

Pastor's Report for Administrative Council - July 2026

2026 ANNUAL GOALS

1) Policies and Processes

- Tech/IT Policy and Inventory - Using General Council on Finance and Administration template
- In process

2) Building Accessibility and safety - entrance, elevator, fire alarm, fire doors

- Steps now underway for district process for approval - "Study Committee Report" draft has been written (Thank you, Courtney Stotler!) and is being read by the committee.
- Pending D.S. approval of Study Committee Report, Charge Conference to be scheduled (maybe August?)
- A document with the steps for district approval is included in this report for Ad Council information

3) Anticipate continued growth effectively - "Get big by staying small"

- Next "Get Connected" - Sunday September 6 (downside = Labor Day Weekend)

4) Continue to explore collaboration opportunities with nearby churches

- Webster, Lafayette Park, Unity, Grace, and Maplewood youth combined for UNITE
- Plans for follow-up collaborative youth group meetings in the works

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DISCUSSION:

- None

FOLLOW UP:

- Donated refrigerator is in the big kitchen (Thank you Mary and Tony Kunce)
- Old refrigerator is still in the building, temporarily on stage until Watkins Moving Co. can relocate it

ACTION:

- None

OTHER REPORTING:

- Young Scholars Summer Program is complete. Debrief meeting will be scheduled.
- I participated in a MOSAIC board meeting on June 30
- I participated in the Interjurisdictional Committee on the Episcopacy meeting July 1
- Wonderful pulpit exchange July 2 - MCC GSL was very welcoming to me, Pastor Eli reports Maplewood was wonderful. Thank you!
- I met with Maplewood City Manager Amber Withycombe July 9, discussed interactions with people experiencing homelessness in and around Maplewood, plans for further meetings are being made
- I attended Unite July 11-15 as chaperone and group leader
- Andy's Summer Vacation days = July 20-August 2
 - Preachers: July 26 - Rev. Brenda Stobbe, August 2 - David Phelps
 - Worship Leaders: July 26 - Mary Kunce, August 2 - Colette Cummings

- “Maplewood at the Movies! - Back to School”
 - August 9-30, Free Movies shown Wednesday evenings - August 5, 12, 19, 26
 - “School of Rock,” “Wonder,” “Stand and Deliver,” “High School Musical”
- Upcoming baptism - Callum Smith - August 9
- Note: Communion Sunday moved to August 9
- Next Maplewood Police Advisory Board - August 11
- Rally Sunday / Sunday School Promotion - August 23