

First United Methodist Church Little Rock

Leadership Council Meeting

September 13, 2026

Present: Elaine Bultena, Jessica Keith, Colin Gorman, Kelly Jackson, Stark Ligon, Harvey Wiley, Jim Wohlleb, Juanita Woodard

Haley Jones Wells, Shannon Webb, James Stanley, Lesley Andrews, Mary Jane Cole, Sonja Taylor-Larkowski, Heather Rose, Sean Dunbar, David Freeman

Chair Kelly Jackson began the meeting by asking Rev. Freeman to pray. David thanked the group for gathering for a special Leadership Council meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to review the church's vision plan (2026-2031) and to hear staff presentations on five initiatives: Creating greater community engagement, group spiritual direction, center for sacred arts, center for sacred aging, new faith formation models for youth and children.

David passed out packets that are the combined presentations of the five initiatives.

Kelly resumed the meeting after a break. She asked for a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes. Jim Wohlleb offered a motion to accept, and Juanita Woodard offered a second. All approved.

Sonja Taylor-Larkowski, director of finance and administration, presented the finance report: Income through August 31 - \$1,272,596

Expenses through August 31 - \$1,311,698

Net Loss through August 31 - \$39,102

Juanita made a motion to approve the finance report and Jim made a second. All approved.

David and staff are compiling required material to submit to the charge conference. David will send an email with these charge conference requirements to the Leadership Council for members to vote. The charge conference is October 25 at 2:00 P.M.

Joe Kirby has been learning about the equipment and functions within the church building by working with Harold Wesley. Joe will take the Leadership Council on a tour of the building.

Kelly adjourned the meeting and David closed with a prayer.

