

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

Loving God. Proclaiming Christ. Living Generously. Engaging All.

Session Meeting Agenda

October 25, 2021

Priority	Goal Detail	
Loving God	1. <i>Worship</i> 2. <i>Bible Study</i> 3. <i>Partner In Prayer</i>	<i>Increase worship participation by 10% annually for five years</i> <i>Add 5 strategic, deep Bible study opps for under-represented groups</i> <i>Increase PIP participation to 1000+</i>
Proclaiming Christ	1. <i>Mentor</i> 2. <i>Small Groups</i> 3. <i>Speakers</i>	<i>Intentionally mentor 25 new key servant-leaders annually</i> <i>Double small groups meaningfully connected in fellowship</i> <i>3 High-profile speakers annually</i>
Living Generously	1. <i>Mission Emphasis</i> 2. <i>Generosity</i> 3. <i>Sunday Serve</i>	<i>Highlight 1-2 mission themes or emphases annually to "rally" engagement</i> <i>Increase the number of financial pledges to 1000 annually and annual income by 5%</i> <i>One Sunday annually, worship by serving in our community</i>
Engaging All	1. <i>Hospitality</i> 2. <i>Young Adults</i> 3. <i>Technology</i>	<i>Create a Hospitality Department. 5 believer baptisms annually</i> <i>Increase young adult and inter-cultural connections by 2% annually</i> <i>Launch 5+ new technology/media initiatives</i>

1. **Call to Order and Opening Prayer** – Dave Steane
2. **Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum** – Mary Lee Going
3. **Vision and Goals** – Alf Halvorson
4. **New Members** – Rob Amley, Roberta Amley, Jordyn Emmert, Christine Galib, Kay Kiker, Matt Kiker, Holly Kiker, Adam Kiker, Anna Lindamood, Darren Lindamood, Chris Pielop, Josie Pielop, Will Pielop, Nikki Pielop, Stuart Pielop, Allen Powell, Nancy Powell, Rod Ramsey, Sandra Ramsey, Peggy Samuels, Aaron Terry, Ali Terry, Elizabeth Wood, William Wood

Motion: *to receive the above-named friends as Covenant Partners at MDPC.*

5. **Clerk's Report** – Mary Lee Going and David Nelson
 - a. October 24th Congregational Meeting Report
 - b. ECO National Gathering Commissioners

Motion: *to approve the following elders to serve as Commissioners to the ECO National Gathering 2022 and February 3, 2022, Synod meeting: Oliver Aldrich, Kay Atchison, Kelly Handel, Amy Harrington, Marcus Jones, John Kemper, Jeanmarie Tade*

6. **Treasurer's Report** – Marcus Jones

7. **Ministry Area Report-**

- Laurien Hook- Institute

8. **Goals Update-**

- Dave Steane

9. **OMNIBUS MOTION**

a. **Motion:** *to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2021, Session meeting*

b. **Motion:** *to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2021, Congregational meeting*

c. **Motion:** *to approve the proposed changes from Children's Ministries Lead Team to The Little School and The Yellow School Fees effective with November registration.*

The Little School:

- Registration Fee \$325
- Monthly Tuition for 1 day per week \$250.00
- Tuition Late Fee \$30
- Early Bird Fee \$15 per day

The Yellow School:

- Registration Fee \$325
- Tuition Late Fee \$30

d. **Outreach Approvals –**

Motion: *to approve the below Outreach Partner funding requests for October.*

**Outreach Ministry – Partner Funding
Recommendations
October 2021**

Consent Agenda items:

1. Partner Funding Recommendations

Designated

• The Woods Project	\$8,000		CFH
• Camp Blessing	\$7,500		DE
• Faithful Fathering	\$5,000	Matching Grant	DE
• The Get Together	\$5,000		DE
• Home Encouragement	\$5,000		DE
• Stoney Creek Ranch	\$7,500	Camper Scholarships	DE
• WorkFaith Connection	\$7,500	5 Day Job Search Program	DE
• Amazing Place	\$25,000		HSN
• Archway Academy	\$5,000	Scholarships	HSN
• CanCare	\$1,500		HSN
• Casa El Buen Samaritano	\$10,000		HSN
• ECHOS	\$5,000		HSN
• His Grace	\$3,000		HSN
• Joy Ride	\$18,000		HSN
• Magnificat House	\$15,000		HSN
• Houston Achievement Place	\$10,000	Project CLASS	SBH
• Passages Inc. Treatment Center for Women	\$10,000		SBH
Totaling:	\$148,000		

2. Outreach Initiatives

• Steiger International	\$25,000	Houston	
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3. Christmas Eve Offering 2021 Partners

Designated

• Mission Greenspoint			CFH
• Presbytery of New Covenant		Houston International Seafarers	DE
• Magnificat House			HSN
• The Antioch Partners		Designated: Adair	Global Mission
• Frontier Fellowship		Designated: Biru	Global Mission
• Common Ground Consultants		Designated: Burns	Global Mission
• Steven and Natalie Hall			Global Mission
• Frontiers		Designated: Missionary #004554	Global Mission
• Frontier Fellowship		Designated: Huffman	Global Mission

- YWAM
- Allegro Organizational Solutions
- Action International Ministries
- Frontier Fellowship
- Asia Connect
- Novo Mission Inc.

Designated: Personal Support (Johnson) Global Mission
 Designated: Acct# NYC-BB.KSJ Global Mission
 Designated: Acct# 47001 Global Mission
 Designated: Mc Nerney Global Mission
 Designated: Trevino Global Mission
 Designated: Acct# 6781 Zovak Global Mission

4. Mission Market 2021 Partners

- ALPHA USA Houston DE
- Amazing Place HSN
- The Antioch Partners Global
- Camp Blessing DE
- East Spring Branch Food Pantry SBH
- Faith in Practice Global
- Family Point Resources CFH
- Free Wheelchair Mission Global
- Kids' Meals SBH
- Living Water International Global
- Grace International Children's Foundation Lulwanda Children's Home Global
- The Micah Project Global
- Open Door Mission CFH
- Frontier Fellowship Pars Theological Centre Global
- The Rose HSN

e. **Motion:** to approve the following baptisms performed in October

Name	Age	Parent's Names	Member Status	Baptism Date
Tatum Lee Reid	<1 yr.	Muriel Forney & Michael Reid	Yes	10/10/21
Rainor Lee Rodgers	< 1 yr.	Jillian & James Rodgers	Yes	10/10/21
Grace Elizabeth Dobbins	15 mo.	Christine & James Robert Dobbins	Yes	10/10/21

f. **Transfers and Dismissals**

Please transfer the following active members:

BLAN, Jennifer to Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX
 ELDERS, Karen to Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church, Dallas, TX
 BLAUVELT, Mary to Grand Lakes Presbyterian, Katy, TX

End of Omnibus Motion

10. **Additional Business and Announcements**

- Dan Aikins- New Member Notes of Encouragement and Welcome

11. **Updates on Open Positions and Witnessing Disciple Debrief**

- Rachel Poysky

12. **Prayer-**

- Beth Case

13. **CALENDAR**

October 31	Alf Halvorson Preaching Stewardship
November 7	Alf Halvorson Preaching Covenant Sunday (DLS Time Ends!)
November 14	Alf Halvorson Preaching
November	NO NOVEMBER SESSION MEETING
December 16	<u>THURSDAY Session meeting</u>
January 21-22	Session/Staff Retreat at MDPC
January 31-Feb 3	ECO National Gathering- Dallas

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion:** *to adjourn the October 2021 Session Meeting*

Outreach Ministries Funding Recommendations October 2021

Children, Families and Housing

The Woods Project

2020 Funding: \$10,000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$8,000

The Woods Project develops leadership and life skills in low-income youth through in-school club programs, and with camping trips and wilderness experiences. It prepares students for college and beyond by encouraging interest in science and nature, and expanding their experience with challenging situations and diverse environments. thewoodsproject.org

<https://thewoodsproject.org/>

Discipleship and Education

Camp Blessing

2020 Funding: \$25,000 + \$4,000 + \$20,000 Over & Above + \$1,810.95 Christmas Eve

2021 Funding: \$7,500 + (\$25,000 approved 04/2021)

Camp Blessing shows the love of Christ to people with disabilities and their siblings in a summer camp setting. The Camp believes children should enjoy experiencing the love of Christ in a beautiful camp setting, no matter what their level of ability. campblessing.org

Faithful Fathering

2020 Funding: \$20,000

2021 Funding: \$5000 for 2nd Person Matching Grant + (\$20,000 approved 9/2021)

Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to become the true heroes of the next generation by sensitizing men and their families to the impact a father has on his children. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures are encouraged to establish the legacy of rearing a godly generation. faithfulfathering.org

2021 Proposed Operating Revenue: \$148,678

The Get Together

2020 Funding: \$7,500

2021 Funding: \$5,000 + (\$7,500 approved 6/2021)

The Get Together is a monthly networking luncheon where businesspeople have the opportunity to build relationships with local ministries. At the luncheons, ministry needs are discussed and attendees work together to find creative solutions. This allows those who are business-minded to use the skills God has gifted them with to further His Kingdom. thegettogether.org

2021 Proposed Operating Revenue: \$98,115

Home Encouragement

2020 Funding: \$15,000+ \$3,000

2021 Funding: \$5000 + (\$15,000 approved 8/2021)

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. It offers a monthly dinner for married couples, a premarital training class, life coaching, marriage retreats, and other enrichment programs.

homeencouragement.org

2021 Proposed Operating Revenue: \$118,800

Stoney Creek Ranch

2020 Funding: \$25,000 + \$4,000 + \$20,000 Over & Above + \$525 Mission Market

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$7,500 for scholarships + (\$25,000 approved 04/2021)

Stoney Creek Ranch helps young people come to know Christ and His role in their lives, and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. They work closely with churches and organizations that support urban youth. These young people, who

rarely experience the beauty of God's creation, visit Stoney Creek for a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors. stoneycreekranch.org

WorkFaith Connection

2020 Funding: \$25,000

2021 Funding: \$7,500 for 5-day Job Search Accelerator Program + (\$10,000 approved 6/2021)

WorkFaith provides faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment. Their Christ-centered values paired with a highly structured program help students increase their value and confidence, which is needed for successful transitions back into the workforce. workfaith.org

2021 Proposed Operating Revenue: \$3,121,000

Health and Special Needs

Amazing Place

2020 Funding: \$20,000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Amazing Place is an interactive, affirming, state-of-the-art daytime wellness center for adults with mild to moderate memory loss. Its programs serve participants age 51 to 98 who suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia and their care-giving families.

<https://www.amazingplacehouston.org/> <https://www.instagram.com/amazingplace/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AmazingPlaceUS/>

Archway Academy

2020 Funding: \$15,000 (plus \$5,000 O&A plus \$883 Mission Market)

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$5,000 (scholarship designation) + (\$15,000 approved 5/2021)

Archway Academy is a nonprofit independent school that provides a sober learning environment for high school students who are recovering from substance use disorders and mental health issues. Students are able to continue their education in an environment that encourages their recovery process and promotes spiritual growth. <https://www.archwayacademy.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/archwayacademy> <https://www.instagram.com/archwayacademy/>

CanCare

2020 Funding: \$19,000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$1,500 + (\$19,000 approved 4/2021)

CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors volunteer to work with newly diagnosed patients, listening to and encouraging them. Volunteers also visit cancer patients and family members in hospitals and treatment centers. <https://cancare.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CanCareInc> https://www.instagram.com/cancare_inc/

Casa El Buen Samaritano

2020 Funding: \$25,000 (plus \$20,000 O&A)

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 + (\$30,000 approved 5/2021)

Casa El Buen Samaritano shares the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income and uninsured families in more than 110 zip codes in Houston and surrounding areas. Volunteer nurses and doctors treat patients for a number of general health issues, including women's health, diabetes, and hypertension.

<https://www.casaelbuen.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/Casaelbuen> <https://www.instagram.com/casaelbuen/>

ECHOS

2020 Funding: \$28,500 plus \$25,000 O&A

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$5,000 + (\$25,000 approved 8/2021)

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services, or ECHOS, an outreach of Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, is a faith-based organization serving the vulnerable and at-risk. It educates and provides support to clients assisting them with access to healthcare, education, and job training. Collaborating with providers, ECHOS offers health screenings, a food pantry, and more for families in their community. <https://echos-houston.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/EchosHouston/>

His Grace

2020 Funding: \$8,500

October

2021

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$3,000 + (\$10,000 approved 8/2021)

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional, and financial support to children receiving bone marrow transplants at Texas Children's Hospital, as well as critical support to patients' families during the 100-day post-transplant phase. It serves approximately 200 families per year.

<https://www.hisgracefoundation.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/HisGraceFoundation> <https://www.instagram.com/HisGraceFoundation/>

Joy Ride

2020 Funding: \$18,000 (plus \$5,000 O&A)

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$18,000

The Mission of JoyRide is to help people with different abilities find more Joy in life through equine-assisted activities and therapies along with functional/life skills education. JoyRide's vision is believing in the unique abilities within all people, and it strives to be a place where the impossible can become possible. <https://www.joyridecenter.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/joyridecenter>

https://www.instagram.com/joyride_center/

Magnificat House

2020 Funding: \$10,000 plus \$20,000 over and above for \$30,000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 + (\$10,000 approved 4/2021)

Magnificat House is a safe and welcoming community where those needing housing, food, and mental health programs can grow in stability, productivity, and independence. They have 16 neighborhood homes, an emergency shelter for women, a soup kitchen, vocational training, and a Clubhouse day program for those with a mental health diagnosis. <http://mhihouston.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MagnificatHousesInc>

Spring Branch and Hunger

Houston Achievement Place

2020 Funding: \$5000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

Houston Achievement Place helps children through Therapeutic Foster Care and Adoption Services (residential), and Project CLASS, a highly innovative and effective training and mental health services for schools. The HAP Foster Care Services help children who are victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and neglect. hapkids.org

Passages Inc.

2020 Funding: \$5000

2021 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 for Project CLASS

Passages offers an intimate and supportive environment for women in addiction recovery and their children. Its residential treatment program meets the spiritual and physical need of chemically dependent women in recovery. Women arrive at Passages after going through a detoxification program, and stay for a very structured, 90-day holistic program. passagesforwomen.com