

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 26, 2025

MODERATOR
The Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED SESSION MEETING on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Opening Prayer

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth

Elders Present: Nnenna Akwari, Earl Baudin, Kendall Compton, Sarah Easterling, Morris Harper, Dorothy Hobbs, Tom Hodge, Thomas Horton, Debbie Kaplan, Tom Lee, Doug Lunn, Sue McGown, Steve Murphy, Judy Prisk, Rick Sell and Karen Welton

Excused: Lisa Descant, Martha Hunt

Absent: none

Others in attendance: Rev. Aaron Hanz, Rev. Denise Phelps, Julie Clark, Jordan Goodie, Ivy Castle-Simpson, Sharon High, Jamie Horton, Hardie Morgan, Candy Aldridge

Call Meeting to Order – Rev. Julia Leeth called the meeting to order and led the Elders in communal reading and praying of Luke 5:27-32.

Moderator's Report: Julia updated the Elders on the status of the search for the Equipping Pastor: several resumes were received and a few were viable. We may extend the posting deadline until May 15 to post the job description in additional places.

Clerk's Report and Administrative Matters: Refer to the report included in the Session packet.

Approval of Consent Agenda: There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and approved.

New Business
none

Strategy Team Updates

Ministry Support – The February meeting included the Grace School Elders. Grace School staff asked us to consider modifying the Session-approved step-down of the subsidy. The team agreed to discuss it for the out-years of the plan. Grace Church's financials are better than projected. YTD unrestricted

income in January 2025 is 18% higher than in January 2024. Pledge update: there are 10 fewer pledges than last year, but pledges increased by \$235,000. This year, the stewardship campaign will be moved to October instead of November. See the monthly report for additional information.

Worship –See the monthly report.

Equip –Grace Men’s ministry has moved from breakfast format to lunch format, beginning March 19, 2025. See the monthly report for more information.

Serve – the team did not meet in February, but Chair Tom Lee described the upcoming work trip to North Carolina. Team members will leave May 5 and return on May 9. The cost is \$400, including housing, meals, tools, and supervision.

Leadership Development – Chair Nnenna Akwari presented the 2025 Strategy Team Committee assignments for approval. Julia called for a vote, and it was approved.

Grace School - See monthly report.

There was a motion to adjourn, which was seconded and approved.

Rev. Leeth closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session