

## **Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report**

January 2026

The Governing Council met on January 7th for our monthly meeting with Elder Bryan Kornelius opening the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Synod for the CRC this year will be June 12-18 in Grand Rapids. Our local classis will meet March 3 and 4.

We continued to have further conversations regarding the Montessori wing. We are nearing a place in our lease where we could choose to take over the space. It has been a desire for years to have all our staff offices together, so we are exploring what it could look like if the space was renovated into an office wing. This is in the very early stages, and more updates will come in time. We will be utilizing the help of the infrastructure development task force again (IDTF).

Time was spent on initial conversations and process for the nominations of new office bearers. This process is started in January, with the hope of having new office bearers set by the summer, with their terms starting in September. We spent time in prayer regarding this, and we ask that you pray for wisdom and discernment, and also pray for those that may be asked, that they would receive it as a call to serve Christ and His Church at Gateway.

We discussed visioning and how we can be intentional with this, and also how we can continue to build up new leaders within the Church.

Pastor Justin then walked us through his detailed lead Pastor report. This included updates on the Youth Director vacancy. Justin and a supporting team are working hard to find a permanent person to fill this role. Josh and Naveah continue to do great work in their roles in the meantime. We were updated on the weather shelter as well.

At the time of the meeting, the debt drive was going well, with about 48K needed to utilize the full match, which would eliminate the final 96K in debt! We are almost there and thankful for the generosity of many.

The meeting closed in prayer at 9:00pm. Our Next meeting will be February 3rd.

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