

Shepherd at 50 Update from Pastor Chris
Leadership Team Commissioning and Church Planter Roy Farias

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This was a particularly energizing weekend at Shepherd of the Hills! We commissioned the leadership team for our Shepherd at 50 capital campaign. The Lord has assembled a fantastic team to guide our efforts. Each of these individuals is fired up about helping each of us to grow as children of a generous God. Through their work, your involvement, and ultimately God's blessing, we will make Shepherd at 50 a reality.



Leadership team members pictured, left to right:
Pastor Chris Kennedy
Initial Commitments Director - Pastor Doug Bielefeldt
School Emphasis Director - Sue Gary
Lead Gifts Director - Dale Stein Sr.
Commitment Celebration Co-Director - Karissa Smith
Commitment Celebration Co-Director - Karen Work
Friends of the Congregation Director - Frona McGuire
Campaign Coordinator - DeeDee Perales
Inform Director - Larisa Langley

Not pictured:

Campaign Director - Tim Eickstead

Prayer Director - Khristi Moritz

Communications Director - Nick Arnold

Youth Emphasis Director - Chasley Fortune

After one of the services, a member shared with me his passion about strengthening our outreach through Shepherd at 50. He informed me that he has a gift in the tens of thousands set aside for Shepherd at 50, in addition to whatever his family will give as a three-year pledge. He's not the first person to announce to me that a substantial gift has already been set aside. It's incredible, even humbling, to hear someone say that they want to give their hard-earned dollars to our church's Kingdom work.

One young couple is so excited about our church's vision for outreach that they're leaving their home and work in Dallas to join us. Roy Farias submitted a signed contract last week, accepting our offer to join Pastor Aaron as a church planter. Roy will join our team in early August. He will spend a few months getting to know the culture of our church and school. Then he'll gradually spend more time in the Alamo Ranch area. His task will be to build relationships with the locals and manage the logistics needed to start a new congregation. After completing some requirements of our Texas District, Roy will be eligible to become an LCMS rostered worker and the church plant will have the option of calling him to be their full-time pastor. You'll have the chance to welcome Roy and Jacqui at all services the weekend of August 12/13.

Your feedback is always welcome. You're encouraged to contact any member of the leadership team, including me, with your thoughts and ideas. Please pray about how God is calling you to be involved. A successful campaign requires the best from all of us!

God's blessings,
Pastor Chris Kennedy

What is Shepherd at 50?

Shepherd at 50 is our initiative to accomplish two projects to grow God's Kingdom: We're seeking to improve facilities at our current campus and plant a new church in the rapidly growing far west/northwest region of San Antonio. Both efforts have the same goal: to help achieve our mission to "lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus."