

Pastor's Report for Administrative Council - May 2026

2026 ANNUAL GOALS

1) Policies and Processes

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

- Task force has reached consensus on a plan, presented to Ad Council tonight for affirmation
- Next steps = Pending Ad Council affirmation, status update for congregation

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

- Nine new members on 5/24 - Six Confirmands and 3 others

4) Continue to explore collaboration opportunities with nearby churches

- Webster, Lafayette Park, Unity, Grace, and Maplewood youth combining to attend UNITE this summer, July 11-15, meeting twice before UNITE and once after

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DISCUSSION:

- Outdoor signs - "Please Ring Bell"

"No Firearms Allowed"

"ICE Agents must present signed judicial warrant"

FOLLOW UP:

- Several MUMC Leaders attended Maplewood Ward 3 meeting, issue of unhoused members discussed
- Moving Administrative Coordinator to full-time has been working beautifully
- Three year finance overview after April:

	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Total Giving</u>	<u>Budgeted Expenses</u>	<u>Actual Expenses*</u>
Through April 2024	\$76,202	\$79,192	\$93,647	\$82,874
Through April 2025	\$94,111	\$98,279	\$97,862	\$89,137
Through April 2026	\$90,840	\$94,324	\$102,249	\$95,073

*Adjusted for early apportionment payout

ACTION:

- Approval of adding a donated refrigerator to big kitchen, pending logistics
- Affirmation of Entryway Task Force work

OTHER REPORTING:

- Celebrate 5 baptisms, 6 confirmations, 3 other new members - 5/24
- I completed the first academic year of my DMin
- Planned worship and sermon themes for July 2026-January 2027 at my twice-a-year 48-hour planning retreat
- Annual Conference upcoming - June 5-7, Rev. Steve Wall-Smith preaching
- Andy's Summer Vacation days = July 20-August 2