

Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report

June 2026

The Governing Council met on June 4th for our monthly meeting. Elder Nathan opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

The infrastructure task force continues to look at the aging Montessori wing and is working through what our options could be with that space in terms of use and needed renovations and upgrades. We are starting to look in detail at what it would take to turn the space into offices so that we could have all our staff together in one area. This has been a desire of leadership and staff for years, and we are excited that it could be a possibility in the future.

The process of seeking nominations for the various roles on council were continued. We are close to having this finalized and we are aiming at having the names to the congregation at the end of June for affirmation. I shared something similar last week, but here is a shorter version in case you missed it:

WHAT IS UP WITH THE NOMINATION BAGS? WHY DO WE USE THEM SOMETIMES, BUT NOT ALWAYS?

Drawing lots can be a helpful tool, but it is not required by Scripture, our church order, or our bylaws. The example in Acts is descriptive of what happened, not prescriptive for all churches. In that story, the remarkable detail is not that lots were drawn, but that the disciples prayerfully narrowed many potential candidates down to two exceptionally qualified individuals. The priority is identifying qualified candidates; drawing lots is simply one method that may be used when needed.

HOW DOES OUR COUNCIL GRAPPLE WITH “THE WILL OF HUMANS” VS. “THE WILL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”?

We believe the Holy Spirit guides the entire process—from Council discernment and conversations with prospective members, to personal prayer, congregational input, affirmation, and final selection. Rather than seeing human involvement and the Spirit's leading as opposites, we trust that God works through each step of the process to accomplish His purposes.

A new Visionary Experience geared to adult members was brought forward that could see mission opportunities for Gateway members at the Esther School in Zambia. More info on this to come in the future. Currently we have 2 visionary trips, one to El Salvador and one to Mexico that are generally done in the spring.

The meeting closed in prayer. Our next meeting will be July 6.

On Behalf of the Governing Council Elders:
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