Laurens United Methodist Church Administrative Council
August 16, 2026

Present: Brad and Michelle Rubel, Connie Dallenbach, Pastor Jim, Monte Potter, Kaye and Doc Van Genderen, and Don Hertz.

Vice-Chairman Doc Van Genderen called the meeting to order. Pastor Jim opened with a prayer. Michelle Rubel moved to approve July 19, 2026, minutes, Brad Rubel second, motion carried.

Brad Rubel (Trustees) reported that a paint bill has not been received yet from Highway 10 so the total for painting is still not available.

Michelle Rubel (Staff Parish) reported that the committee will have a meeting to complete the necessary form before the annual charge conference.

Missions – no report

Connie Dallenbach (Worship) reported that the committee will be meeting after the surveys have been reviewed.

Laurens Youth Group – no report

Kaye Van Genderen (Memorials) reported that no memorials had been received.

Kaye Van Genderen (UMW) reported that the group would meet at 6 p.m. on September 3rd with a salad bar for supper. Patti Griffiths, co-founder of Next Life Foundation, will be presenting the program. Women from other churches have been invited to attend.

Brad Rubel (UMM) reported that their next meeting will be September 5th. Richard Garner will serve and the message is TBD.

Dwight Van Genderen (Endowment) reported $240,498.56 in the Siddall Music Endowment fund and the checking account has a balance of $499.79.

Discussion was held concerning mailing costs for the office.

Pastor Jim reported that he has been visiting members and would like to see if members would create a core team for visiting. He also reported that the surveys will be viewed and the worship committee will view ideas. Pastor has been working on the Discretionary Fund and Ministerial Fund records. The funds are so low that he has stopped taking requests. He will be meeting with the other ministers in town to discuss guidelines and perhaps have one or two people for oversite from each church. He will discuss the Discretionary Fund with our church finance committee. He has talked with Laurens Principal Hannah Zylstra about the possibility of having people from our church read at school.

Kennedy Heater (Church Treasurer) is concerned about finances. Property Insurance and the QuickBooks subscription are due soon. There will be a statement coming out about the financial needs of the church.

Connie Dallenbach moved to adjourn, Michelle Rubel second, motion carried.

Kaye Van Genderen
Acting Secretary