

Leadership Board Meeting Agenda

October 18, 2022

Follow Jesus, Change the World

- Opening Prayer – Matt and Beth
- Reflection on How We Pray – (10 min., Discussion led by Dan)
- September Minutes Approval (2 min, Decision)
- Prior business (5 min) - Ann Zimmerman's monetary donation request to the board for the Shepard's Center
- Pastor Update (Pastor Jason)
- Ministry Updates (see pre-reads, questions/consultation)
 - Metrics (see pre-reads)
- Financials (see pre-reads, Tom)
- Pastor Appreciation Month (Dan)
- Leadership Board November Retreat (Chloe)
- Board Newsletter (Rebecca)
- Communication & Next Steps – (5 min., discussion/decision)
- Closing Prayer – Matt and Beth

Liason Updates

UWF

The United Women of Faith had good help for the Rotary pancake dinner making over \$700.

We are serving a P.E.O. luncheon on Thursday for 65 of their past presidents.

The sheet ministry is at full speed and have new requests for sheets from charities in the area.

Metrics

Attendance was largely flat in August/September 2022 vs. 2021. In-person plus online is roughly similar to 2019.

	Two Services	One Service	One Service	Two Services	One Service	One Service
	August 2019	August 2021	August 2022	September 2019	September 2021	September 2022
in person	157	90	109	155	117	105
online	NA	46	52	NA	77	52

October 2022

Dear Pastor Parish Relations Chair,

Every year, the Episcopal Office sends a mailing that includes the Missouri Conference's policies on sexual ethics. Because of your current role as Pastor Parish Relations chairperson, I want to ensure that you know our Conference's commitment to upholding the highest ideals of pastoral leadership. Additionally, we have learned that widening the circle of accountability and responsibility to local church lay leadership is vitally important to creating congregations that maintain healthy boundaries. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee plays a key role in helping establish and maintain a healthy environment for all God's people to thrive.

A recent Barna study showed that pastors are struggling with burnout at unprecedented levels. Oftentimes, boundary violations by clergy happen when pastors are stressed, lonely and isolated. All pastoral leaders need trusted colleagues and advisors to help them maintain spiritual disciplines and self-care practices.

One of the goals of the Conference related to boundary education has been to widen the circle of accountability. It is not solely the pastor's responsibility to maintain and uphold healthy boundaries. All local church leadership are called to advocate for boundaries within the community. There are helpful resources on our website to assist you and your local church in boundary education at www.moumethodist.org/boundaryresources.

We believe healthier leaders have a strong sense of boundary-keeping and are grounded in spiritual disciplines and self-care. I hope you are making time for both Sabbath and spiritual practices. In the coming year, the Conference is hosting two spiritual retreats for clergy and laity that might offer time for rest and renewal. You can learn more at www.moumethodist.org/soulconnections. Please know that I am in prayer for you and your church.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RF' with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Bishop Robert Farr

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[Sexual Ethics Policy of the Missouri Conference](#)