

2026 Leadership Board Communications

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Complete 2026 Leadership Board Communication Record

January 2026 — FHUMC Leadership for 2026

Summary: Celebrates leaders completing terms and those stepping into 2026 ministry leadership roles; announces the January 25 commissioning.

Key topics: Leadership / nominations / commissioning

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

January 22, 2026 — United in Mission! Generous in Spirit!

Summary: Stewardship communication connecting giving with the church's mission, discipleship pathway, building needs, and missional priorities. It acknowledges membership decline and economic challenges while emphasizing responsible planning and mission alignment.

Key topics: Stewardship / giving / mission / building needs

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

Property / sustainability relevance: Establishes the connection between financial stewardship, building needs, and the church's missional priorities.

March 24, 2026 — Faithful Stewardship in Our Current Season

Summary: Frames stewardship as aligning people, time, finances, and other resources with the mission of making disciples. Emphasizes living within the church's capacity and reconsidering activities or structures that do not help people grow as disciples and disciple-makers.

Key topics: Financial stewardship / mission alignment / capacity

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

Property / sustainability relevance: Establishes the Board's guiding framework: resources, including facilities, should be aligned with mission and sustainable within available capacity.

April 24, 2026 — Save the Dates & Pastoral Transition Update

Summary: Explains the United Methodist pastoral appointment process and provides information related to the upcoming pastoral transition.

Key topics: Pastoral transition

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

May 7, 2026 — April 26 Board Meeting Communication

Summary: Reports approval of a \$515,000 budget relying on approximately \$190,000 from cash reserves and names that approach as unsustainable long term. Introduces possible sustainability paths, including Day School expansion and sharing space with another congregation, while clearly stating that these were possibilities being prayerfully explored rather than decisions.

Key topics: Budget / sustainability / sharing space

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

Property / sustainability relevance: First communication in this set that explicitly names sharing space with another congregation as a possible response to the sustainability challenge.

May 8, 2026 — Introducing Pastor Regina

Summary: Introduces Pastor Regina and shares background information as Forest Hills prepares for its pastoral transition.

Key topics: Pastoral transition / introduction

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

May 28, 2026 — Leadership Board & Conference News

Summary: Reports growing energy around sharing portions of the campus with other organizations. Explicitly describes a lease structure that could include another congregation, educational partners, nonprofits, or other organizations, connecting space-sharing with ministry impact and long-term financial sustainability. Frames the property as a resource to steward for ministry, hospitality, and discipleship.

Key topics: Property stewardship / leasing / partnerships / discernment

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

Property / sustainability relevance: Explicitly introduces leasing and broadens the potential partner categories beyond another congregation.

June 2026 — Endowment Fund Proposals

Summary: Invites proposals for use of available Endowment funds under the Endowment and Planned Giving Program charter.

Key topics: Endowment / funding proposals

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

June 12, 2026 — Pastor Transition Letter from District Superintendent

Summary: Shares the District Superintendent's letter regarding an unexpected change in the pastoral transition and communicates trust in God's guidance through the uncertainty.

Key topics: Pastoral transition

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

June 19, 2026 — Pastor Transition Update from the Leadership Board

Summary: Updates the congregation while waiting for news about the next pastor and reflects on the role of lay leadership in Methodist history and the church's current season.

Key topics: Pastoral transition / lay leadership

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

June 26, 2026 — News from June 14, 2026 Leadership Board Meeting

Summary: Reports continued exploration of sharing the campus with organizations and congregations. Announces the Board's decision to negotiate a representation agreement with Foundry Collective to assist with potential long-term tenants and lease agreements, and reports information gathered from the City of Forest Hills and Fire Marshal regarding zoning and possible facility requirements.

Key topics: Property stewardship / long-term tenants / lease agreements / zoning

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

Property / sustainability relevance: Documents movement from exploration into practical due diligence and professional representation for potential long-term leasing arrangements.

July 23, 2026 — Reflections on TWK 2026 Annual Conference

Summary: Shares reflections from the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Annual Conference and connects Forest Hills with the broader work and direction of the conference.

Key topics: Annual Conference / connectional church

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

September 11, 2026 — An Update on Campus Stewardship and Space Sharing

Summary: An update on FHUMC's mission-centered process for exploring a potential space-sharing partnership with a school.

Key topics: Campus stewardship; space sharing; discernment; school partnership; financial sustainability

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

September 13, 2026 — Announcing Reverend Sharlet Panhalkar!

Summary: FHUMC announces the appointment of Rev. Sharlet Panhalkar as its new pastor and invites the congregation to welcome her and her family on October 4.

Key topics: New pastor; pastoral appointment; Rev. Sharlet Panhalkar; welcome celebration

Original communication: [View the Mailchimp communication](#)

