

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SESSION MEETING MINUTES
HOUSTON, TEXAS
APRIL 23, 2025

MODERATOR
The Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED SESSION MEETING on Wednesday April 23, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

Attendance:

Pastors Present: Rev. Dr. Julia Leeth

Elders Present: Nnenna Akwari, Earl Baudin, Lisa Descant, Morris Harper, Dorothy Hobbs, Tom Hodge, Debbie Kaplan, Tom Lee, Doug Lunn, Sue McGown, Steve Murphy, Rick Sell and Karen Welton

Excused: Kendall Compton, Sarah Easterling, Thomas Horton, Martha Hunt, Judy Prisk,

Absent: none

Others in attendance: Rev. Francisco Garibay, Rev. Denise Phelps, Daniel Baudin, Traci Baudin, Liz Kay, Ivy Castle-Simpson, Nancy Condrey, Vic Condrey, Kristi Elmore, Sharon High, Candy Aldridge and 2025 Confirmands:

Meredith Alvarado
Angel Caxaj
Thomas Elmore
Anna Jaeger
Caroline Maberry
Joshua Mondlak
Jordan Tritt

Call Meeting to Order – Rev. Julia Leeth called the meeting to order and led the Elders in communal reading and praying of Luke 24:44-48.

Moderator's Report – There are 2 strong candidates for Associate Pastor who will be interviewed via Zoom around May 19-20.

Confirmands' Faith Statements

These Confirmands completed the Confirmation classes and met with Elders tonight to be examined and present their faith statements in small groups. The Elders returned to the general meeting and confirmed that all were fit for membership as Covenant Partners at Grace. Julia posed the membership questions and all responded affirmatively. A motion was made to accept these confirmands into membership. The motion was seconded and approved.

Clerk's Report and Administrative Matters

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 – Chair Lisa Descant reported that the fiscal year deficit is \$159,332 lower than budgeted, due to reduced operating expenses. See the monthly report for details.

Worship – The team has not met yet this quarter.

Equip – See the monthly report. Sue McGown reported that Grace will begin an all-church Bible Project this fall. We will all read the entire Bible together, beginning in September. It will be the subject for preaching and teaching.

Serve – Chair Tom Lee reported that several members of Grace attended the grand opening of Camden Park. The upcoming work trip to North Carolina has been rescheduled for May 26-30. There is space for 15 and 7 have signed up so far. The cost is \$400, including housing, meals, tools, and supervision.

Grace School – Chair Karen Welton presented a motion to approve allocation of \$460,000 to rebuild the playground for the Lower School. The motion was approved. The annual gala raised \$530,000. See the monthly report.

Leadership Development – Chair Nnenna reported that the Church Officer Nominating Committee has begun the process of searching for 6 Elders and 17 Deacons. Nominations are open through May 15.

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

Rev. Leeth closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



Candy Clarke Aldridge
Clerk of Session