

# Leadership Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 7:00p

## Board Members Present:

Rachel Leftwich, Chair  
John Gingrich, Co-Chair  
Mike Marks, Lay Leader  
Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood, Lead Pastor  
Doug Doggett, Sr.  
Corinne Dowell  
Jeff Gardner  
Bruce Irey  
Pat Lange

**Guest:** Judy Blaney

## Absent :

Paul Kochan  
Paul Merritt

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- Opening
    - Prayer given by Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood
    - Spiritual Formation, shared by Pat Lange.
  - Board Book Study - "Our Iceberg is Melting"
    - Rev. Dr. Hood and board members discussed pages 73-103.
    - The rest of the book will be discussed in the June meeting.
  - Financial Report - Bruce Irey
    - Reviewed the financial dashboard and Statement of Income key points.
      - It was reported the church is doing much better this year than last. Ministry shares were paid 100% as announced from the pulpit.
      - The plan is to pay 100% for 2026.
      - Payments are made ten months of the year, taking the summer months off.
    - Funds have been distributed from all endowments except for the Elaine Haskell endowment, which will be distributed in June.
    - The Stewardship Campaign will be in October this fall instead of November.
  - Trustees - John Gingrich
    - Cliff has been looking for the circuit problems regarding the lights at the street on both side of the church, and the floodlights for the stone lawn sign.
    - The mowers did come out, although delayed; the same contractor does the parsonage lawn.
    - John was alerted that a stream of water was observed by Bruce in the basement going through the furnace room, workshop and boiler room. John will address this with the trustees committee.
    - Trustees are looking into what we need to do about security and coming up with an overall plan for the church; Jeff Gardner is the liaison with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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- Rentals
  - Tom Tobe was unable to attend but will be reminded to give us an update on doors being kept locked by all the rentals.
  - July 27th is the all-church ALICE training.
  
- Juneteenth Celebration Plans - Jeff Gardner
  - Plans
    - June 18 - Dinner, community dialogue, followed by fireworks.
    - June 19 - Online Conference w/interactive workshops.
    - June 20 - Community Festival
  - See flyer in weekly email for locations and details.
  - Flyers will also be available to hand out to friends and family.
  
- Bike Giveaway - Pat Lange
  - Reported that fifteen bikes will be given away on Saturday, June 6 at 1:00 pm.
    - Five bikes will be given during the Juneteenth celebration.
  - The names for recipients were obtained for Cares, Oakland Clothes Closet, and Farmington School Foster and Homeless Neuro Unit at Corewell.
  
- New Mission Project - Pat Lange
  - This event came out of the Mayor's task force on feeding the unhoused.
  - The first event will be a July 21 dinner with our church hosting
    - Serving will be from 5-7 pm.
    - We are a prototype for this once a quarter dinner.
  - Temple Iskcon has offered to provide rice, lentils, and vegetables.
  - We will provide protein, most likely chicken from Kroger.
  - Pat will be seeking volunteers to help at a later date.
  
- Missions and Outreach - Judy Blaney
  - Tea Party was held May 19, another successful and well-attended tea party
    - Judy estimated around 50 attended.
    - It was great allowing regular attendees to see those who are unable to attend on a regular basis.
  - This will be repeated in the fall and around Christmas.
  - Judy also remarked how wonderful it was to see the celebrations and support for the new members, baptism, and confirmation for the Barstad family.

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- Smart Goals Update - Pastor Anthony
  - We are developing as disciples.
    - 22 members have turned in forms as to their commitments.
    - The areas include reading the Upper Room or Daily Bread, participation in a book study or a Bible study, following a Bible reading plan, or reviewing the sermon notes in the weekly eblasts.
  - The forms are available at the welcome center, from the ushers or in the office.
    - Please take the time to fill these out if you have not already done so.
  
- Upcoming Events:
  - Spaghetti dinner - June 9 6-7
  - ALICE training - Sat, June 27th
  - Juneteenth Schedule
    - Thursday, June 18 - Dinner and fireworks
    - Friday, June 19 - Conference and workshops at the Hawk
    - Sat, June 20 - Community festival - Mercy High School
  - Bike ministry - Sat June 6
  
- Closing Prayer - Bruce Irej

– Submitted by Corinne Dowell