

AMC Moderator's Report – Jan 2026

AMC Vision

“God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.”

I stepped into the role of Moderator partway through this past year. Much of my time has been spent becoming reacquainted with the life and workings of AMC, while also attending to several important “to-do” items that carried forward from our last AGM. I would like to express my thanks to Loren Brault for his years of service as Moderator and for his ongoing support in the role of Past Moderator.

Areas of Focus This Past Year

Some of the key areas that have required attention include:

- Follow-up on AGM 2024 items
 - The Affirming Statement
 - The ongoing Constitution process
- Financial stewardship
 - Careful attention to expenses in light of several unusual or one-time costs, including the smoke alarm system, the grand piano, and gravel for the parking lot (a 2026 project).
 - We continue to be deeply grateful for the many generous givers within the AMC family who make ministry and maintenance possible.
- Ongoing challenges we continue to discern together
 - How do we maintain and grow membership?
 - How do we keep giving and expenses at a sustainable level?
 - How do we ensure that our pastor is well supported?
 - How do we ensure that our committees remain functional, energized, and protected from the “fatigue factor”?

Signs of Grace at Work

I have also been continually amazed by the many things that seem to “just happen” when people quietly step forward:

- The grand piano was fully paid for and celebrated through a thank-you concert that also drew new people into our church.
- When John Gerbrandt wished to retire from the Gardens on 10th Committee, Kim Batchelor was ready to step in.

- When MCM asked for someone to provide updates for the Palestine Israel Network, John Thiessen answered the call.
- Vacancies for this AGM were largely filled as people agreed to let their names stand.
- A joint project weekend with Bergthaler Church at Matheson Island came together, with every task on the to-do list completed because people stepped up (many of those being young people from AMC who continue to show their willingness to participate in the church!).

These are only a few examples among many. There are countless acts of service that go unnamed, and some people who prefer to work quietly in the background. This is what makes the church. This is what makes AMC. Thank you—named or unnamed. Some of you may not even realize how much what you do truly matters.

Looking Ahead to 2026

As we look toward the coming year, I invite us to hold both our challenges and our hope together:

- Continue to be welcoming and inviting, including simple acts such as sharing AMC events and activities within your own networks.
- Continue to give financially as you are able, trusting that each gift plays a role in sustaining the ministry of AMC.
- Find replacement Custodian(s)
- As we continue to debate and discern the “right words” that shape our constitution, let us keep Colossians 2:6–7 in mind:
 “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.”

May we remain rooted in Christ Jesus, strengthened in faith, and overflowing with thankfulness as we move forward together.

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