

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS—June 29, 2026

The Finance Committee chair, Larry Mobley, presented several recommendations from the 2026 Audit Report for session to consider: Two of the recommendations were approved and one about keeping church documents accessible at a secure location on our website, was rejected as unnecessary, as they are already easily available in the office in hardcopy or in digital form on the church computer. He also reported a \$10,000 check was sent by an internet viewer family in Virginia and that has greatly improved our budget deficit situation.

The Personnel Committee's Dale Stephens presented the tentative draft of Rev. McClelland's sabbatical plan, which had only just been completed. A tentative Sabbatical Plan (which included a start date of June, 2027 and three months duration) was received by the elders. Session also reconfirmed the email vote taken on the hiring of Sarah Burnham as the new Creative Beginnings Director replacing Katrina Bowen.

The Pastor gave a partial report about the June General Assembly meeting. A more complete written report will be forthcoming. He mentioned the high quality of the worship services and the preaching. He said the only difficult day was Thursday, which was the day for discussion of the recent request by a pastor and church seeking entry to the denomination for a same-sex-attracted pastor, which had been the catalyst for a committee to create a position paper on the issue. Votes around these issues were more difficult than the usual congenial EPC General Assembly actions.

Pastor Rob reminded the elders that next November will be the 175th Anniversary of our founding. We need to begin planning for that and he suggested that elders give it some consideration before beginning some planning at our August meeting.

Other committees had no action items for the session and their minutes were simply received.

The Clerk requested approval of July 27 session meeting date change. The Pastor requested that the agenda for the meeting cover only two items, rather than the usual open agenda. Mimi Jamieson will be sending out a mark-up of the Realm membership pages with recommended persons to be moved to our Inactive Rolls for the elders' input. She will further communicate with the Deacons to get their input received through their calls to their flocks.

The meeting was closed at 8:33 with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mimi Jamieson, Clerk