

Session Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Westminster Hall, Grace Commons Church

Moderator: Anthony Ceder

Present:

Elders: Geoff Babb, Topher Fox, Deb DuPont, Diana Maxwell, Linnie Parr, Doug Rutherford, Lisa Schone, John Tucker, Alan Williams;

Clerk Greg Parr

Pastor Anthony Ceder

A quorum was determined and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Pastor Ceder opened the meeting by asking Elders what hopes and prayers they had for the next year for our church. Topics included: increasing numbers in our Children's ministry; overfunding our budget for more impact in our outreach; mobilizing our congregation for more impact on Boulder; that Jesus would be known more deeply and joyfully; recognition of our sin, leading to repentance; worship that is impactful and creative; unity in Session, Trustees, Deacons and our congregation; staff health and flourishing; and guidance and courage with our facilities projects-Annex and Main campus. A time of prayer for these items followed.

The consent agenda was moved and passed.

Agenda Approval:

6:30pm	Establish Quorum; Call Meeting to Order
6:30-6:45	Opening prayer
	Consent Items for approval

6:45-7:05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Session meeting agenda ● Session meeting minutes: November 13 ● Covenant Partnership Report ● Accept committee reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Trustees ○ Deacons ○ PSC ○ Stewardship ○ MESH
7:05-7:20	Security team video
7:20-7:35	Trustees Report
7:25-8:00	Potential Joint Session and Trustee Ad Hoc committees -Comprehensive vision of ministry goals and property usage -Preschool space options -Main campus deferred maintenance and ministry
8:00-8:15	Senior Pastor-Head of Staff update
	Looking ahead
January 8 Feb 1	Session meeting Family Meeting

Stewardship Committee:

The Stewardship Committee asked to highlight the current status of giving. We are nearing the target of \$600,000 in giving in December, which is key to achieving the full ministry year budget ending June 2026.

ECO Lay Leadership Training Request:

Elder Topher Fox has requested that Session recommend him for the ECO Lay Leadership Training program. Session approval is required for the candidate to move forward with this training.

Topher explained his desire to increase his ministry training in the ten competencies in this ECO training program. There are ten online courses which typically take one month each, combined with other candidates from around the country. The end result is a designation as an ECO Certified Lay Pastor. Session prayed for Topher and his willingness to serve in this program.

A motion was made to recommend Elder Fox for Eco Lay Leadership Training and seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Lord's Supper Celebrants:

Pastor Ceder moved that Session approve celebrants for the Lord's Supper for one year, beginning January 2026. Those included are all seminary trained and include: Anthony Ceder, Carl Hofmann; Dave Pommer; Lindsay Waymire; Mike Clark, Kelsey Walega, and Jim Candy. All in favor. Motion passed.

Trustee Business:

Trustees presented the Security Team video for Session to watch. Session serves as part of the "watch team" in the layered security structure responsible for observation and communication as appropriate. Trustees answered questions about Session's role and interactions with other roles of the security team.

Trustees also brought up the timing of the 2026-2027 Ministry year budget. Planning for this budget typically begins in January with the Finance committee, which includes staff, Trustees and Elders. Session needs to provide ministry direction and priorities to inform this process.

This discussion provided the following timeline: Session would work on determining priorities in January 2026, possibly including an additional meeting or Session sub-group: Session and Trustees would target a joint meeting in February to share these priorities.

In addition, our Director of Finance will ask ministry areas to provide estimates and/or changes to their current budgets for review.

Trustees also have asked for Session's approval to make changes to our accounting and auditing providers. The primary reasons are due to additional complexities surrounding our involvement with the Annex project, as well as less than satisfactory results from an off-site accounting service. There will be additional costs associated to the budget for the next ministry year. Some additional costs will be borne by the Annex project.

-A motion was made to approve the new accounting and audit firms as recommended by Trustees and seconded. Motion passed.

Trustees requested another Elder be assigned to the committee that has been formed to study the scope and mission of the Main Campus renovation. Two Elders have volunteered- Linnie Parr and Doug Rutherford. Their names have been forwarded to Trustees for inclusion in future committee meetings.

January Ministry Program, John:

Pastor Ceder informed Session of a new ministry program beginning in January 2026. Take 21 will be a daily study of the 21 chapters of the book of John. The goal will be for every person attending Grace Commons to join in the daily reading of a chapter of John beginning January 5. This will be accompanied by a study book, sermon series, Common Space groups, and studies throughout various youth and adult programs.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of the Doxology at 8:55.

Anthony Ceder, Moderator

Greg Parr, Acting Clerk