

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
HOUSTON, TEXAS  
MARCH 25, 2026

**MODERATOR**  
The Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

The Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, Houston, Texas met in a STATED SESSION MEETING on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in Massey-Tucker Hall.

**Attendance:**

**Pastors Present:** The Reverend Doctor Julia Leeth

**Elders Present:** Bill Akwari, Nnenna Akwari, Kendall Compton, Sarah Easterling, Grant Kay, Morris Harper, Tom Hodge, Thomas Horton, Doug Lunn, Sue McGown, Steve Murphy, Tami Plummer, Kim Rankin, Rick Sell, Ethan Tritt, Cynthia Walston and Karen Welton

**Excused:** Judy Prisk

**Absent:** n/a

**Others in attendance:** Liz Kay, Hardie Morgan, Rev. Denise Phelps, Sharon High and Candy Aldridge

**Call Meeting to Order** – Rev. Leeth called the meeting to order and led the Elders in communal prayer of Ezekial 34:26-28.

**Moderator's Report** – ECO is doing a deep dive in the Essential Tenets over the next 10 years. Julia urged Elders to sign up for Communion. It's one of the essential duties of an Elder. At the April Session meeting, all the pastors will be attending a pastors' retreat. Morris Harper will moderate the meeting.

**Clerk's Report and Administrative Matters**

**Approval of Consent Agenda.**

There was a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. It was seconded and the motion carried.

**Strategy Team Updates:**

**Ministry Support** – In 2025, there were 473 giving units. Unrestricted contributions are 44% greater than FY2025. Expenses were up 7% over FY2025. Due to the increase in FY26 revenue, we have a surplus of \$151,053 over the same period last year. As an update to the 5-10-5 plan, the first 5 is going strong. Much more work needs to be done on the 10 part. Elders brainstormed some ideas of how to increase giving from those who are not giving and new Covenant Partners.

**Leadership Development** -The team approved a sabbatical for Julia in 2027. She has been in ministry 25 years and has not taken a sabbatical. This sabbatical was in the terms of call for the Senior Pastor. She has applied for a grant to fund three months. If the grant is not awarded, she will split the time between two years. The Church Officer Nominating Committee begins its work identifying church officer candidates in April. See the monthly report.

**Worship** - The team did not meet.

**Equip** - see monthly report.

**Serve** - Serve is working on developing a more personal relationship with our mission partners. Rosie Pastas Brown Phom and Stu Ross, longtime mission partners, will be in town in the next few weeks.

**Grace School** - see monthly report.

**Announcements** - Julia asked the Elders to be present at all 3 worship services on Easter Sunday. There are 54 students going on the mission trip to Montana. Prayers for many concerns were voiced.

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

Julia closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Candy Clarke Aldridge*

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