

Senior Leadership Team Summary Reports

Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church

January 2026

The SLT received preliminary figures reflecting a strong 2025 financial year. The SLT also approved the 2026 budget based on anticipated Elmhurst Ministries Fund (EMF) contributions and other income. As part of that budget, the SLT approved funds for the construction of a Prayer Room in 2026 and the establishment of a designated fund for support of the July Honduras mission trip.

Having also presented the budget for further approval at the annual meeting of Council, SLT Chair Brian Stolzenbach will also present the budget for further approval at the upcoming annual congregational meeting on February 8. Elder Representative Jeff Byma informed the SLT that the Prison Ministry Team will now be incorporated into the Missions Team, with the expectation that the combined team will be even more effective in leading Elmhurst CRC's overall support for missions in varied environments.

February 2026

New SLT members—Kathy Folkerts, Dan Rudman, Steve Vander Wal (Deacon Representative), and Amy West—were formally welcomed to the team. The following officers for the coming year were elected:

Chair – Brian Stolzenbach
Vice Chair – Joel Tameling
Treasurer – Dan Rudman
Secretary – Kathy Folkerts

Lead Pastor Gregg DeMey reported that the church remains fully staffed and operating effectively across its **Up-In-and-Out** ministry areas. Deacon Representative Steve Vander Wal reported that the Deacons were able to respond quickly to several assistance needs during last month's extreme cold weather. Thanks to strong support for the Hearts Ablaze Campaign, Elmhurst CRC is on track to fully retire its mortgage by November 2026. In light of this new financial footing and full staffing, the SLT intends to focus in 2026 on the development of a strategic plan for implementation beginning in 2027.