	Audrey and Kevin Saxe	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	10/12/2025 Immersion
Brooks Howard Stresau	Child	Amanda and Michael Ashton Stresau	Mom-Yes Dad-Yes	10/12/2025 Sprinkle

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

Consent Agenda items:

Partner Funding Recommendations**Designated**

Star of Hope	\$25,000		CFH
The Restoration Team	\$10,000		CFH
Yellowstone Academy	\$15,000	Pre-K through 5th grade Program	CFH
Loving Houston	\$20,000		DE
Theology by the Pint	\$15,000		DE
Urban Catalyst	\$5,500	Justin Elder Personal Support	DE
PTSD Foundation of America	\$10,000	Camp Hope Programming	HSN
Sports Quest	\$5,000	Greater Houston Programming	HSN
Blessings in a Backpack	\$12,500	Blessings in a Backpack Bayou City / Houston	SBH
ChildBuilders	\$10,000		SBH
Kids' Meals	\$20,000		SBH
Mission of Yahweh	\$20,000		SBH
Salvation Army	\$25,000	Shelter food & Meal Programs	SBH
Free Wheelchair Mission	\$35,000		Global
The Outreach Foundation	\$5,000	Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo	Global
Totaling:	\$233,000		

Year To Date: \$2,572,900

Christmas Eve Offering 2025 Partners	Designated	Missionary
Urban Catalyst	Designated: Justin Elder	Local
The Antioch Partners	Designated: Adair	Global
Frontier Fellowship	Designated: Biru	Global
CRU	Designated: Missionary #0638840	Global
Steven and Natalie Hall		Global
The Antioch Partners	Designated: House Family	Global
YWAM	Designated: Personal Support (Johnson)	Global
Allegro Organizational Solutions	Designated: Acct# NYC-BB.KSJ	Global
The Antioch Partners	Designated: Leina & Salam	Global
Action International Ministries	Designated: Acct# 47001	Global
The Antioch Partners	Designated: Sajadi Family	Global
Pioneers	Designated: Acct# 112440	Global
Novo Mission Inc.	Designated: Acct# 6781 Zovak	Global

Mission Market 2025 Partners

The Antioch Partners		Global
Faith in Practice		Global
Free Wheelchair Mission		Global
Living Water International		Global
Grace International Children's Foundation	Lulwanda Children's Home	Global
The Micah Project		Global
Pars Theological Centre		Global
The Beacon		CFH
Yellowstone Academy	Pre-K - 5th Grade Program	CFH
Camp for All		DE
Bridges to Life		DE
PTSD Foundation of America	Camp Hope	HSN
Senior Rides and More		HSN
Bayou City Blessings in a Backpack		SBH
Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (L.I.F.E.)		SBH
Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country	Kerr County Flood Relief	

Calendar Reminders

November 2	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: Beautifully Broken Covenant Sunday
November 9	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: Beautifully Broken Third Grade Bibles
November 16	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: Beautifully Broken Confirmation Sunday Baptisms
November 23	Alf Halvorson Preaching Sermon Series: Beautifully Broken

November 30

Alf Halvorson Preaching| **First Sunday in Advent| Communion**

Remaining 2025 Session Meeting & Important Dates

November 9	Elder Confirmand Review and Called Session Meeting
December 15	6:30 pm Chapel

2026 Important Dates

January 11	New Officer Installation
January 23-24	Staff and Officer Retreat at MDPC
February 2-5	ECO National Gathering- Atlanta, GA
March 1	Annual Meeting

Announcements and Additional Business

WayForward Backpacking Trip Update – Alex Knoop

Adjournment

A **Motion** to adjourn the October 2025 Session Meeting was made at 7:49. Rachel guided us in prayer

Minutes respectfully submitted on behalf of Kelly Handel, Clerk, by Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Coordinator. October 2025

MEMORIAL DRIVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minutes of Called Session Meeting,
November 9, 2025

The Session meeting was called to order at 10:35am, Sunday, November 9, 2025, in the Youth Room by Rev. Dr. Rachel Poysky, who stated the meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the **Confirmation Class of 2025** as new Covenant Partners. Joe Stockdale, Clerk-elect, declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting was opened with prayer.

Elders present: Jeannie Able, Chris Arend, Amanda Austin, Sandy Ballard, Rick Chapman, Stephanie Espinoza, Ginny French, Kelly Handel, Marc Laney, Michael McCormack, Christina Morse, Kim Oswald, David Shelfer, Joe Stockdale, Ryan Taylor,

Upon completion of the examination of ~~40 of the~~ **44** members of the **Confirmation Class of 2025**, all were asked to profess their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, express their willingness to follow Christ and commit themselves to joyfully participate in the community of faith at MDPC. Sandy Ballard moved the motion to receive the following named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC. Then, by vote of the Session, they were accepted into membership.

William Carter Going Jr.
Emma Kate Pezzia
Hannah Joy Lumpkin
John Harrison Brown
Graham Kirk Conn
Drew Tanous
Charlotte Ann Taylor
Eli Laurier Ickes
Elizabeth Dang
Caroline Jane Cooper
Carter James Wallis
Nathaniel Long
Susan Rebekah Powell
Claire Elizabeth Osteen
Gracie Watson
Charlotte Llewellyn King
Eloise Lane Harrison
Chase Patrick Michels
Charlie Dardis
Luke Grayson Tackett
Vivian Isabel Espinoza
Wesley Elias Simpson
Vera Anne Finnilla
Alexandra Christine Chapman
Brooks Shelfer
Jane Watford Vajdos
Cole Cattan
Carter Cattan
William Robert Holz
Emmaline Rose McChristian
Wiley Jean Janke
Molly Daly
Zoe Greene
Joseph Robert Winship
Beatrix Crank
Lorelei Crank
Connor Ian Lankford
Chloe Louise Jennings

Colton Louis Jennings
Street Stedham

Motion to adjourn was seconded and approved and the meeting was closed with prayer at 10:39 am by Rachel Poysky.

Please note that the following four Confirmands are to be voted on before Session on Monday, December 15, 2025:

Cameron DeLaat
Carson Jaeger
Carter Khalil
Parker Sloan

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Vajdos, Executive Ministries Coordinator

**Outreach
Funding Recommendations
December 2025**

CFH

Generation One

2024 Funding: \$36,600 (\$30,000 and \$6,600 O&A)

2025 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Generation One, located in Houston's Third Ward, works to address educational, emotional, and spiritual development needs of children and families who experience generational poverty, high stress, and unstable homes. Programs include a year-round preschool for children ages 3-5, a tuition free after-school and summer program for youth K-8th grade, and programs to support families, including counseling, case management, and parenting classes. Generation One is developing an evidence-based framework of high-quality early childhood development that can be replicated in other low-income communities.

<https://generationone.net>

Combined Minutes of the Session Committees December 2025 Session Meeting

Caring Ministries Committee Minutes:

November 18, 2025

Attendees: Annette Erickson, Beverly Fluke, Bob Larson, Christine Roskamp, Suzanne Tobin, Barbara Mueller, Beth Case, Judy Stockton, Sue Warren, Paul Whelchel, Christine Gentil

Absent: Olga Griffin, Jim Newlin, Judy Gordon Lesikar

Opening Prayer: Bob Larson (from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions")

Reflection: Beth Case shared highlights and lessons learned from her sabbatical as well as Psalm 65. Welcome back, Beth!

Ministry Reports

Community Relations:

- On November 10, the Community Relations Committee hosted a "Veterans Coffee and Connection" gathering. The goal was to foster connections between fellow veterans in our community. Pastor Halvorson opened the coffee hour with a devotional and prayer. That lead to a time of table talk with a "host" veteran at each table to get the conversations going. Twenty-five veterans attended and gave positive feedback afterwards, including a unanimous request to do it again next year!

Deacons:

- Deacon Friendsgiving was graciously and excellently hosted by Christine and Jeff Gentil. A mix of deacons, spouses, and staff attended and a good time was had by all.
- As we welcome seven deacons to the Officer Class of 2028, the following deacons graduate in the Class of 2025 to resting deacon: Judy Gordon, Judy Stockton, Andy Udden, Jim Newlin, Christine Roskamp, and Paul Whelchel. Thank you to all for their faithfulness and service to Christ!

Dementia and Caregiver Support:

- The October 1st **Gathering Place** meeting had 10 CarePartners, 6 caregivers and 12 volunteers in attendance. The theme was Halloween and people came dressed in costumes. The craft was decorating mini pumpkins. The entertainer was Mr. J. John Ingram. Laura Benes led the exercise. Devotional by Rachel, followed by lunch and bingo (standard activities for the group), finished off the day.
- The **Caregivers Luncheon** was held on Thursday, October 16 with 7 people in attendance. Our devotional on helping was inspiring. This group continues to support, encourage and provide valuable information for each other. We are trying to find the best time and day to accommodate most people.

Grief Support:

- **Transforming Grief:** Dates for the spring 2026 series are pending. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.
- **The Widows Connection:** The Widows Connection group meets for lunch and fellowship on the third Thursday of each month. Six ladies attended in October. The

next meeting will be November 18 and then the December meeting will be a special Christmas lunch at Judy Stockton's home. Contact her for more information.

- **Ministry of Presence:** Caring Ministries staff and officers send out cards and grief books to MDPC members during their first year of losing a loved one.

Health Ministry – Blood Drive:

- The final blood drive of the year at MDPC was Sunday, October 26. We had 14 donors. 11 donated whole blood, 3 donated double red cells. Vern Irwin was our oldest donor at 93 years old.
- We added 3 new names to our MDPC Blood Donor group and now have a total of 188 participants in the group.
- Our year-to-date collections were 39 units of whole blood, 22 units of double red cells, 2 units of AX-RBC/Plas and 1 unit of AX-Plasma.
- We currently have 2 drives scheduled for 2026 on February 8, 2026 and June 14, 2026.

Home Communion:

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

Home Visitation:

- The Home Visitation team makes monthly visits/calls to members of the MDPC community who can no longer make it to church in person or just appreciate extra connection with caring Christian brothers and sisters.
- 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:

- October: 2 memorial services with receptions were hosted at MDPC. 2 inurnment services were held in the MDPC Columbarium.

Prayer Ministry:

- Pastors and directors are available following each English worship service to talk and pray with worshippers.
- The annual Partners in Prayer invitation will be emailed to all worshippers the week of November 17.
- Communion will be served Sunday, November 30. Officers and resting officers will have the privilege of prayerfully serving the congregation on this first Sunday of Advent. You can sign up via the Officers Website or by contacting Tracy Stidam at tstidam@mdpc.org

Second Family:

- Second Family /Mobile Meals Volunteers spent 83.5 hours supporting their care partners during October 2025. During October we had 14 care partners in Second Family and 7 members received Mobile Meals. All of the Care Partners are very grateful for the support and friendship they receive.

- We need a few more volunteers for Second Family. Please contact Barbara Mueller, Second Family Deacon, or Beverly Fluke for more information.

Senior Adult Ministry:

- The monthly Senior Adult newsletter is mailed to about 165 families. The newsletter contains descriptions of upcoming activities of Venturers, Encore Fellowship, Prime Timers, and Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch. Information for Senior events and activities is also on posters around campus and online at seniors.mdpc.org.
- **Venturers:** At Fratelli's Restaurant, on November 3, James Faulkner told us about his life as a dyslexic; 46 registered. On December 1, Harpist Mary Jane Sinclair will play her harp and lead us in Christmas singalong songs.
- **Encore Fellowship:** On October 25, 28 saw the play Dearly Departed at the Stratford Playhouse. The next event will be dinner at Chavez Mexican Café on November 18.
- **Prime Timers:** Events for October and November were cancelled. The next event will be a trip to Brookwood Gardens on December 10.
- **Senior Adult Fellowship Lunch:** The group meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at MDPC Café with Show and Tell at each lunch. On October 20, 21 attended and shared an item or picture of something they've collected. On November 17, the focus will be on what they give thanks for at Thanksgiving.

Stephen Ministry:

- The Stephen Ministry team met on October 14 for Supervisory Meeting and again on October 28 for Continuing Education. Two Stephen Ministers spoke on lessons learned on depression from personal experience and how to walk alongside others going through depression. Healthy discussion with Q&A followed.
- Applications are being accepted from members who feel called to become a Stephen Minister. Interviews with Stephen Leaders will take place through December in preparation for training that will take place January through May, 2026. Contact Beverly Fluke for more information.
- 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 can be sent to Beverly Fluke in Caring Ministries.

Other:

- Pastor Beth expresses great appreciation to Caring Ministries Staff, to Deacons, and to MDPC Pastors who have covered for her during her three-month sabbatical. The time to spend intentionally with God and with family and friends was precious.

Next Meeting: No meeting in December. Tentative date for first meeting in the new year is January 20, 2026.

Closing Prayer: Bob Larson

Children's Ministries Committee Minutes:

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Attendants: Keri Mosk, Ellen Davidson, Lenora Oliveira, Mimi Wells, Maryan Moghrabi, Heather Tackett, Angela Jennings, Kritsten Anderson, Ashley Plaisance, Tara Reibschlaeger, Mayra Arellano, Sarah Kilgore, David Kemper
Devotional led by David Kemper

Elementary Update:

Christmas Village December 7 (3:30-5:30) volunteer if you can
3rd grade Bible retreat (28 Kids registered) last Sunday, Bible Presentation November 9 (9:45 and 11:15). Kids are asking to bring cooking class back in Blast Off, but a volunteer is needed to run the class.

Important elementary dates:

3rd Grade Bible November 9 in Sanctuary
November 19 Last Blast off
December 7: Christmas Village
January 14 Spring Blastoff Begins

Preschool Update:

Bubble day was a great success and included the Good News Show (26 kids registered). Working on staffing attendance problems on Sundays. Looking for a worship guitar leader.

Childcare Plus Update:

Having issues with staff working 7 days a week, then not showing on Sunday. There have been 8 babies in nursery every Sunday

Important Dates:

11/8: PNO 85 kids registered

Kaleidoscope & Safe Haven Update:

Ignite Bible Study is going well with 4 kids showing up. 94 people showed up to Family Camp. Trying to have a sensory friendly room at the Christmas Village. Looking for more teen volunteers for Sundays.

Important Dates:

11/21: PNO for 12 and above

Little School/Yellow School:

Donuts with grownups with both schools together (200 people showed). Feedback was great and plan to keep doing this in the future. YS registration coming up with new tuition rates (the increase is comparable to the schools in the area)

Fuente: no update

BPC:

Giving out Bibles this Sunday to BPC kids. One elementary Sunday school class on Sunday. CCP provides care for little kids. Still using Big Story Curriculum used in the Galaxy.

Finance Committee Minutes:

November 19, 2025

Present members: Marcus Vajdos, Dena Bankett, Kelly Handel, Bob Davis, Chris Arend, Kyle Wienert, Rosy Pereira, Karin Tyson, Bill Enzer, Mark Lumpkin

Absent members: Christina Morse, Michael McCormack, Jennifer Fernelius,

Quorum: Marcus called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. There was a quorum present.

1. The meeting was held in person and started at 5:05pm.
2. October minutes were deemed acceptable for approval by consent.
3. A devotional was led by Bob Davis with a reflection on Psalm 1:1
4. Mr. Arend asked for updates from the different committees:
 - a. **Generosity:** No significant updates.
 - b. **Outreach: Mr.** Final partner allocations pending to be made during the December meeting.
 - c. **Personnel:** No financial updates.
 - d. **Clerk:** No financial updates.
5. Ms. Bankett reported on financials
 - a. 2025 YTD contributions showed a positive variance of \$231.1K (as of October). This balance includes the other operating income of \$156.1K.
 - b. Ministry expenses are lowered by \$71.6K, primarily due to youth ministry (\$42.7K) and caring ministry (36.4K). Communication/media noted as an area of increase primarily due to salaries, benefits, and overtime. There has been an increased demand for video production (adult discipleship classes, worship recordings, social media content). Accountability and reporting structures discussed.
 - c. Net income (loss): The actual loss (as of October) is \$1.7M, and it is primarily related to the timing of payment for Outreach expenses. The result of the loss is expected to normalize in the upcoming months as Outreach has approximately \$300K left to pay.
6. Budget oversight:
 - a. **Forecasting:** Discussion around considering budget revision throughout the year. Evaluating the possibility to expand variance analysis to clarify if overages are due to overtime, miscalculated benefits, or new projects.
 - b. **Budget:** Mr. Vajdos explained the budget process takes a bottom-up approach, starting with the pastoral expenses (salaries, benefits, program costs). Each department is responsible for its budget, which is revised with the Finance department. Budget expenses include approximately 4% increase for 2026. The first read of the 2026 budget will be performed at the December session meeting.
7. Motions & Policy Discussions:
 - a. **Memorials Fund::** Current practice: ~\$25–30K annually, designated for capital improvements. Proposal: Move memorials under “Legacy Capital” fund effective December 31. Motion to be drafted and circulated in advance for review.
 - b. **Budget Approval Process:** Discussion on timing of first and second readings. Current P&O requires first reading in December, final approval in January. Emphasis on transparency and rhythm of business to allow adequate review.
 - i. Proposal to streamline:
 - Finance Committee reviews draft before sending to elders.
 - Session receives a draft in advance for questions.
 - Second reading required only if changes exceed agreed threshold (e.g., >X%).

8. Unfinished businesses:

- a. **Create reserve accounts spreadsheet:** A new template will be created to track restricted funds with clear explanations of purpose, expected growth or spending, and next steps for each fund.

The meeting adjourned at 7pm. Bob Davis made a motion to adjourn, and Kelly Handel provided a second, and the motion passed unanimously.