

Elder Meeting Summary

07/07/26

Absent: Matt Sowada

Quick recap (from Zoom AI)

The meeting focused on two main topics: rising leader assignments and updates on upcoming events. The elders discussed potential rising leader candidates, ultimately assigning specific individuals to different elders.

Tony provided extensive details about an upcoming visit from Christopher Alam, a missionary who has been reaching Muslims in restricted countries for 30 years, explaining that he will speak on Sunday morning about reaching Muslim communities and hold a seminar on Monday night about understanding Islamic culture.

The meeting also included updates on staff matters, along with discussion of prayer needs for various church initiatives and community outreach efforts.

Meeting Minutes and Action Items (Outline Form)

- 1) Meeting being recorded for AI meeting notes. Running two different platforms to compare results (Zoom and Otter).
- 2) June Meeting minutes – won't be approved at this time as they were not attached to the email.
 - a. Note – after the meeting, Tyler, Chip, and Darryl met. It was agreed that Darryl will begin immediately as elder secretary.
 - b. **Action Item** – Tyler to amend June Meeting Minutes to reflect this change.
- 3) Rising Leader Assignments
 - a. Two main qualifications

- i. People already engaged in leadership in some form
 - ii. People who are members.
- b. Elder led initiative
 - i. Goal – creating alignment and familiarity with those who are leading.
 - 1. Sticky Teams – Year 1
 - 2. Spiritual Leadership Book – Year 2 (J. Oswald Sanders)
 - ii. Former elders / pastors – may only need to be in Rising Leader for 1 year.
- c. Rising leader candidates were discussed and elder assignments made – List to be updated based on discussion.
- d. Matt Sowada will have several options that will be discussed when he returns from sabbatical.
- e. **Action Items**
 - i. Tyler Ranck – update elder/rising leader list and distribute to elders.
 - ii. Elders - Reach out to our assigned person(s) in the next month. More connected. Pull back the curtain. Read book together and discuss ministry philosophy. Can talk through the Elder minutes with rising leader candidate.

4) Senior Pastor Update - Tony

- a. See email from 6/25/26 from Tony.
- b. Christopher Alam – evangelist. From Pakistan – God’s blessing of his ministry, humility, and he has foregone inherited family wealth.
 - i. Book – ***Out of Islam*** – it’s a must-read classic.
- c. Death threats in areas where he and his team go – thousands come to Christ.
- d. He will be speaking at LEFC on Sunday, 7/19 (both services) and Monday, 7/20, at 7 PM (to give us a better understanding of the Muslim world). The title is Engaging Culture – Understanding Islam.
- e. Chip prayed over the event.

f. Action Item

- i. Elders - Be in prayer leading up to the event. Be available to answer questions. Be available to pray with people in our congregation.

5) Extended Prayer Time

- a. Prayer Gatherings - Church Multiplication Areas – Adamstown / Denver prayer meeting next week.
- b. Marriages – Jenny meeting with a woman that is in the midst of marital difficulties. Dan and Phil were asked to cover situation in prayer.

Next Elders' Meeting: July 28, 2026 @ 7pm