

Hillside Church GMC Finance Committee Meeting DRAFT – January 21, 2026

Lay Members Attending: Rachel Blend, Amina Borrero, Nelson Farr, Brad McDonald, Zeke Hooper, Greg Walker, Greg Faber

Staff Members Attending: Andy Triplitt

The committee began with prayer and asked Holy guidance for the meeting.

Committee meeting minutes for November 11, 2025 were reviewed and approved.

Andy reviewed the monthly financial results for the month and YTD ending December 31st, 2025. Results were shown for the month and YTD in comparison to the approved 2025 budget. Highlights as follows (details may be found in the Hillside December 2025 Financial Update):

- MTD giving was 115% and YTD giving was at 110% of budgeted target.
- MTD Non-Operating income was at 102%. YTD Non-Operating Revenue was 103% of budget.
- MTD Total Revenue was 114% of budget while YTD Total Revenue was 109% of budget.
- MTD Total Expenses were 110% of budget, and YTD total expenses at 103% budget.
- MTD net income was \$14,286 above budget and YTD was \$123,252 above budget.
- Operating checking ended YTD at \$149,366 which is \$93,614 above target.

Other highlights from the detailed report include:

- 513 giving units to Tithes and General Operating Fund YTD November 2025, compared to 469 giving units YTD 2024.
- Mortgage balance is \$399,131.02.
- Edward Jones Investment Account balance is \$230,815.81
- Facilities Reserves balance is \$1,177.90
- As of January 21, 2026, 112 pledges have been received totaling \$835,762.00.
- Journey Forward Account balance is currently \$16,538.11
- 2025 In-house average worship attendance was 625 vs. 554 for 2024 - +12.8%
- 2025 average total worship, including online attendance was 803 vs. 687 for 2024 - +16.9%

Andy noted positive trends in Christmas Eve worship attendance with a total of 1,707 for 2025 versus 1,660 for 2024.

Andy then presented the Hillside Church 2026 Budget and excess cash allotment proposals:

- Create a hybrid salaried “assistant” position for Facilities and Worship Production, a full-time position. Impact to 2026 Budget: *(removed for privacy)*
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- Excess cash remaining in operating checking account from 2025 operating results: \$94,366. Proposed allocation as follows:
 - \$8,000 to missions for additional support in 2026.
 - \$76,366 moved to Facilities Reserve Account.
 - \$10,000 to marriage retreat fund for Executive Ministry Team.

The committee reviewed and discussed the excess cash allotment proposal and unanimously approved the proposal.

A question came up about staff raises and discussion followed. Andy said he wants to see positive financial trends through April 2026 before proposing staff raises.

A question came up regarding the financial impact of winter weather church closure. Andy said there was minimal impact from winter weather church closure in 2025.

Andy then presented the final 2026 Hillside Church 2026, which was reviewed as a preliminary budget in the November 11, 2025 meeting. After review and discussion, the 2026 Hillside Church budget was unanimously approved.

With no further business, Greg Faber closed the meeting with prayer.

Next Hillside Church Meeting: March 25, 2026 at 6:30 pm in rooms 2204/2205.

Attachments:

- Drafts, Hillside Church GMC Finance Committee Meeting for November 11, 2025.
- 2025 December Financial Update
- Hillside Church 2026 Budget and excess cash allotment proposals
- Hillside Church 2026 – Preliminary Budget