

Aldersgate Church – Special Leadership Board Meeting

June 1, 2026

Leadership Board in attendance: Bob Winters, Desiree` Buck, Jennifer Miranda, Jeff Lewis, David Pater, Jeff Payne, Kristine Hackett, Kent Springman, Denny Cathcart, and Randy Campbell. Absent: Beth Duvall, Ben Writer, Nate Baum, and Lydia Kelley

Congregants and Staff: Pastor Bob Kaylor, Pastor Jeff Markey

1. Bob Winters called the Teams meeting to order at 6:30 pm with prayer.
2. This special leadership board meeting was initiated to discuss and decide if Aldersgate Church would be willing to be the sponsoring “Mother” church to a new GMC church.

Reference information shared prior to the meeting included the “Church Plant Sponsoring Church Guidelines” and Pastor Bob’s notes from the Church Plant meeting in Mount Joy. A brief summary of those documents is as follows:

- As stated in the GMC Book of Doctrines and Discipline a new Global Methodist local church may be planted by any lay person or clergyperson of the Global Methodist Church with the sponsorship of a Global Methodist local church or group of churches.
- The church planting model of the GMC is a “church plants church” model.
- There are two primary ways a church can plant a new church:
 1. A church can plant a church by multiplying itself.
 2. A church can plant a church by helping start and support a new church.
- A church or a group of churches that helps start and support a new church plant is called a “sponsoring church”. A “Mother-Daughter” relationship is formed which supports the planting and growth of new churches.
- Sponsoring churches may commit, but are not limited to providing the following:
 1. Prayer Support:
 - Commitment: Sponsoring churches commit to providing consistent intercessory prayer support for a church plant.
 2. People Support:
 - Commitment: Sponsoring churches commit to sending their people to participate in a launch date event, special worship services, church events, and community engagement efforts of a church plant.
 3. Resource Support:
 - Commitment: Sponsoring churches commit to sharing their 501(c)(3) status and talents and providing appropriate financial support to help a church plant move toward sustainability.
 - This does not necessarily mean financial (funds) support. Resource support includes the sponsoring church temporarily allowing church plant to operate under existing nonprofit and tax-exempt status while the church plant is getting established. Other support can be offering volunteers to provide building repair/maintenance, aid in church operations (administration, financial management), and communication support (website, newsletter, Facebook).

- The church council of the sponsoring church meets with the core team of the church plant to build the Mother-Daughter relationship and listen to their needs.
 1. Appoint a Sponsoring Church Liaison
 2. Determine Areas of Support
 3. Determine the Length of Support
 4. Establish a Mother-Daughter Relationship

3. Rev. Dr. Joe DiPaolo was introduced to the leadership board and proceeded to explain about a church plant in Lancaster County in need of a GMC sponsoring church to build a Mother-Daughter relationship. Recently, the courts ruled against a group of churches in Eastern PA who were attempting to disaffiliate from the UMC. This led to a large group of people, predominantly from two churches, leaving their home church to begin forming a new GMC church. Rev. Dr. DiPaolo initially met with approximately 80 people during the first week of May to discuss the formation of the church, roles needed to be filled and next steps. This group is moving rapidly and have great momentum right now. They already have a potential pastor, have a founding board of 8 people regularly meeting to discuss start-up issues, have a volunteer for youth activities, and have a potential building for which they can lease to hold church services. They have no legal support or independent EIN number at this time.

Jennifer reached out to our attorney to see how we could temporarily assist in managing the new church's funds until they are able to get their own financial manager and 501(c)(3) status. Aldersgate can identify the new church's funds as a mission line item in our existing budget and members of the new church can place their tithes into this mission via the Center App. This way Jennifer can keep the new church's funds separate from Aldersgate's finances and issue payments/checks as needed for the new church until they have established their own financial status.

Randy Campbell motioned for Aldersgate to become a sponsor church for the new GMC church in Lancaster County. Denny Cathcart second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

The Leadership Board has committed to providing prayer support, sponsoring church liaison, and temporary assistance from Jennifer managing their funds. The board has appointed Randy Campbell as the lead church liaison to the plant church with Bob Winters and Jeff Lewis assisting. Pastor Bob requested a large presence from Aldersgate when the new church launches their first service. The board has requested a financial person from the new church to put together a budget and needs request at this time.

4. Operations Manager: Two potential candidates for the operations manager position have been interviewed and two more candidates are scheduled for interviews on June 5th. Of the potential candidates, we should be able to fill the position soon.

Closing:

1. Denny Cathcart motioned to close the meeting. Bob Winters second the motion. Motion unanimously approved. Leadership Board meeting ended at 7:25 pm.