

**Danville Congregational Church**  
**Quarterly Meeting Minutes 2025-26**  
 October 26, 2025

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Opening Prayer	Pastor Carol Barriger	• 11:10 a.m.
Meeting Called to Order	Alene Riley	• 11:20 a.m.

Danville Congregational Church acknowledges that the land this house of worship sits upon is the traditional, unceded land of the Ohlone and Bay Miwok people. We offer this land acknowledgment as a sign of respect, with the knowledge that this land was sacred before we ever arrived.

Table Talk – 5 Ss

- Discussion: Please use the five Ss in your Table Talk. Please use the color coded Post-it notes
  - Successes
  - Surprises
  - Satisfactions
  - Solutions
  - Sorrows

Successes

- Variety
- Supporting Pastor Elana Bolds' first service in Richmond
- Love seeing the Richmond Visions of Hope community face-to-face
- Mt Diablo Camp
- Excellent choice in Rev Carol for sabbatical pastoral support
- Melissa's ordination as UCC Associate Conference Minister
- Todd's planning for his leave

Surprises

- Different worship services/speakers
- Camping
- With less than complete planning
- Visions of Hope turnout, even though our Senior Pastor was away
- Loved hearing Reuben preach
- Overall attendance stayed high
- I've made it this far without Todd

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Satisfactions

- I'm enjoying this meal even though Todd isn't
- Attending Elana Bolds first worship service in Richmond
- Office ran smoothly
- Getting to know Lauren & Reuben
- Cleaning out Covenant building was very satisfying

Solutions

- Work Day was fun and productive
- Having Carol accept being our pastor
- More parking for ... off campus
- Godly Play classroom remodel
- Organize people to carpool / go to Mt Diablo so more can attend

Sorrows

- Saying goodbye to Pastor Carol
- Lack of attendance to Mt Diablo camp
- No Todd
- Eleanor Dent's passing
- Dick Karns passing – with service
- Amy Furber's father passing
- Missing worship when it didn't happen at the church
- Surprising number of voices
- Service on Mt Diablo - many couldn't participate, no Zoom coverage
- Not being able to share important significant events with Pastor Todd

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Four Presentations	Alene Riley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Report</li><li>• Sourcing new Accountant, Treasurer</li><li>• DaySpring Scholarship Fund</li><li>• Journeys in Faith Survey</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Financial Report</li></ul>	Steve Bridgeman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Handout – Budget Actual Income and Expenditure June 1- Sept 30</li><li>• Committments exceeded expectations – thank you to all</li><li>• Other/Interest Income; budget is very small, but actual is large - \$46K. Employee Retention Credits account for this. Also, it's been a good year for investments; gained about \$16K from interest and dividends</li><li>• Total Income: Budget \$279,483 - Actual \$375,734</li><li>• Expenses bottom line: Actual about \$5K under Budget</li><li>• Compare Income to Expenses: We have received over \$375K in Income; we have spent \$249,566, so we are very well in the black</li><li>• One unanticipated side effect of this is we notice the accumulation of cash in our bank account; with the approval of the Finance Committee, we will invest \$80K in a CD with Cornerstone Fund for an interest rate of 3.55%</li> <li>• Carrie asks – does Cornerstone allow direct investments with ethical screens? Pastor Carol replies, yes, Cornerstone is a Christian-based institution, and supports ethical investing.</li></ul>

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New Hires: Treasurer & Accountant (contract) needed when Steve's term ends

Steve Bridgeman

- Barb asks – what percentage of members have donated their full commitments so far? Heidi replies, historically we have 6% members donate their full annual commitment – this year 11% have done so. And no members are delinquent.
- Steve mentions what a great help it is to the church to have the commitments paid in a timely manner, it allows the church to do business effectively
- If anyone would like to see the full financials, let Steve know

- Finance Committee is working on this, and has posted an Accountant job description on Indeed; have seven applicants thus far
- Steve thinks it's important for whoever is selected to come to the campus and see and get to know us

- DaySpring PreSchool Scholarship Fund

Barb DeBarger

- DaySpring enrollment is largely from our immediate location
- We want to make our PreSchool available to children / families of lower income
- Studies show early education results in many benefits for the child and the society around them
- Breaks down structural barriers, particularly for children of color
- Only two students in the scholarship program at the moment
- Fund is supported by DCC Budget; we can support two each year
- Eligibility is dependent on available scholarship funds

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|  |                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most people don't realize how expensive PreSchool is - \$15,000 for a year's tuition</li><li>• Our funds will run out the end of the fiscal year; we've applied for a County grant to support up to six students a year</li><li>• Donations from DCC members to the Scholarship Fund are tax-deductible</li></ul>   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Journeys in Faith-Survey</li></ul> | Carrie Hrousis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Survey Questions:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Have you attended any Journeys in Faith session in the past year?</li><li>○ What topic areas are of interest to you in the future?</li><li>○ Would you like to lead a session or bring in a speaker?</li><li>○ Please add any additional comments you may have.</li></ul></li><li>• Dr. Vasquez-Levy will be coming to preach Nov 17th.</li><li>• If you have any ideas for 2nd hour presentations, we would love to hear from you</li></ul> |
| Updates on Safety Training   | Alene Riley    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Larry Berlin developed a safety plan for DCC</li><li>• We need to implement the plan following the holiday season</li><li>• Initially training key people who are here on campus the most</li><li>• Will provide general training for an after-worship Sundays, including<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Fire / Earthquake</li><li>○ Medical Emergencies</li><li>○ Active Physical Threat</li></ul></li></ul>   |

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Wrap up	Heidi Bridgeman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank You to Community Life for all their work on the luncheon</li><li>• Pastor Lauren will preach next Sunday</li><li>• Lunch Bunch goes to Luna Loca next week</li><li>• Nov 9th Pastor Todd returns, and we say goodbye to Pastor Carol</li><li>• Bette: Encouraging everyone to Vote, and tell your friends and family especially young people</li></ul>
Closing Prayer	Heidi Bridgeman	