

# Bethel Council Highlights

## Update from our meetings on February 12, 2024

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- From Governing Elders: There is still concern about the financial shortage as a congregation we are incurring. As of the end of January we are showing a shortage of of \$58,000. We humbly ask that all members prayerfully consider your giving and tithing so that we may overcome this shortage in order to fulfill all of our financial obligations.
- From Governing Elders: We had a meeting with John Oort, Chair of the Finance Team. The meeting was held to find ways of working together to achieve to our financial goals going forward. This will include regular communication with the church.
- Director of Youth Ministries: Several interviews have been held to find a candidate to take over the position being vacated by Melanie as she is soon to go on maternity leave. We hope to very soon announce a replacement for Melanie.
- New Office Bearers: The process of selecting new office bearers has now begun. We ask you as a congregation to prayerfully consider nominations for new office bearers to replace outgoing Governing Elders, Shepherding Elders and Deacons. Please send nominatons to [clerk@discoverbethel.com](mailto:clerk@discoverbethel.com). We are hopeful that we can close out the nominations by the end of February.
- From The Finance Team: We've begun the process for setting up the new budget for the next church year starting September 2024. We look forward to presenting the next budget near the end of May or the beginning of June.

## GE meeting on February 19, 2024

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- Director of Youth Ministries Update: We have hired a new Director of Youth Ministries, Zach Rayment, who will lead the youth ministry during Melanie's maternity leave. Please take the chance to introduce yourself to Zach when you can, especially families with youth.

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*Grace and peace,  
The Council of Bethel Community Church*

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