

Paradise Orientation Packet

Review Before Activation

Thursday Democratic Ministry School Materials

Thursday, June 25, 2026 • 7:00 PM Eastern • Paradise-Stage

Includes the overview plus all 14 packet sections.

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Overview — Paradise Orientation Packet

Status: Thursday full meeting packet for the Paradise Orientation meeting. Everything for Thursday lives here so members do not have to open three separate packets.

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01 — Start Here: Thursday Full Meeting Packet Overview

Paradise Orientation — Thursday Meeting

Theme: Paradise Orientation — Review Before Activation

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage, then school-of-citizenship

Speaker: Frenchie

Length: about 45 minutes

One-packet purpose

This is the full Thursday meeting packet. Members should not have to jump between three separate packets to take part. The opening talk, the Common Charter discussion, the Garden Book discussion, the safety boundaries, and question collection all live inside this one packet.

What Thursday is

- A review and discussion meeting.
- A clear look at the orientation materials.
- A space to ask questions and flag unclear wording.
- A way to gather suggested edits for review.

What Thursday is not

- Not a formal vote.
- Not a funding or dues decision.
- Not a membership approval.
- Not a service launch or benefits activation.
- Not BenefitAll activation.
- Not campaign coordination.

Discussion structure

- **Group Discussion 1** is the Common Charter section, inside this packet.
- **Group Discussion 2** is the Garden Book section, inside this packet.

How to take part

You may listen quietly, ask questions live or in writing, submit notes, ask privately through the approved route, or read later. No one needs to share private personal information to participate.

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02 — Thursday Talk: Review Before Activation

Thursday Talk: Review Before Activation

The Thursday meeting opens with a short talk that frames the evening. It explains why we review packets before activating anything, what advisory discussion means, and why reading a packet is not the same as approving it.

The heart of it is one phrase: **review before activation**. Tonight is the review point, not the activation point. We read first, question first, and clarify first, and we slow down before treating anything as final.

The full talk is delivered live at the start of the meeting.

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03 — Paradise Orientation in Summary

Short explanation

The Thursday Paradise Orientation is the review meeting in our weekly rhythm. Where Sunday introduces a topic in everyday terms, Thursday is where we slow down and read the materials together, ask questions, and improve the wording before anything moves forward.

What this meeting means right now

Paradise is in an orientation and review season. That means some materials are still draft, some language is still being tested, and some sections will need legal, financial, safeguarding, or public-voice review. This meeting is not where we pretend everything is finished. It is where we make the work clearer and safer before it goes further.

What we review on Thursday

- The Paradise Orientation talk and one-packet structure.
- The Common Charter section (Group Discussion 1).
- The Garden Book section (Group Discussion 2).
- The questions and edits to gather for review afterward.

Safer wording to keep in mind

Use words like draft, proposed, for review, orientation, advisory discussion, future decision, and not active yet. Avoid words like members are entitled to, Paradise will provide, approved members, benefits will be available, and we guarantee.

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04 — Meeting Rhythm: Sunday, Thursday, and Field Service Ministry

Sunday Public Talk

Sunday is the introductory meeting, kept in clear, everyday terms. It introduces the topic, explains why it matters, and helps members prepare for the Thursday review. It is orientation and teaching, not a decision.

Thursday Review Meeting

Thursday is the review and discussion meeting, and it is what this packet is for. Members read the packet sections together, ask questions, and identify language that is confusing, too internal, too formal, or too strong. Unless Frenchie separately announces and approves a specific action, Thursday is not a formal vote, funding decision, membership approval, service launch, dues collection, benefits activation, campaign coordination, or BenefitAll activation.

Field Service Ministry

Field Service Ministry is its own kind of gathering, centered on showing up with humility. It begins with listening, respect, and clear boundaries, and it never starts by making big claims or promising services. See the Saturday Field Ministry Preview section for more.

Why the rhythm helps

When members know where things belong, they can take part with less fear and less confusion. A question can go to the Q&A. A draft can stay in review. A financial issue can go to the finance review path. A privacy issue can be moved out of public chat. A public-wording issue can be reviewed before it is posted.

05 — Group Discussion 1: Common Charter Section

This Common Charter material lives inside the Paradise Orientation Packet. Members should not have to open a separate Common Charter packet for Thursday.

How to use this section during Thursday

The purpose is to review the Common Charter as part of the single Thursday meeting packet. As we read, listen for four things: is the language clear, does it describe values and responsibilities without pretending to create legal authority, does anything sound like it creates membership rights or services before approval, and what questions would a new member have.

What the Charter is right now

Right now, the Charter should be treated as a draft and review document that helps explain the values, responsibilities, and possible structure of the community. It can help members ask what we are trying to protect, what responsibilities should guide the work, what language is clear, what language needs review, and what should not be treated as final yet.

What the Charter should not do yet

Unless formally reviewed and approved, the Charter should not be used to claim legal authority, membership rights, financial obligations, voting eligibility, service eligibility, benefit approval, public program activation, or binding governance decisions.

Suggested discussion questions

1. Which parts of the Charter feel clear and useful?
2. Which parts sound too broad, too legal, or too final?
3. Does any wording sound like a promise of services, rights, funding, or membership status?
4. What needs legal or governance review?
5. What needs finance review?
6. What needs safeguarding review?
7. What clearer wording would help members understand the Charter without feeling pressured?

Safer wording principle

Use language like draft, proposed, for review, orientation, advisory discussion, future decision, and not active yet. Avoid language like members are entitled to, Paradise will provide, approved members, benefits will be available, this Charter creates, and we guarantee.

Reviewing the Common Charter does not adopt it, create membership rights, open voting, activate governance authority, collect dues, launch services, authorize funding, or approve BenefitAll. This is a review and discussion step unless Frenchie separately announces a formal approval process.

06 — Group Discussion 2: Garden Book Section

This Garden Book material lives inside the Paradise Orientation Packet. Members should not have to open a separate Garden Book packet for Thursday.

How to use this section during Thursday

The purpose is to review the Garden Book as part of the single Thursday meeting packet. The Garden Book has a different role from the Charter. The Charter is about structure, values, responsibilities, and governance language. The Garden Book is about meaning, learning, orientation, and the way Paradise explains itself. That language can be powerful, and it can also become confusing if it is too symbolic or too emotionally heavy without enough practical explanation.

What the Garden Book is right now

Right now, the Garden Book can help members understand the language, values, practices, and learning path of Paradise. It can help explain how Paradise thinks about care and community, how members learn together, and what questions need deeper discussion.

What the Garden Book should not do yet

The Garden Book should not be used to imply active services, guaranteed support, eligibility for aid, mental-health, legal, financial, or crisis advice, formal membership approval, mandatory beliefs, or public program activation.

Suggested discussion questions

1. What part of the Garden Book feels most helpful?
2. What part feels confusing or too symbolic?
3. What needs to be said more simply?
4. Does anything sound like a promise of care, services, funding, or protection?
5. Does anything pressure people to share private information?
6. What sections should stay internal until reviewed?
7. What sections could become orientation material later?

Accessibility note

The Garden Book may need more than one version: a full version, a one-page summary, an accessible version, a glossary of terms, and a "what this means for meetings" version.

Reviewing the Garden Book does not launch a program, promise services, approve benefits, create membership rights, collect dues, authorize funds, or activate BenefitAll. It is a learning and review resource unless a specific section is separately approved for public use.

07 — Saturday Field Ministry Preview: Showing Up With Humility

What this preview is for

This is a short look ahead at the Saturday Field Service Ministry gathering. It is included here so Thursday members know how the week continues, and so the language around field ministry stays careful from the start.

The theme: Showing Up With Humility

Field Service Ministry is about showing up with humility, not about making big claims. It begins with listening first, respecting people's own boundaries, and offering help in a way that protects dignity. We are not there to rescue anyone, and we do not act like saviors.

How to describe it safely

For now, describe Field Service Ministry as a future-facing rhythm for outreach, listening, practical follow-up, and community contact. Keep it subject to clear boundaries, review, and approval before any public service commitments are made.

What it is not

Field Service Ministry is not a promise of services, funding, or benefits, and it does not speak for Paradise or for any partner organization. Any specific outreach activity should be defined clearly and approved before it is announced publicly.

This preview is for orientation and planning. It does not open services, funding, partnerships, or commitments, and it does not create a response timeline.

08 — Resource Hub and Links

This section gathers the resources members need for the Thursday Orientation meeting.

Core resources

Paradise Orientation Packet

- Current packet: this packet.
- Plain-text fallback: see the Plain-Text Fallback Packet section.

Common Charter

- Link: <https://simplebooklet.com/thecommoncharter>
- Purpose: review shared values, responsibilities, and possible structure.
- Boundary: review document only unless separately approved; not a final legal adoption or formal vote.

Garden Book

- Link: <https://simplebooklet.com/thegardenbook>
- Purpose: review ideas, practices, language, and learning topics.
- Boundary: resource and discussion document; not a promise of services, eligibility, or benefits.

Website / Public Library

- Link: <https://paradisefolkschool.org/public-library/>
- Purpose: public-facing library and reference point once approved.

Meeting Packet Library

- Link: <https://paradisefolkschool.org/covenant-members/meeting-packets/>
- Purpose: where approved meeting packets are posted for members.

Question locations

- Public questions: Discord channel [#legislative-ga](#)
- Private questions: Discord channel [#orientation](#) (*please open a private ticket by selecting the "Ask a General Question" button*)

09 — Q&A Topics with Short Answers

1. Is tonight a vote?

No. Thursday is a review and discussion meeting. Discussing a section does not approve it, and reading it together does not make it final.

2. What does "review before activation" mean?

It means we read, question, clarify, and name risks before anything is treated as final. Review is part of preparation, not the decision itself.

3. What is the Common Charter?

It is a draft and review document about shared values, responsibilities, and possible structure. Right now it is for discussion, not for claiming rights, services, or authority.

4. What is the Garden Book?

It is a learning and orientation resource about meaning, language, and practices. It is not a promise of services, benefits, eligibility, or program activation.

5. Do I have to speak?

No. You can listen quietly, type, submit notes, or read later. Quiet participation is real participation.

6. What if I get confused?

That is useful feedback. If a sentence confuses you, it will likely confuse someone else, so saying "this part needs more explanation" genuinely helps.

7. Where do my questions go?

Questions are collected for follow-up review. See the Question Collection and Follow-Up Path section for public and private routes.

8. What is not active yet?

Dues, funds, services, membership rights, voting, candidate endorsement, campaign coordination, and BenefitAll are not active through this meeting. See the What Is Not Active Yet section.

This meeting and packet are for orientation, learning, and review. They do not open formal voting, activate membership rights, collect dues, launch funds, promise services, endorse candidates, coordinate campaigns, approve benefits, or activate BenefitAll.

10 — Safety, Privacy, and Participation Boundaries

Voluntary participation

Participation is voluntary. Listening quietly, leaving early, reading later, or choosing not to participate will not count against anyone.

No required personal disclosure

You do not need to share personal, financial, medical, legal, immigration, family, trauma, disability, or crisis information during this meeting. If a question feels private, you may skip it or ask separately.

Privacy boundary

Please do not share someone else's personal story, contact information, screenshots, or private circumstances without their permission.

Crisis boundary

This meeting is not a crisis-response space. If someone is in immediate danger, they should contact local emergency services or a trusted crisis resource. Frenchie may pause or redirect conversations that need private or urgent support.

Practical participation options

Members may listen quietly, ask questions live, submit questions in writing, ask privately through the approved route, leave early, read notes later, or skip questions that feel private.

Facilitation note

If someone begins sharing urgent, crisis-level, or highly personal information, pause the group discussion and redirect to the safer follow-up path.

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11 — What Is Not Active Yet

This section should be visible in the packet, not hidden in internal notes.

Clear list

At this stage, through this meeting:

- BenefitAll LLC is not activated.
- Dues are not being collected.
- Funds are not being opened.
- Services are not being promised.
- Membership rights are not being created.
- Formal voting is not open unless separately announced and approved.
- Candidate endorsement and campaign coordination are not happening.
- Public program launch is not happening.
- Members are not being approved for benefits.
- Attendance does not create obligations or eligibility.

Why this matters

People should not leave Thursday thinking they enrolled, applied, voted, received benefits, joined a formal program, or triggered services. The point is orientation, review, and question preparation.

Short version

This review meeting does not open formal voting, activate funds, collect dues, promise services, endorse candidates, coordinate campaigns, launch public programs, create membership rights, or activate BenefitAll.

12 — Thursday Run of Show

Event details

Theme: Paradise Orientation — Review Before Activation

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage, then school-of-citizenship

Length: about 45 minutes

Operational flow

1. **Open stage / welcome** — 2 minutes
2. **Boundary statement** — 3 minutes
3. **Thursday talk: Review Before Activation** — 10 minutes
4. **Group Discussion 1: Common Charter section** — 12 minutes
5. **Group Discussion 2: Garden Book section** — 12 minutes
6. **Questions and next steps** — 6 minutes

If the meeting starts late, shorten the discussions evenly rather than cutting the boundary statement.

Boundary statement to read near the top

Tonight is an orientation and advisory review. It is not a vote, not a funding or dues meeting, not a membership approval, not a service or benefits activation, not campaign coordination, and not BenefitAll activation. Tonight is review before activation.

Closing line

By the end of tonight, the goal is not full agreement. The goal is to understand what is clear, what is confusing, what needs simpler language, and what should be set aside for further review before anything moves forward.

13 — Question Collection and Follow-Up Path

Where questions should be submitted

- Public question location: Discord channel [#legislative-qa](#)
- Private question route: Discord channel [#orientation](#) (*open a private ticket via the "Ask a General Question" button*)

What happens to questions

Questions raised during Thursday will be collected for follow-up review. A question may become a clarification note, a future FAQ item, a draft edit, or a separate review topic. Questions do not automatically create policy, membership rights, services, funding decisions, votes, or program activation.

How follow-up edits are handled

Follow-up edits are collected for review first. They are not treated as public language, final policy, or live schedule updates until Frenchie approves the exact destination and action.

Sorting questions

- Common Charter questions group under Group Discussion 1.
- Garden Book questions group under Group Discussion 2.
- Questions about the overall packet, safety boundaries, or participation flow group separately.
- Finance, dues, benefits, funding, or BenefitAll questions go to the finance review path.
- Legal or governance questions go to the legal review path.
- Privacy, consent, or vulnerable-member concerns go to the safeguarding review path.

14 — Plain-Text Fallback Packet

Paradise Orientation — Thursday Review Meeting

Theme: Paradise Orientation — Review Before Activation

Date: Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage, then school-of-citizenship

Length: about 45 minutes

This is the full Thursday meeting packet in plain text. It is an orientation and advisory review. It is not a vote, a launch, an enrollment, a dues or funding meeting, a benefits or service activation, campaign coordination, or BenefitAll activation.

The purpose is to review the Paradise orientation materials together, discuss the Common Charter and the Garden Book, ask questions, and prepare suggested edits before anything moves forward.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and boundary statement.
2. Thursday talk: Review Before Activation.
3. Group Discussion 1: Common Charter section.
4. Group Discussion 2: Garden Book section.
5. Questions and next steps.

You can take part by listening quietly, reading later, asking questions, asking privately through the approved route, or leaving early. Participation is voluntary. You do not need to share personal, financial, medical, legal, immigration, family, trauma, disability, or crisis information. Please do not share anyone else's private information without permission. This meeting is not a crisis-response space; if someone is in immediate danger, they should contact local emergency services or a trusted crisis resource.

What is not active yet: BenefitAll is not activated, dues are not collected, funds are not opened, services are not promised, membership rights are not created, formal voting is not open unless separately announced, and candidate endorsement and campaign coordination are not happening.

After Thursday, questions and notes are gathered for review. Nothing discussed is final just because it was discussed.