

Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report

February 2026

The Governing Council met on February 3rd for our monthly meeting. The meeting was attended by all the Governing council Elders and was opened in prayer and devotions.

Please keep in your prayers our local classis as they will meet March 3 and 4.

There were no further updates from the Infrastructure development task force (IDTF), however our aim is to provide an update on future costs planning at our next congregational meeting.

We then spent time again in prayer in preparation of conversations regarding nominations for Governing Council Elders. The elders, in the weeks leading up to the meeting had, through prayer and discernment, brought forward names through our search matrix process. These names were reviewed as a team. Please pray for this process, and also for those who would be asked, that they would see this as a calling to serve Christ through His church here at Gateway. The ministering elders and ministering deacons are also working through these same processes.

As a Governing Council we hope to host an evening this year about how Gateway is governed and looking to meet more people who could be future leaders in the Church. More information on this to come. We held a similar meeting about 5 years ago which was fruitful with 2 of those who joined that meeting currently serving on Council.

We will also be reading a book together over the course of the next few months called “a non-anxious presence.”

Pastor Justin led us through his Lead Pastor report with updates on many areas of his ministry, including staffing, his sabbatical plans, and the vacant youth director position. We are thankful for Pastor Justin’s tireless work and service to Gateway.

At the time of the meeting, the debt drive was going well with only 18K remaining. At the time of writing this, we praise God that Gateway Community CRC is now debt free!

Lastly we discussed our upcoming Council meeting on February 24 and Congregational meeting on March 9.

The meeting closed in prayer just before 9:00pm. Our Next meeting will be March 4.

On Behalf of the Governing Council Elders:
Matt Tinsley: Governing Council Chairperson