

Gateway Community Church - Governing Council Report

October 2025

The Governing Council met on October 1st for our monthly meeting. Elder Ron Vanderwal opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

As mentioned last month, if you are ever wondering who the Elders of Gateway are, you can find them on the website by hovering over the 'START' tab at the top, and then clicking on 'ELDERS'.

The Elders are excited for the 75th anniversary celebrations that are ongoing, and we are thankful for the great work of so many volunteers that made it all happen.

Each fall we begin reviewing the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. Our fiscal year ends at the end of November, and a new budget will be presented to the congregation at a meeting to be held on November 24. Once a draft is finalized, it will be brought to full council and then to the congregation for final approval.

A special thanks to Josh Chamberlain, Nevaeh Letourneau, and Shena Gorter who have done an amazing job launching Cadets, Gems, Edge and Summit in the past weeks. We are thankful for so many kids to be able to grow in their faith through these ministries. We are also thankful for the abundance of volunteers willing to assist these staff members, and minister to our children.

Classis will meet on October 21 and 22. We ask for prayers for those meetings. We spent time discussing this. We are thankful for the work of classis and their leadership. We are also working on additional information for our leaders on the role of classis, and church order to provide to our leaders. This will allow any members to have many people that they can go to with questions or to seek clarification.

We are excited about two missions opportunities at spring break. We hope to send two teams, one to El Salvador and one to Mexico! More details to come.

Some early discussions have also begun regarding a sabbatical for Pastor Justin next year. Our church typically grants sabbatical after 7 years as a time of rest, rejuvenation, education, etc. Again, more details to come on this as it develops.

The Elders closed in prayer at 9:07pm. Our Next meeting will be November 5.

On Behalf of the Elders:

Matt Tinsley: Governing Council Chairperson