

2026-2027 BUDGETED EXPENSES

LEFC Kids	\$37,010
Students	\$62,065
Adult Ministries	\$110,000
Family Ministry	\$4,700
Mobilization	\$540,400
Worship Arts	\$23,915
Technical Arts	\$27,100
Elders	\$30,450
EFCA	\$112,500
Deacons	\$62,200
Deaconesses	\$7,850
Information Technology	\$55,123
Property Management	\$197,015
401 Pierson	\$11,250
Front Door	\$3,700
Sr. Pastor	\$14,100
Hospitality	\$26,800
Administration	\$55,875
Communications	\$4,000
Executive Pastor	\$63,500
Finance	\$494,596
Capital Purchases	\$20,000
Witness Park	(\$19,250)
Compensation & Benefits	\$2,644,101
Immanuel	\$11,000

Total Budget **\$4,600,000**

PROPOSED BUDGET

**PROPOSED 2026-27
BUDGETED REVENUE:
\$4,600,000**

2025-26 Budget:
\$4,280,000

**PROPOSED 2026-27
WEEKLY BUDGET:
\$88,462**

2025-26 Weekly Budget:
\$82,308

The budget was reviewed by the Finance Advisory Council, approved by the Elder Board, and is recommended to members for approval.

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2026 BUDGET BROCHURE

JULY 1, 2026 - JUNE 30, 2027

LEFC BUDGET VISION FOR 2026 - 2027

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR TONY

To the members of LEFC,

Last year's budget was the first time we organized our ministry spending around what we call the **Four Rocks**. These represent our vision of what we believe we are called to be as a church: a **Praying Church**, a **Teaching Church**, a **Multiplying Church** and a church whose global efforts are focused on **Reaching Southeast Asia**. Grounding that vision is our core mission: to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The individual budgets reflect this effort to make disciples and pursue these four rocks.

Lord willing, we expect to launch new opportunities in the 2027-2028 budget. Prayerfully, we foresee launching a church plant and a formalized leadership and pastoral development track that will benefit our multiplication, teaching, and Southeast Asia efforts. Until then, we see this next fiscal year as a building year upon these four rocks, preparing us for what we envision as our next steps. As I think about this budget, I can joyfully say glory to God for the great things He has done and is going to do here at LEFC and beyond!

Pastor Tony

ROCK - REACHING SOUTHEAST ASIA

God has called LEFC as a church to be part of His work reaching Southeast Asia with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This budget supports casting the vision for people to go to Southeast Asia, as well as equipping them to do the work when they get there. This relates to our budget in the following ways:

Southeast Asia Global Partner Support: \$294,500

Additionally, LEFC

- supports approximately 230 children through Global Fingerprints which has led to more than 6 churches being planted.
- is sending an adult short-term missions team to Thailand in June and a Crossover youth team to Thailand in July.
- is sending Pastor Bob, Pastor Gary, Ellen Poorman and Chip Mershon to lead two church planting leaders conferences and a women's conference in Southeast Asia in August.
- is spending \$20,000 to support church planting in a country in Southeast Asia.

ROCK - TEACHING CHURCH

God has called LEFC to be faithful in teaching the word of God, and to equip people to teach the word of God.

Teaching and Equipping:

- LEFC Kids: \$37,010
- Students: \$62,065
- Adults: \$106,900
- Development & Training: \$74,575
- Interns: \$23,275

ROCK - MULTIPLICATION CHURCH

The gospel is driven by multiplication as disciples of Jesus make new disciples of Jesus. Multiplication happens both inside and outside the walls of LEFC.

Leadership Development is part of nearly every departmental budget.

Revitalization & Church Planting - As Immanuel Evangelical Free Church returns to health, we are entering our last year of financial support, providing \$35,000 towards their budget.

In addition, God continues to stir in the hearts of LEFC's people towards this effort, and we are continuing to develop people through the pastors pathway, rising leader mentorship, leadership lab, and the teaching pathway.

Denominational Support: \$112,500

ROCK - PRAYING CHURCH

Prayer undergirds everything we do and is a critical component of both lay and professional leadership at LEFC.

While this is not a specific budget item, our Pastors, Ministers and Directors are all encouraged to set aside one work day a month as a dedicated day of prayer. While not a new practice, this is one of the ways this rock is represented in our budget.

FACILITY UPDATE

- In September of 2026, we anticipate opening approximately 17,000 additional square feet of ministry space. This budget includes support for the increased utility and custodial expenses related to this expansion.
- 401 Pierson Road is being renovated to become available for ministry use as we continue to develop leaders and have need to house global partners who are on home assignment. This property will be utilized to house global partners in 2026-2027.

OTHER BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Increase over 2025-2026 Budget: 7.5%
- Cost of living adjustment for staff
- Some adjustments to staffing hours to accommodate growing ministries
- Teaching Pastor in budget for full year