

# Annual Vestry Meeting

February 22, 2026



Reports for the Year 2025

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto, Ontario

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# Annual Vestry Meeting — 23 February 2025

## Minutes

The Annual Vestry Meeting of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields was held on Sunday, 23 February 2025. Fr. Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent, called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm and began with prayer. He appointed David McKnight as Vestry Clerk.

### 1. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 Vestry Meeting**

With the correction of the spelling of “McPherson”, the minutes were approved.

2. The pastoral letter from the **College of Bishops** was included in the meeting package and recommended for reading and reflection.
3. The report from the **Incumbent** was also in the package. Fr. Hatt added that he felt blessed to be in this parish. He noted the recent passing and funeral of Andrea Zinn, how faithful she had been to the parish, and how much she helped him in his first months. He thanked the wardens, Nadine and Jay; Jack Hattey and the choir; Finn Keesmaat-Walsh; and, again, Andrea Zinn for their devotion and work for the parish.

### 4. **Management Board Report**

In addition to the written report, Nadine Barmania acknowledged the hard work of so many on the Rectory renovations and the heating project. She thanked Philip Conliffe for his work on the finances, and also Ryan Samaroo and Prince Emmanuel Adjin-Tetty who are stepping down from the Board. She thanked Jay for his work as warden and she looks forward to working with Phil Snider.

### 5. **Parish Council Report**

In addition to the written report, Jay Haddad thanked the Parish Selection Committee and those who worked before and during the search. He also noted the positive role Fr. PJ Carefoote had played as our Interim. Phil Snider thanked Jay and Nadine for mentoring him over the past year.

### 6. **2024 Financial Statements**

Philip Conliffe presented the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

- The General Fund balance is down from last year, chiefly from disbursement from funds for refugees, children’s ministry, and Our Faith Our Hope funds.
- Despite a large amount of necessary spending this year, we are in a good financial position thanks to our generous donors and grants from the Diocese.
- Regular donations increased in 2024 compared to 2023, including by PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance.)
- Expenses were high this year with rectory renovations, selection committee, and moving costs for Fr. Hatt.
- With the allowed transfer of \$32,161 from the Memorial Fund, the operating budget broke even. The surplus (called Fund Balance) at the end of the year is steady at \$52,497.
- A total of \$354,126 was spent on the heating system, covered from the Memorial Fund. Some has already been recovered from investment income, HST rebates, and donations.
- The Memorial Fund is down \$204,000 in book value, but there is about \$100,000 in unrealized gains. Donations have been made in memory of Arlene Davis, Dale McInnes Keel, and Larry Palin. Several donations have also been made to the Memorial Fund for the Heat It Forward campaign.

**MOTION** (P. Conliffe/C. Paget) To approve the 2024 audited financial statements. **CARRIED**

## 7. 2025 Budget

Philip Conliffe presented the proposed budget for 2025.

- Based on 2024 actual giving's and indicators for 2025, the budgeted undesignated giving's, including festivals, have been increased.
- There is a proposed salary increase of 3.1% for clergy and lay staff. This is the number used for COLA (cost of living allowance) by the diocese.
- Church and Rectory expenses: Budget for capital expenses returns to normal. We hope that operating the new heating system will be more efficient. Insurance costs have increased.
- Our Synod allotment is increased according to the Diocesan formula.
- The budgeted deficit of \$92,697 will be offset by transfers from the Memorial Fund and from OFOH for children's ministry (although the latter will run out in 2026). There may be a small reduction in the "Fund Balance" which is the surplus we carry from year to year.
- In response to questions, Philip noted that:
  - The Newcomer budget line is zero as the committee is not currently active.
  - Health, Safety & Security does not have a separate budget line, but its activities are funded through other lines. A separate line can be used in future.

**MOTION (P. Conliffe/E. Goulden) To approve the 2024 Budget CARRIED**

Fr. Hatt thanked Philip for all the work he does throughout the year. [Applause]

## 8. Appointment of Auditors

**MOTION (P. Conliffe/J. Gentry) To appoint Peter Tsui Professional Corporation as auditor for the 2025 year. CARRIED**

## 9. Elections and Appointments

The Report from the Nominating Committee with slates for the elected offices was reviewed. For each group, there was a call for further nominations, but there were none. Voting was by group:

- Parish Council **MOTION (K. Mansfield/K. Wagg) CARRIED**
- Management Board **MOTION (M. Attwood/L. McKnight) CARRIED**
- Other Elected Positions **MOTION (S. Brown/C. Paxton) CARRIED**
- Non-elected positions were reviewed.

Fr. Hatt thanked all for agreeing to serve in their positions. Sandy Brown noted that there was no entry for Pianist for the monthly services at the Grenadier, something she has done for 19 years. [Applause.] Kathie Wagg thought that External Signage should not be grouped with Missional; previously it has been separate.

## 10. Reports from Church Groups

Reports from each group were included in the Vestry package. Some additional information was provided at the meeting:

- **Altar Guild** – Roberta Laking Kananaj: The parish is more than 100 years old and some of our things are wearing out. Recommendations are sought for someone to repair a home communion kit.
- **Children and Youth Ministry** – Finn Keesmaat-Walsh: Finn is grateful for the number of volunteers and proud of the youth group, four of whom were at Vestry. There was discussion of the children staying in church until the Gospel and the adjustments required from both the children and the congregation.

- **Christian Education** – Mary Conliffe & Phil Snider: Thanks to the committee and all participants. More topics are needed – what would people like to learn about?
- **Christmas Market** – Tim Stephenson: Thanks to all volunteers and shoppers. Please continue to donate and encourage others to attend.
- **External Signage** – Kathie Wagg: Roberta Laking Kananaj wondered if we could put out a sign when there are extra services; Kathie noted we do have an A-frame sign.
- **Garden** – Patty McKnight: Thanks to the volunteers who keep the garden looking good.
- **Heat It Forward** – Nadine Barmania: The campaign is moving forward. Pledge sheets are at the back of the church and pledges can also be made online or added to PAR.
- **Library** – Samantha Thompson: There are two bookcases in the Guild Room. Please bring books back after reading!
- **Livestreaming** – Ian Greene for Robert Snow: More volunteers are welcome. Soon microphones will be hung from a wire to remove the stands from the choir.
- **The Lychgate** – Ian Greene: More help is always needed, especially if there is someone interested in doing layout.
- **Memorial Fund** – Philip Conliffe: This report offers extra detail about our holdings with CIBC. Note that this uses market value while the financial statements use book value.
- **Missional Team** – Kathie Wagg: the “Blessing of Two-wheeled Vehicles” is coming up. It is hoped to get motorcycles as well as bicycles.
- **Music** – Jack Hattey: Jack emphasized the value of our organ and choral scholar programs.
- **Outreach and FaithWorks** – Judith Kidd: There are several new members in the group. This is Judith’s last report as chair, but she will remain on the committee. Fr. Hatt thanked Judith for her long, dedicated service to outreach.  
Romero House has been able to increase their housing so there are more children. We are able to provide them space on Mondays for a children’s program.  
Ian Greene reported that the Afghan refugee family is well settled, and we are now trying to sponsor their sister.
- **Parish Selection Committee** – Nadine Barmania: Obviously successful! [Applause]
- **Property** – Mark Kolberg: Thanks to the generosity of the parish in keeping our old buildings going. Special thanks to the volunteers who did so much work in the Rectory last summer. There is still lots to do! In response to questions, Mark noted that the parish hall and kitchen are on the long list. [Applause]
- **Servers** – Lynn McKnight: The group has grown, and we are now able to have more servers on Sunday morning. Lynn is hoping to get more children involved, perhaps carrying the incense boat.
- **Sidespeople** – Glen Storey: Volunteers always needed.
- **Stewardship** – Michael Attwood: It is small group and more people are welcome. The commitment is not onerous.

## 11. Social Justice Vestry Motion 2025

Judith Kidd presented the motion and referred to the available material from the Diocese, the work done by our own parish volunteers, and the three-part Christian Education series about the motion (available on the web site).

**MOTION** (J. Kidd/ K Mansfield)

We, the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the Province of Ontario to reverse the planned closure of safe consumption sites in Ontario, and to lift the ban on the creation of new sites, in order to expand life-saving harm reduction services to Ontarians.

There was considerable discussion of the motion and the potential for significant harm with the closure of the safe consumption sites. Rebecca Eacho recalled the message of our Gospel today: do not judge, be merciful, do not condemn. Addiction is both a medical and a spiritual affliction. The sites do not enable addiction, but rather care for people. Closing sites feeds into denial, shame, and ambivalence. Several others spoke in favour of the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**12. Other Business**

There was no other business

On a motion from C. Paxton, the meeting adjourned with the Grace at 2:13 pm.

**Attendance**

Fr. Nicholas Hatt, Incumbent, Chair

Khalil Ah *	John Goddard	Bp. Victoria Matthews
Margaret Allen	Susan Goddard	David McKnight
Michael Attwood	Elin Goulden	Lynn McKnight
Nicky Banks	Ian Greene	Patty McKnight
Sophie Banks *	Jay Haddad	Shelagh McPherson
Nadine Barmania	Marilyn Halloran	Cindy Paget
Patricia Boulden	Doug Hattey	Patricia Palin
Gayne Brawn	Jack Hattey	Cathy Paxton
Sandy Brown	Lindsey Hobson	Liv Ryder *
Lyal Carter	Finn Keesmaat-Walsh *	Aster Samuel
Gregory Conliffe	Judith Kidd	Bernard Sanders
Mary Conliffe	Mark Kolberg	Ian Snider
Philip Conliffe	Roberta Laking Kananaj	Phil Snider
Vicki Cooper	Anne Longmore	Tim Stephenson
Phil Devine	Elaine Lumley	Glen Storey
Huntly Duff	David Luxton	Samantha Thompson
Rebecca Eacho	Mag Luxton	Bob Thornley
Jenny Formanek	Joe Mangina	Kathie Wagg
Melissa Frost	Kathy Mansfield	John Webster
Jonathan Gentry	Linda Markowsky	Ingram Wolf

\* Non-voting

## The College of Bishops Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2026

**To the clergy, churchwardens and parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto:**

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

*“So they cast [the net], and now they were not able to haul it in because of the quantity of fish.” – John 21:6*



God’s goodness to the Diocese of Toronto amazes us every day. As your bishops, it is our joy and privilege to bear witness to the rich blessings, the varied gifts, the talents and skills, the sacrificial generosity, and the deep faithfulness of the Body of Christ in this Diocese. Every parish and community, and the many devoted Anglicans who make them up, inspire us. It has been a natural response for us to “Lift Up Our Hearts” in a spirit of gratitude and encouragement in 2025.

The very first Call of our Cast the Net visioning process was a Season of Spiritual Renewal. We heard over and over again that our Diocese is hungry to know and love God more deeply. During the season, more than 40 workshops were offered, geared to priests, deacons, lay leaders and people desiring to deepen their spiritual lives, hone leadership skills and discern God’s call. We held five “Lift Up Our Hearts” worship services: at St. James Cathedral; All Saints, Whitby; Trinity, Streetsville; St. James, Orillia; and St. Paul, Bloor Street. Large crowds gathered to worship, sing and pray for the renewal of the Church. Each one was a moment of grace and joy. The Season of Spiritual Renewal officially draws to a close with the end of the season of Epiphany 2026. Now a small group gathers to discern how we continue to grow disciples, enhance ministry and form servants of the Gospel, building on the foundation of what has been offered. Stay tuned!

The Netminders is a group of clergy, lay leaders and staff who continue to help parishes engage with the Cast the Net Calls and to bring them to life in each community. Every parish was invited to choose three or four Calls from the 20 – those that reflect the ministry that they are a part of now or hope to be in the future – and to bring them to Synod for discussion and mutual encouragement. With each part of the Body engaging our common Calls in different ways, we move as one.

At the annual clergy conference last May at Trent University, our speaker, the Very Rev. David Monteith, Dean of Canterbury, offered reflections based on Jesus the Good Shepherd, an image that resonated with our clergy, particularly in this time of disruption and uncertainty. Our clergy work so hard at hauling in the nets, and we say to them now, to all our priests and deacons: we see you, and we are grateful to God for the ministry that you do. The annual clergy conference is always a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new ones, and this year was no exception. It was also our joy to host smaller clergy retreat days in the spring and fall. These were opportunities for clergy to gather in deanery groups for Bible study, to hear from their bishop and archdeacons, to deepen fellowship with one another and to share a meal. We want to respond to Call #12 to “continue and enhance support for all ordained people” as they engage in vital ministry.

Regarding shared ministry, our partnership with the Diocese of Brasilia continues to flourish, now entering our third year of seven. Our motto, “Partners in Christ, united in mission” (*Parceiros em Cristo, unidos na missão*) is grounded in Calls #4 and #13 regarding our participation in God’s healing work and ministries of service in the world. Dr. Paulo Ueti from Brasilia and the Rev. Canon Dr. Christopher Brittain from Toronto offered an online bilingual study day on liberation theology for clergy and lay leaders of both dioceses last March. The Rev. Dr. Rodrigo Espiuca from Brasilia invited us to seek signs of resurrection in his keynote address at the Outreach Conference in October. Bishop Mauricio Andrade participated in our bishops’ Advent series in

December. Looking ahead, we will welcome Dr. Paulo Ueti as our guest speaker at this year's clergy conference, and we can't wait to receive a delegation of Brazilian youth for the ReCharge Youth Retreat. We also hope a small group of Toronto Anglicans can visit Brasilia this year.

We are pleased to be moving ahead with our work on equity, decolonization, diversity and inclusion with the hiring of our new EDDI Advisor, Dilesha Stelmach. Dilesha brings a strong experiential and educational background in this ministry, centered around Ephesians 4: 4-6: "there is one body, one Spirit, one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father, Creator of all, who is above all and through all and in all." With support from our HR department and the Bishop's Committee on Intercultural Ministries, Dilesha is mindfully engaging, both practically and theologically, with our people – volunteers, staff, clergy – and with our infrastructure – policies, practices and the constitution and canons of the Diocese. She will be helping us to see the familiar in unfamiliar ways as we build up the ministry of every single beloved child of God in our Diocese.

To all our faithful people in so many vital ministries in our Church: thank you. To our hard-working churchwardens and treasurers, children and youth ministry workers, parish musicians, office administrators and envelope secretaries, altar guilds and custodians, ACW and outreach volunteers, and countless committee members: thank you. To our diocesan volunteers, members of Synod Council and participants on bishop's committees: thank you. To the staff team at the Synod Office: thank you. Together we all make up the strong net of the Diocese of Toronto, and together, by following the ways of Jesus, we receive "more than we can ask or imagine" – so many blessings collected in our net that we are barely able to haul it in.

When the nightly news seems especially dire, when anxiety is pervasive and the future seems uncertain, God's reign can feel far away. Yet our commitment to our baptismal covenant, our tenacious acts of faith, persistent resistance to the powers of evil, small but powerful acts of kindness towards our neighbours, and a deep, unshakable, unwavering belief that "the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24) will carry us through troubled times.

Please pray for us, as we pray daily for you.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,



The Right Reverend Andrew J. Asbil  
Bishop of Toronto



The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw  
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto



The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson  
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

## Incumbent's Report

*"Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.  
We ask this in his name and for his sake."*

(‘Prayer for the Mission of the Church’, *Book of Alternative Services*, page 676)

For the past few months, I have used this prayer regularly at parish gatherings and meetings. It is a reminder to me and to us that our life as parish must be centered around Christian discipleship, learning to follow Jesus more and more in all that we say and do, drawing closer to him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

In our rapidly changing world, when the expectations and patterns of our communal life are being called into question, nothing could be more important than the renewal of our Christian discipleship: through it we offer Christ to this broken world. Such renewal must be rooted in the traditional Christian habits of regular worship and daily prayer, reading and meditation on God’s Holy Word, fasting, the giving of our financial resources to support the church and those in need, and offering ourselves in service to the church and the world. In the coming year, I hope that this will inform how we will build upon the good and faithful ministries which have been lived out in this place for many years.

In September we articulated the particular focus we would like to have in this renewal when we identified the three of the 20 Calls to ministry identified by our Diocese as part of the Cast the Net strategic vision:

- Share and use resources to enliven worship, faith formation, spiritual practice, and evangelism.
- Make explicit connections between following Jesus and working for justice and peace.
- Take, sustain and communicate actions that promote diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism.

What exactly these calls mean to us—how they will not devolve into simply reflecting secular culture, for instance—and how we will fulfil them is an ongoing process over the coming years as we identify opportunities for ministry and discipleship. There are many examples of how some of this work is already underway in our parish, however. I highlight a few below while more examples can be found in the other reports.

Recently, the Outreach and Missional committees decided to merge over the coming year. These ministries have experienced wonderful growth under deeply faithful leadership for many years and it is hoped that by joining forces we can undertake some new projects and involve even more parishioners in them. Recently, for instance, a team of about a dozen people—only some of whom are formally connected to outreach—have been opening the church every morning to provide a space for people who may have spent the night on the street to

warm up and have a cup of coffee before carrying on with their day. It has become a place of friendship, inclusion, and a way to respond to the injustices of our culture. It is perhaps something we might wish to formalize in the future. I must thank Kathie Wagg for her many years of service to the Missional Committee which has set in place an important model for our continued growth in both these ministries.

In October, an initial meeting was held to consider establishing a Lay Pastoral Visiting Team here at St Martin's. There was a lot of enthusiasm and now we have to develop the particular model we would like this ministry to have. This group will root itself in regular prayer and learning how to be present with those who are ill or dying.

As Finn details in their report, our children's ministry has experienced growth again this year. This ministry is an important investment in nurturing our children and youth in their Christian discipleship, helping to give them a way of life which will serve them throughout their lives. After ten years of funding this ministry through various grants and designated funds we will need to start funding it within our regular operating funds (or find other funding sources) if we want it to continue. This will be a challenge in our stewardship. Thank you to Finn, our Pastoral Associate for Children's and Youth Ministry, for their enthusiasm and dedication to this ministry.

This March, neighbouring Saint Matthias' Anglican Church will close for a period of five years, during which time they hope to find ways to renew their ministry in the Trinity Bellwoods neighbourhood. Some of them may join us in worship on Sunday mornings and the diocese has asked us to connect with them and see if there are other ways we can support them. This may include hosting a monthly gathering for their community at St Martin's, led by Canon Alyson. This is one important way we can serve our diocese and the broader church.

As in any community, we experienced joys and losses this past year as people were gathered in or gathered home to God. We celebrated seven baptisms, welcoming them into the family of God. At the same time, a number of our long-term members died. I must especially note the death of Andrea Zinn last January. She had just stepped down as our office administrator due to ongoing illness. Andrea was deeply devoted to the parish for nearly four decades and this church was her family. I must also note the death of Fr. Harold Nahabedian who served in retirement as an honorary assistant at St Martin's. Fr. Harold was well-known throughout the Canadian Church and beyond for his ministry and service. Give thanks to God for his faithfulness and for his life together with his wife Janet. May he and Andrea and all the departed rest in peace and rise in the glory with the saints of heaven.

I must offer a word of thanks to a few people, although many more are in order. We are so faithfully served here at St. Martin's by our music director, Jack Hattey. His attention to worship, his care for the choir and his devotion to the parish is outstanding. Thank you, Jack for all that you do.

It has been a joy to work with our wardens, Phil Snider and Nadine Barmania this past year. I especially thank Nadine who is concluding her three-year term this month and for her thoughtful, caring leadership. We have been so well-served by her. I must also thank our treasurer, Philip Conliffe, who gives so sacrificially of his time and talent in managing our finances.

It is a privilege to serve in ministry with our honorary assistants, Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Bishop Victoria Matthews, Canon David Luxton, and Father Michelle Childs-Ward. They participate regularly in Sunday worship, care for the parish while I am away, and also provide care to me and all of you in so many quiet, unassuming ways. Thank you to all of them.

I have now been with you for approximately a year and a half as your rector. When asked, I am glad to tell people that it is a blessing beyond measure for me to serve in ministry at St. Martin's. Thank you all for your faithfulness to me, to God, to his church, and to one another. I pray that God will continue to bless our efforts to grow in his love and grace and to serve him in his mission to the world in the year ahead.

Fr. Nicholas Hatt  
Incumbent

From the parish registers for 2025:

**BAPTISMS**

Dylan Thomas Bunn  
Joan Evelyn Dalamba  
Brahma Hagood  
Noorjahaern Antoinée  
Kouhenoor Antoinée  
Noorman Dominic  
Mauricio Ramos-Cortes

**FUNERALS and BURIALS**

Andrea Zinn  
Ruth Storey  
Elizabeth Longmore  
Philip Norman Renouf  
Alan Scott Mitchell  
Anne Marie Muravsky  
Lex Byrd  
Stephen Rawson  
Harry Rawson

*Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:  
and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*

## Management Board

Management Board oversees the property, financial and operating concerns of St. Martin-in-the-Fields. The Board, with authorities delegated through Vestry and in support of the Wardens, meets monthly through the year, except July and August.

Current members are Nadine Barmania (Chair and People's Warden), David McKnight (Secretary, Screening Officer), Philip Conliffe (Treasurer), Peter Chauvin (Memorial Fund liaison), Mark Kolberg (Property Manager) and members at large, Jonathan Gentry (Archives), Piers Hemmingsen (Envelope Secretary), Larry Barwick (Health, Safety and Security), Cyriline Taylor, Anne Longmore, Lynn McKnight, Cindy Paget. Father Hatt (Incumbent) and Phil Snider (Rector's Warden and Chair of Parish Council) actively participate in Management Board deliberations.

In 2025 St. Martin-in-the-Fields has been a place of stability in a changing and uncertain world. Father Hatt and the clergy have continued to guide us in our spiritual growth. Parishioners and friends of St. Martin's have generously given their time and treasure to support and build the church. Our groups and committees have strengthened the ties between us within the church and with the greater community. Management Board has prudently managed the finances and property matters in support of our church and parish.

Our property team led by Mark Kolberg, made a number of upgrades to the church building and rectory. The largest project was the repair of the clerestory roof with the replacement of the membrane and flashing. We also saw masonry repairs on the south wall, installation of a hot water heater at the rectory, upgrades to lighting in the parish hall.

Our building, grounds safety protocols are regular reviewed by the Health Safety and Security Committee, and action is taken based on HSS recommendations. The HSS hosted a number of seminars throughout the year focusing on safety in the home and seniors' safety.

The snow removal team has been busy this year keeping the sidewalks, the driveway clear and safe. Thank you Ian, David, Glen and to all other shovellers.

Our sexton Bernard Sanders celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> year at St. Martin providing regular maintenance of the church. Thank you to Bernard.

We worked with various groups to enhance our ministries. We installed a new video camera for livestream, installed microphones above the choir, rearranged the second family pew, installed security cameras, purchased an Owl for hybrid Zoom meetings, upgraded microphones, helped facilitate an Aura refugee sponsorship. Our screening officer ensures that the safe church protocols are all known.

Our archives group continues to review records and documents.

We had a number of transitions in our office administration this year. Rebecca Eacho served as office administrator from March to November following Andrea Zinn's sad passing. Shukura Alleyne replaced Rebecca just before Christmas following Rebecca's move with her family. Thank you to Rebecca and Shukura. We continue to adjust the systems in the office to be most efficient.

Underlying all the work of the church is the generous financial support of parishioners and the careful management of our finances by our Treasurer, Investment Managers and Envelope Secretary. We are in a healthy financial position. Our Treasurer will provide a detailed report of our regular operations.

Our Memorial Fund has grown through the years from bequests from parishioners and through prudent management. The Fund provides financial stability to St. Martins on an ongoing basis as we can supplement our operating revenue each year by transfer of up to 4% of the Fund. In addition, we can draw on the Fund for special projects subject to approval of the Vestry. Rather than deplete the fund we have committed to maintaining the fund to provide this stability into the future. This year we established a Legacy Fund to hold a particular long-term donation. Thank you to Peter and Brian for the prudent management of the investments.

This year's stewardship campaign focused us on committing our time talent and treasure to St. Martins as we are each able. Speakers from the congregation shared their experiences at lunch and through coffee hour in October and November. We looked at ways of giving and legacy gifts.

In 2024 we drew on the Memorial Fund to pay for the boiler project. In 2025 we launched the Heat-It-Forward capital campaign to raise \$360,000 to replenish the Memorial Fund. Through donations to the Memorial Fund and Heat-It-Forward, and fundraising events and return of HST we have returned \$188,000 to the Memorial Fund in 2024 and 2025.

Thank you to all members of Management Board and all members of committees and teams who advise Management Board and who carry out the work in the church. The expertise and talents of our members is truly a blessing to St. Martins.

Thank you to my fellow warden Phil Snider for his diligent and faithful work over the year.

And thank you to Father Nicholas Hatt and our clergy for their sure and steady leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine J.L. Barmania  
People's Warden, Management Board Chair

## Parish Council

Parish Council oversees the programs and activities which help all of us at St. Martin's to develop our spiritual lives, share our faith to our neighbours and helps those in our community who need it.

Current members of Parish Council are: Phil Snider (Rector's Warden), Nadine Barmania (People's Warden), Fr. Nicholas Hatt (Incumbent), Patty McKnight (secretary), David McKnight, Jonathan Gentry (lay delegates to Synod), Vicki Cooper (alternate lay delegate to Synod) and member at large, Jenny Formanek, Cathy Paxton, Bob Thornley, Kathie Wagg, Elin Goulden, Tim Stephenson, Patricia Boulden, Dianne Doughty, Jay Haddad, Kathy Mansfield, Shelagh McPherson.

It is difficult to encompass the activities of the many groups and ministries which the Parish Council oversees. St. Martin's is an active and committed parish and that is seen by the activities of such committees as Lychgate, Hospitality, Garden, Christian Education, Facebook/Instagram, Children and Youth Ministry, Outreach, Missional, and others. Please read the reports of those groups and so many others which appear below.

This year for the Parish Council has been focused on considering our ministries in this parish and how they fit in with a wider vision. Over this period, but especially in the fall, we considered the diocesan initiative, Cast the Net which invited us to consider adopting three Calls to Action from their list of twenty, which we, as a parish would commit to and which would help guide the visioning of how we move forward in serving our parish and the community around us. After a parish wide consultation and follow-up discussion at Parish Council, we decided to adopt these three calls:

**3. Share and use resources to enliven worship, faith formation, spiritual practice and evangelism**

**5. Make explicit connections between following Jesus and working for justice and peace**

**7. Take, sustain and communicate actions that promote diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism**

It is our hope that these calls will inform how we develop as a parish over the coming years.

This year has also seen us reconsidering how respond to the needs in our parish and the community. We have begun a process to establish a Lay Visiting program, which would coordinate hospital and home visits for the sick in our parish. We also have reconsidered the relationship between our Missional and Outreach Committees, deciding to join these two essential and related ministries through a joint steering committee, which will help us in planning our initiatives more effectively. In addition, we have also started a Children and Youth Ministry Committee to support the work of our Children and Youth Coordinator and their volunteers. We look forward to working with these committees in the coming year.

Lastly, thank you to Father Hatt for his steady guidance as we continue to learn how to serve our community together. Thank you to Nadine Barmania, our outgoing People's Warden for her hard work and her guidance as I acclimatized to being a Warden this year. And thank you to all the Parish Council for all your support and hard work which makes St. Martin's such a welcoming and joyful place,

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Snider

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2025**

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS  
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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Vestry of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields:

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Qualified Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of revenue, expenditures, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields as at December 31, 2025 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### **Basis for Qualified Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Church in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in Canada, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified opinion.

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields derives income from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of income was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the donations and fundraising revenue, excess of revenue over expenditures and net assets.

#### **Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

The Churchwardens are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Churchwardens are responsible for assessing the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Church or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Church's financial reporting process.

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## Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate to the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Church's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Church to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

I also provide those charged with governance with a statement that I have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on my independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

*Pete Tsui, CPA, CA, LPA*

February 9, 2026  
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# The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Statement of Financial Position

For the year ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund		Memorial Fund		Total Funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>						
Current						
Cash and equivalents	280,132	234,578	670,041	568,669	950,173	803,247
Accounts receivable	97	639	1,772	12,279	1,869	12,918
Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable	5,604	4,353	-	22,797	5,604	27,150
Interfund advances (note 2)	4,761	58,898	(4,761)	(58,898)	-	-
	290,594	298,468	667,052	544,847	957,646	843,315
Investments (note 3)	243,300	-	965,576	976,948	1,208,876	976,948
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>533,894</b>	<b>298,468</b>	<b>1,632,628</b>	<b>1,521,795</b>	<b>2,166,522</b>	<b>1,820,263</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Current						
Accounts payable and accruals	14,818	20,421	-	35,839	14,818	56,260
Long term						
Deferred contributions (note 5 and schedule 2)	466,579	225,550	-	-	466,579	225,550
	481,397	245,971	-	35,839	481,397	281,810
<b>Fund Balances</b>						
Unrestricted	52,497	52,497	-	-	52,497	52,497
Internally restricted	-	-	1,632,628	1,485,956	1,632,628	1,485,956
	52,497	52,497	1,632,628	1,485,956	1,685,125	1,538,453
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<b>533,894</b>	<b>298,468</b>	<b>1,632,628</b>	<b>1,521,795</b>	<b>2,166,522</b>	<b>1,820,263</b>

Approved on behalf of Vestry:

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See accompanying notes to financial statements

# The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund		Memorial Fund		Total Funds	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Revenue</b>						
Donations - receipted (schedule 1)	159,549	184,493	110,232	49,551	269,781	234,044
PAR receipts	82,081	75,894			82,081	75,894
Donations - unreceipted (schedule 1)	37,129	37,264	-	5,204	37,129	42,468
Rental of premises	18,060	14,370			18,060	14,370
York rectory	6,800	6,800			6,800	6,800
Investment income (note 3)	-	250	71,962	104,704	71,962	104,954
Deferred contributions recognized (schedule 2)	26,748	95,350			26,748	95,350
Miscellaneous income	10,598	25,207	2,873	25,519	13,471	50,726
	<b>340,965</b>	<b>439,628</b>	<b>185,067</b>	<b>184,978</b>	<b>526,032</b>	<b>624,606</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Human resources (schedule 1)	169,094	165,243			169,094	165,243
Church and rectory (schedule 1)	110,017	139,822	735	354,126	110,752	493,948
Diocese	27,169	20,149			27,169	20,149
Outreach and mission	14,320	84,287			14,320	84,287
Administration (schedule 1)	25,620	37,333	1,799	851	27,419	38,184
Worship	15,153	14,412	-	2,000	15,153	16,412
Education	2,031	2,788			2,031	2,788
Hospitality	9,119	7,759			9,119	7,759
Fundraising			4,303	-	4,303	-
	<b>372,523</b>	<b>471,793</b>	<b>6,837</b>	<b>356,977</b>	<b>379,360</b>	<b>828,770</b>
<b>(Deficiency) surplus of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>(31,558)</b>	<b>(32,165)</b>	<b>178,230</b>	<b>(171,999)</b>	<b>146,672</b>	<b>(204,164)</b>
<b>Fund balances - Beginning of year</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>52,501</b>	<b>1,485,956</b>	<b>1,690,116</b>	<b>1,538,453</b>	<b>1,742,617</b>
<b>Interfund transfer</b>	<b>31,558</b>	<b>32,161</b>	<b>(31,558)</b>	<b>(32,161)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balances - End of year</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>1,632,628</b>	<b>1,485,956</b>	<b>1,685,125</b>	<b>1,538,453</b>

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**The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields**  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

<b>For the Year Ended December 31</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Operating activities</b>		
(Deficiency) surplus of revenue over expenditures		
General Fund	(31,558)	(32,165)
Memorial Fund	178,230	(171,999)
Change in deferred contributions	241,029	(65,710)
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
Amounts receivable	11,049	(9,344)
Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable	21,546	(23,451)
Accounts payable and accruals	(41,442)	34,796
	<u>378,854</u>	<u>(267,873)</u>
<b>Investing activities</b>		
Sale of investments	(231,928)	293,565
Change in cash and equivalents during the year	<u>146,926</u>	<u>25,692</u>
Cash and equivalents, beginning of year	<u>803,247</u>	<u>777,555</u>
Cash and equivalents, end of year	<u><u>950,173</u></u>	<u><u>803,247</u></u>

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# The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Schedule 1: General Fund Revenues and Expenditures For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025	2024
	\$	\$
Receipted income	143,764	161,255
Receipted fundraising	840	3,228
Receipted outreach	2,469	5,300
Receipted flowers	7,891	9,315
Receipted festivals	4,585	5,395
<b>Donations - Received</b>	<b>159,549</b>	<b>184,493</b>
Open offering and external donation platforms	16,286	20,565
Unreceipted fundraising	18,058	11,949
Unreceipted outreach	2,785	4,750
<b>Donations - Unreceipted</b>	<b>37,129</b>	<b>37,264</b>
Benefits and pension	21,709	10,540
Stipends	57,736	58,678
Childrens ministry staff	21,671	21,395
Clergy supply	1,719	2,977
Maintenance staff	17,139	16,441
Music staff	35,127	34,434
Office staff	13,993	20,778
<b>Human resources</b>	<b>169,094</b>	<b>165,243</b>
Bank, PAR and Canada Helps charges	1,281	1,605
Fundraising	1,754	2,561
Consulting fees	4,620	4,168
Office equipment and supplies	7,788	4,599
Postage and delivery	998	313
Printing and stationery	1,369	1,147
Selection committee	-	15,247
Telephone and connectivity	5,289	4,237
Travel	1,457	467
Miscellaneous	1,064	2,989
<b>Administration</b>	<b>25,620</b>	<b>37,333</b>
Capital repairs	38,477	69,154
Cleaning supplies	1,264	673
Furnishings	2,030	6,309
Garden	1,512	522
Church utilities	18,276	18,154
Insurance	20,234	18,623
Repairs and maintenance	11,454	12,381
Rectory property tax	9,102	8,772
Rectory utilities	5,684	3,470
Water and waste	1,680	1,764
Health and Safety	304	-
<b>Church and rectory</b>	<b>110,017</b>	<b>139,822</b>

# The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields

## Schedule 2: Deferred Contributions For the year ended December 31, 2025

	2025									2024
	Music	Mundy / Chandler	Restoration	Faithworks	Our Faith Our Hope	Refugee	Jack Hattcy Bursary	Legacy Fund	Total	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance, Beginning of year</b>	71,338	31,976	2,076	4,036	86,413	18,511	11,200	-	225,550	291,260
<b>Receipt</b>										
Grants				476					476	622
Donations				24,705		17,500		243,300	285,505	43,816
Interest	1,713	774	50				186		2,723	4,259
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>25,181</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,500</u>	<u>186</u>	<u>243,300</u>	<u>288,704</u>	<u>48,697</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>										
Contribution to Diocese				20,928				-	20,928	19,056
Other expenditures				500	26,247	-		-	26,747	95,351
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,428</u>	<u>26,247</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,675</u>	<u>114,407</u>
<b>Net contributions deferred (recognized)</b>	1,713	774	50	3,753	(26,247)	17,500	186	243,300	241,029	(65,710)
<b>Inter-fund transfers</b>									-	-
<b>Balance - End of year</b>	<u>73,051</u>	<u>32,750</u>	<u>2,126</u>	<u>7,789</u>	<u>60,166</u>	<u>36,011</u>	<u>11,386</u>	<u>243,300</u>	<u>466,579</u>	<u>225,550</u>

**THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS  
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**GENERAL**

The Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields (“Church”) located at 151 Glenlake Avenue, Toronto is a parish in the Anglican Diocese of Toronto. The Church provides worship services, hospitality, fellowship, Christian education for children and adults and has an active growing program of outreach to individuals and agencies in the surrounding community. The Church is a registered charity incorporated in Ontario without share capital and is exempt from income taxes under section 146(1)(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada) as a not-for-profit organization.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements of the Church have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

**(b) Fund Accounting**

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities, including fundraising and donations, are reflected in the General Fund.

Revenue and expenses related to bequests and funds donated in memoriam are reported in the Memorial Fund. In accordance with operating guidelines approved by Vestry in February 2017, a maximum withdrawal of up to 4% of the Memorial Fund assets, using the value of the Fund as per the audited financial statements approved by the previous year’s Vestry, may be made in any year for any of the following purposes:

- Capital improvements as per the annual budget approved by Vestry or cost overruns on such work where these do not exceed 10% of the budgeted amount;
- Emergency repairs/maintenance that have not been budgeted;
- Supplementing the operating budget where all income is not sufficient to cover all expenses.

**(c) Cash and Equivalents**

Cash and equivalents include cash on hand, bank deposits and term deposits with maturity dates within 90 days after yearend.

**(d) Revenue Recognition**

Unrestricted contributions and Memorial Fund contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Amounts received that are specifically earmarked for expenditures of future periods are deferred.

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The value of pledged donations is not recorded in these financial statements unless the amount and terms have been specifically agreed and receipt is reasonably assured.

Donated goods and services are not recorded in the accounts of the Church, except when fair value of such goods and services can reasonably be estimated and when the goods and services are normally purchased by the Church and would be paid for if not donated. Interest and other revenue are recognized on an accrual basis.

**(e) Capital Assets**

The Church's buildings are not accounted for in these financial statements. The Church holds these properties in trust for The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto ("Diocese"). Approval from the Diocese is required for the sale, disposition or collateralization of these assets.

Capital assets are expensed when acquired, as permitted under CPA Canada Handbook Section 4431, "Tangible capital assets held by not-for-profit organizations".

**(f) Financial Instruments**

The Church initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value.

Financial assets and liabilities subsequently measured at amortized cost include accounts receivable, Harmonized Sales Tax recoverable, investments, and accounts payable and accruals.

Financial assets subsequently measured at fair value include cash and equivalents.

Transaction costs are recognized in the excess of revenues over expenditures in the period incurred.

**(g) Employee Benefits**

The Incumbent Priest of the Church is a member of a pension plan and may receive long-term disability and health plan benefits if eligible. These benefit plans are administered by the Pension Office of the Anglican Church of Canada. Contributions to these plans are made by the Church and by the employee.

**(h) Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit enterprises requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Actual results could differ from those estimates in the future and adjustments are recorded as information becomes known.

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**2. INTERFUND ADVANCES**

Advances between funds are non-interest bearing and have no specific terms of repayment.

**3. INVESTMENTS**

	2025		2024	
	Market	Amortized cost	Market	Amortized cost
<b>MEMORIAL FUND:</b>				
Prov of Ontario bond 2.40% due Jun 2, 2026	300,018	298,089	297,350	293,530
Fairfax India Holdings Corp	69,629	48,662	66,740	48,662
Ontario Power Corp bond 2.893% due Apr 8, 2025	-	-	49,920	50,037
CI Financial bond 3.759% due May 26, 2025	-	-	49,894	50,011
Toronto Diocese Consolidated Trust Fund	459,564	359,780	419,176	359,780
Bank of Montreal shares	12,478	12,254	-	-
Enbridge preferred shares	34,800	26,024	30,630	26,024
BCE preferred shares	64,108	51,626	52,678	51,626
Pembina Pipeline preferred shares	37,905	28,500	33,510	28,500
South Bow Corp.	-	-	3,392	2,442
TC Energy preferred shares	51,895	41,648	46,015	41,648
TC Energy shares	-	-	33,495	24,688
Ford Motor Co shares	63,380	48,554	-	-
Pfizer Inc share	44,241	50,439	-	-
	1,138,018	965,576	1,082,800	976,948
<b>DEFERRED DONATION:</b>				
Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited shares	261,589	243,300	-	-

Investment income in 2025 includes \$13,205 in realized gain from sale of Memorial Fund investments (2024 – realized gain of \$47,548).

**4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

There were no amounts due with respect to government remittances at December 31, 2025 (2024: \$nil).

**5. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Deferred contributions relate to the activities of the following special purpose funds which are accounted for within the General Fund:

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**Our Faith Our Hope**

This fund is related to a special campaign initiated by the Diocese in 2011 to flow funds to the Church for major building construction, renewal of the organ console, music scholarships, new outreach and youth initiatives.

**Music Fund**

This fund is used to finance extraordinary music program expenses.

**Mundy/Chandler Fund**

This fund provides financial assistance to parishioners who study theology.

**Restoration Fund**

This fund is used primarily for specific projects related to restoration of the Church.

**Faithworks Fund**

This fund is used to assist charities supported by the Diocese. The parish conducts annual campaigns using materials supplied by the Diocese and may retain 15% of the proceeds for their own local outreach programs.

**Refugee Fund**

This fund was established to assist refugees from war-torn countries.

**Children's Ministry Fund**

This fund supports the Children's Ministry program.

**Jack Hattey Bursary**

This bursary fund provides financial support to music students who participate in the Church's music program.

**Legacy Fund**

The in-kind donation in the form of Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. shares was made by a donor with their stipulation that the shares must be kept by the Church until June 27, 2035. (see note 3)

Schedule 2 provides details on receipts and expenditures for each of the above special purpose funds during the year.

**6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT RISKS**

The Church is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Church's risk exposure and concentrations at the Statement of Financial Position date.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a transaction will fail to discharge an obligation and cause the other party to incur a financial loss. The Church is not exposed to significant credit risk.

Liquidity risk

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Liquidity risk is the risk that the Church will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Church meets its liquidity requirements by monitoring cash flows from its activities, preparing budgets, and anticipating investing and financing activities.

Market Risk

Market Risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk is comprised of interest rate risk, currency risk and other price risk.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The exposure of the Church to interest rate risk arises from its interest-bearing cash and investments. Fluctuations in market rates of interest are not expected to have a significant impact on the Church's operations.

Currency risk

Currency risk reflects the risks that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchanges rates. Approximately \$164,000 (2024: \$75,000) of the Church's cash and investments as of December 31, 2025 were denominated in US dollar.

Other price risk

Other price risk refers to the risk that the fair value of financial instruments or future cash flows associated with the instruments will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual instrument or its issuer or factors affecting all similar instruments in the market. The Church's investments are exposed to other price risk. The Church manages the other price risk exposure by adhering to established Investment Guidelines.

## Investment Report

As a reminder, this Fund report excludes the investment assets of St Martin's held and managed by the Diocese.

The total market value of the Fund at December 31, 2025 was approximately \$1.61 million, up significantly from \$1.24 million the previous year end for a year to year increase of \$370,000. The rise in market value was driven primarily by significant security in kind donations into the fund. Most of this occurred late in the year so there wasn't much impact on interest and dividend income earned in 2025 from these donations. Contained in the market value of the Fund are unrealized net gains of \$98,000

The total deposits from donations into the Fund totalled approximately \$374,000 for the year whereas withdrawals were approximately \$104,000, so a net gain in assets of \$270,000. Total interest and dividend income earned in the year was approximately \$42,000 which was below our projected estimate of \$46,000 but in the ballpark given the Bank of Canada's decision to continue with interest rate cuts to shore up a weakening Canadian economy.

The market value composition of the fund at year end was: 60% Fixed Income (including cash) securities and 40% Equity Securities which is a significant change from last year (79% Fixed/21% Equity). Equity securities are primarily invested in common rather than preferred shares now with the donation in kind of 100 Fairfax Financial Holdings shares which will be held for some time as requested by the donor. The Fund also purchased common shares in high dividend yielding Ford and Pfizer. We elected to sell the common share position in TC Energy Corp for a realized gain of \$10,037 which was a percentage gain of 41% over the original purchase price. All new equity additions are well established businesses and which are leaders in their respective industries. Importantly, they sell at very reasonable valuation levels compared to the market. Each will also benefit from much better economic and business conditions in the U.S. over the next few years compared with Canadian and other national economies.

Fairfax Financial Holdings is a company that I have worked for (and still do) since 1987. Prior to that I worked with the company's founder and CEO Prem Watsa since 1973 before he founded Fairfax in 1985. It is a Canadian public company that operates in the commercial property and casualty (P&C) business initially in Canada but now around the world. It owns 24 separately managed insurance operating companies around the world with investment operations centralized and operated out of its Toronto head office. Since its inception in 1985, it has grown its common shareholders capital per share by approximately 20% per year on average. Its share price has pretty well grown at the same rate over this period. While the shares have increased significantly since 2020 the shares are still reasonably priced as they currently sell at a price earning ratio of 11 times.

Based on the securities owned at year end 2025 we would expect to earn approximately \$41,000 of interest and dividend income in 2026 - so not much difference from last year. Interest and dividend income, while flattening out at this stage, is still well above where it was during the Covid period years —\$42,000 in 2025, \$38,000 in 2024, \$25,250 in 2023, \$18,000 in 2022 and \$16,400 in 2021.

Given the low interest rate levels in Canada compared with the current inflation rate as well as the extremely low credit spreads for owning corporate bonds we do not see much value in owning Canada longer maturity bonds or corporate bonds. The economic and financial outlook continues to look particularly difficult for Canada so we will maintain a conservative stance of holding large amounts of short maturity government bonds balanced with higher dividend paying preferred shares in various Canadian utility companies and

greater exposure to selective common shares that not only offer good dividend yields but provide good long term capital gain potential and increased diversification away from Canada for the next few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Bradstreet

**St. Martin's Memorial Fund  
Holdings as of December 31, 2025**

Issuer Description	Coupon	Maturity	Units	Cost	MKT Price	Market Value	Unrealized P/L	Proj. Annual Income*	PL %	% of Total
<b>Short Term / Cash</b>										
Cash - Cdn			1,064	1,064	1.00	1,064	-	-	0.0%	
Cash - US FX Rate at 1.372			2,977	2,977	1.00	2,977	-	-	0.0%	
CIBC HISA 65			14,728	14,728	1.00	14,728	-	-	0.0%	
Renaissance USD HISA			15,950	15,950	1.00	15,950	-	-	0.0%	
<b>Total: Short Term / Cash</b>			<b>34,719</b>	<b>34,719</b>		<b>34,719</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.2%</b>
<b>Fixed Income</b>										
Govt of Canada T-Bill	2.19%	Dec 02 2026	650,000	636,083	97.85	636,016	- 67	14,235	-2.2%	
<b>Total: Government Bonds</b>			<b>650,000</b>	<b>636,083</b>		<b>636,016</b>	<b>- 67</b>	<b>14,235</b>	<b>-2.2%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>
Prov of Ontario	2.40%	Jun 02 2026	300,000	289,284	100.01	300,018	10,734	7,200	0.0%	
<b>Total: Provincial Bonds</b>			<b>300,000</b>	<b>289,284</b>		<b>300,018</b>	<b>10,734</b>	<b>7,200</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>18.6%</b>
<b>Total: Canadian Corporate Bonds</b>			<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total: Fixed Income</b>			<b>950,000</b>	<b>925,367</b>		<b>936,034</b>	<b>10,667</b>	<b>21,435</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>58.1%</b>
<b>Total: Fixed Income + Cash</b>			<b>984,719</b>	<b>960,085</b>		<b>970,753</b>	<b>10,667</b>	<b>21,435</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>60.3%</b>
<b>Equity</b>										
BMO Com			70	12,254	178.25	12,478	223	468	1.8%	
BCE Inc 4.6% PFD SER Y			1,900	30,504	20.05	38,095	7,591	2,114	24.9%	
BCE Inc PFD SER D			1,300	21,122	20.01	26,013	4,891	1,451	23.2%	
Enbridge Inc 5.672% PFD Ser 9			1,500	26,024	23.20	34,800	8,776	2,127	33.7%	
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd Com			100	243,300	2,615.89	261,589	18,289	2,058	7.5%	
Pembina Pipeline Corp 5.953% PFD SER 7			1,500	28,500	25.27	37,905	9,405	2,232	33.0%	
Fairfax India Holdings Corp			2,900	51,436	24.01	69,629	18,193	-	35.4%	
Ford Motor Co Com			3,521	48,103	18.00	63,380	15,277	2,898	31.8%	
Pfizer Inc Com			1,295	48,584	34.16	44,241	- 4,344	3,056	-8.9%	
TC Energy Corp PFD F Ser 2			2,200	34,348	19.75	43,450	9,102	2,568	26.5%	
TC Energy Corp PFD H Ser 4			500	7,300	16.89	8,445	1,145	502	15.7%	
<b>Total: Equity</b>				<b>551,476</b>		<b>640,025</b>	<b>88,548</b>	<b>19,474</b>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>39.73%</b>
<b>Total Portfolio</b>				<b>1,511,562</b>		<b>1,610,777</b>	<b>99,216</b>	<b>40,909</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

reporting in CDNS\$, FX Rate at 1.372

\*based on most recent div rates

The Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields

19/1/2026

Income and Expense Statement

Twelve months ended December 31, 2025

	2024 Actual 12/31	2025 Actual 12/31	2025 Budget 12/31	Variance	2025 Budget 12 months	2026 Budget 12 months
<b>REVENUES</b>						
Receipted Income	161,255	143,764	135,000	8,764	135,000	150,000
PAR receipts	75,894	82,081	81,800	281	81,800	84,000
Receipted Festivals	5,395	4,585	5,500	(915)	5,500	5,000
Receipted Flowers	9,315	7,891	9,000	(1,109)	9,000	8,500
Receipted Fund Raising	3,228	840	0	840	0	0
Receipted Outreach	5,300	2,469	5,000	(2,531)	5,000	4,000
Total Receipted Income	260,387	241,629	236,300	5,329	236,300	251,500
Open Offering / Canada Helps	20,565	16,286	20,000	(3,714)	20,000	16,000
Outreach / Mission Fund Raising	4,750	2,785	4,500	(1,715)	4,500	3,500
Unreceipted Fund Raising	11,949	18,058	12,000	6,058	12,000	14,000
Total Unreceipted Income	37,265	37,129	36,500	629	36,500	33,500
Space Usage	14,370	18,060	14,500	3,560	14,500	16,000
York Rectory	6,800	6,800	6,800	0	6,800	6,800
HST Rebate / Grants / Misc.	25,457	10,598	8,500	2,098	8,500	8,500
Total Operating Income	344,278	314,216	302,600	11,616	302,600	316,300
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<u>Human Resources</u>						
Clergy - Stipend	58,678	57,736	57,736	(0)	57,736	59,179
Clergy - Pension	6,787	14,064	14,261	(197)	14,261	14,617
Clergy - Benefits	3,453	6,745	7,414	(669)	7,414	7,539
Clergy - Professional Development	300	900	900	-	900	900
Assisting Clergy	2,977	1,719	1,600	119	1,600	1,600
Clergy - Total	72,194	81,163	81,911	(748)	81,911	83,835
Maintenance Staff / Cleaning	16,441	17,139	18,050	(911)	18,050	18,500
Music Staff	33,659	34,152	37,000	(2,848)	37,000	39,500
Honoraria - Music	775	975	1,000	(25)	1,000	1,500
Children's Ministry Staff	21,395	21,671	22,270	(599)	22,270	22,500
Administrative Staff	20,778	13,993	20,878	(6,885)	20,878	17,500
Human Resources - Total	165,242	169,093	181,109	(12,016)	181,109	183,335
<u>Church and Rectory</u>						
Heating	10,589	9,390	11,500	(2,110)	11,500	10,500
Hydro	7,565	8,887	8,000	887	8,000	9,000
Water and Garbage	1,764	1,680	1,700	(20)	1,700	1,700
Property Tax - Rectory	8,772	9,102	9,377	(275)	9,377	9,500
Utilities - Rectory	3,470	5,685	3,800	1,885	3,800	5,000
Insurance	18,623	20,234	20,234	0	20,234	20,878
Capital Expenditures	423,280	38,477	50,000	(11,524)	50,000	50,000
Regular Repairs & Maintenance	11,821	10,334	11,000	(666)	11,000	11,000
Health, Safety and Security	0	304	2,000	(1,696)	2,000	2,000
Organ / Piano Maintenance	560	1,120	1,000	120	1,000	1,500
Garden	522	1,512	3,000	(1,488)	3,000	5,000
Cleaning Supplies	673	1,264	1,000	264	1,000	1,200
Furniture and Equipment	6,309	2,030	3,000	(970)	3,000	3,000
Total - Church Premises	493,947	110,016	125,611	(15,595)	125,611	130,278

<b>The Church of St Martin-in-the-Fields</b>						19/1/2026	
<b>Income and Expense Statement</b>							
<b>Twelve months ended December 31, 2025</b>							
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
	<b>12/31</b>	<b>12/31</b>	<b>12/31</b>		<b>12 months</b>	<b>12 months</b>	
<b>Diocese</b>			0				
Synod Allotment	20,149	26,359	26,359	0	26,359	30,862	
Synod Expenses	0	810	750	60	750	0	
<b>Diocese - Total</b>	<b>20,149</b>	<b>27,169</b>	<b>27,109</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27,109</b>	<b>30,862</b>	
<b>Services</b>							
Worship / Altar Guild	4,738	6,389	6,000	389	6,000	6,200	
Outreach	6,670	6,543	7,500	(957)	7,500	11,250	
Missional Church	2,987	2,550	2,500	50	2,500	2,500	
Children's Ministry	975	832	900	(68)	900	1,100	
Youth Program	878	635	900	(265)	900	700	
Christian Education	613	269	500	(231)	500	500	
Library	322	295	300	(5)	300	300	
Servers Guild	246	52	300	(249)	300	300	
Choir	509	527	1,200	(673)	1,200	1,200	
Flowers	8,919	8,185	9,000	(815)	9,000	8,500	
Heritage and Archives			500	(500)	500	500	
Coffee cohorts	1,609	2,534	1,600	934	1,600	2,400	
Other hospitality	6,150	6,585	3,500	3,085	3,500	4,800	
Rector's Discretionary & Assist.	250	150	1,200	(1,050)	1,200	1,200	
<b>Total - Services</b>	<b>34,864</b>	<b>35,547</b>	<b>35,900</b>	<b>(353)</b>	<b>35,900</b>	<b>41,450</b>	
<b>Administration</b>							
Advertising & Publicity / Website	909	806	2,500	(1,694)	2,500	1,500	
Printing & Stationery	1,147	1,369	1,300	69	1,300	1,200	
Telephone / Internet	3,808	4,785	4,400	385	4,400	4,800	
Postage	313	998	1,200	(202)	1,200	1,000	
Office Supplies & Equipment	4,599	7,788	6,300	1,488	6,300	7,400	
Fundraising expenses	2,561	1,754	1,500	254	1,500	1,500	
Clergy - Travel	467	1,457	1,500	(43)	1,500	1,600	
Bank / Credit Card Charges	275	-40	500	(540)	500	300	
PAR / Canada Helps / Square fees	1,330	1,321	1,450	(129)	1,450	1,400	
Financial Review / Professional Fees	4,168	4,620	3,400	1,220	3,400	3,600	
New Incumbent Moving / Admin Costs	15,247		0	-	0	0	
Miscellaneous	2,510	763	1,500	(737)	1,500	1,000	
<b>Administration - Total</b>	<b>37,332</b>	<b>25,620</b>	<b>25,550</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>25,550</b>	<b>25,300</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>751,535</b>	<b>367,445</b>	<b>395,279</b>	<b>(27,834)</b>	<b>395,279</b>	<b>411,225</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENSES</b>	<b>(407,257)</b>	<b>(53,229)</b>	<b>(92,679)</b>	<b>39,450</b>	<b>(92,679)</b>	<b>(94,925)</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING</b>	<b>52,501</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>52,497</b>		<b>52,497</b>	<b>52,497</b>	
Transfer to/from Memorial Fund	386,287	31,558	67,604	(36,046)	67,604	59,438	
Transfer from other funds	20,970	21,671	22,270	(599)	22,270	11,754	
<b>FUND BALANCE, END</b>	<b>52,501</b>	<b>52,497</b>	<b>49,692</b>		<b>49,692</b>	<b>28,764</b>	

## Nominating Committee Report 2026

The Nominating Committee is responsible to identify potential nominees for elected positions and people willing to serve in appointed positions. It is led by the two Wardens (N Barmania, P Snider) and includes the Incumbent (N Hatt) and two people from each of Parish Council (J Haddad, D McKnight) and Management Board (L Barwick, J Gentry).

### PARISH COUNCIL

Position	2025 holder	2026 nominee	Notes
Chair (Rector's Warden)	Phil Snider	Phil Snider	
Deputy Warden	-----	Jenny Formanek	
Secretary	Patty McKnight	Patty McKnight	
Lay Delegates to Synod	Jonathan Gentry	Jonathan Gentry	
	David McKnight	David McKnight	
Alternate Lay Delegate	Vicki Cooper	Vicki Cooper	
Members at Large			
	Patricia Boulden	Patricia Boulden	
	Jenny Formanek	----	To Deputy Warden
	Elin Goulden	Elin Goulden	
	Jay Haddad	Jay Haddad	
	Kathy Mansfield	Kathy Mansfield	
	Shelagh McPherson	Shelagh McPherson	
	Cathy Paxton	----	Resigned
	Tim Stephenson	Tim Stephenson	
	Bob Thornley	----	Resigned
	Kathie Wagg	Kathie Wagg	
		Domitillah Antoinette	
		Phil Devine	
		Margaret Douglin	

### MANAGEMENT BOARD

Position	2025 Holder	2026 nominee	Notes
Chair (People's Warden)	Nadine Barmania	David McKnight	
Deputy Warden	----	----	
Secretary	David McKnight	Anne Longmore	
Treasurer ( <i>ex officio</i> )	Philip Conliffe	Philip Conliffe	Appointed by Wardens
Property Manager	Mark Kolberg	Mark Kolberg	
Screening / Safe Church	David McKnight	David McKnight	
Members at Large			
	Larry Barwick	Larry Barwick	
	Peter Chauvin	Peter Chauvin	
	Jonathan Gentry	Jonathan Gentry	
	Piers Hemmingsen	Piers Hemmingsen	
	Lynn McKnight	Lynn McKnight	
	Cindy Paget	Cindy Paget	
	Cyrline Taylor	Cyrline Taylor	
		Nicky Banks	
		Nadine Barmania	
		Brian Hagood	
		David Lightheart	

## OTHER OFFICERS

Position	2025 Holder	2026 nominee	Notes
Parochial Tribunal	Tim Stephenson	Tim Stephenson	
	Patty McKnight	Patty McKnight	
Envelope Secretary	Piers Hemmingsen	Piers Hemmingsen	

## NON-ELECTED POSITIONS

Position	2025 Holder	2026 nominee	Notes
Altar Guild	Roberta Laking Kananaj	Roberta Laking Kananaj	
Bookings	Shelagh McPherson	Shelagh McPherson	
Children & Youth Min Ctte	Phil Snider	Phil Snider	Chair, Parish Council
Christian Education	Mary Conliffe/Phil Snider	Mary Conliffe/Phil Snider	Co-chairs
Christmas Market	Tim Stephenson	Tim Stephenson	2026 will be Tim's final year
Counting Teams	Shelagh McPherson	Shelagh McPherson	
Garden Coordinators	Patty McKnight/ Ingrid Whitaker	Patty McKnight/Ingrid Whitaker	
Health, Safety & Security	Cindy Paget/Larry Barwick	Larry Barwick	
Heat It Forward	Nadine Barmania	Nadine Barmania	
Heritage & Archives	Jonathan Gentry	Jonathan Gentry	
Hospitality & Coffee Cohorts	Dianne Doughty/Jay Haddad	Jay Haddad	
Kitchen Manager		Phil Devine	
Library	Samantha Thompson	Samantha Thompson	
Livestreaming Team	Robert Snow	Robert Snow	
Memorial Fund	Brian Bradstreet	Brian Bradstreet	
Missional Team	Kathie Wagg	-----	Combined with Outreach
Newcomers/ Greeters	Kathleen Manneke	Tim Stephenson/Linda Markowsky	
Newsletter	Ian Greene/David McKnight	Ian Greene/David McKnight	
Outreach & Missional	Kathy Mansfield	Kathy Mansfield	
Quiet Garden	Margaret Douglin	Margaret Douglin	
Publicity	Anne Longmore	Anne Longmore/Kathie Wagg	(Social Media/Communications)
Readers	Bill Keel	Bill Keel	Interim: Judith Kidd 8:30; John Goddard 11:00
Servers	Lynn McKnight	Lynn McKnight	
Sides people	Glen Storey	Glen Storey	
Stewardship	Peter Chauvin/Michael Attwood	Peter Chauvin	
Vestry Clerk	David McKnight	David McKnight	Appointed by Incumbent
Website	Patty McKnight	Patty McKnight	Day to day by Administrator

## Reports from Parish Groups

### Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is responsible for the procurement, care and maintenance of items used in worship at St Martin's. We look after communion vessels, vestments, altar frontals, candles and candlesticks, incense and charcoal, flower arrangements, processional crosses, thuribles, communion wafers, and much else besides. The Guild works on Tuesday after the 10 a.m. Eucharist and coffee hour; this cuts down on extra trips for the team members and allows the clergy to provide input in person. Altar flowers are arranged on Saturday mornings.

The St. James' Needleworkers continue their restoration of the white church frontal and we expect the work to be completed in 2026. The white silk ground, blue orphrey bands, and canvas backing are being replaced, and the embroidered appliqué sections will be restored and remounted. The superfrontal continues to be used on its own over the bare wood of the altar while the lower panel is away.

In 2025 we received a replacement set of white silk dalmatic and tunicle, made to go with the St Martin's chasuble. The new vestments were made by Seanagh Murdoch at Strands Liturgical Embroidery in Cavan ON. The white silk is from the same lot as the white frontal. Money for both projects comes from the Ventham bequests.

We are grateful to Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan for her donations of a white and gold chasuble to match the white and Marian blue cope given some years ago, and a red Pentecost chasuble. The white chasuble and cope were both made by her late husband, the Reverend Bruce Barnett.

Leather carrying cases for holy hardware were repaired and strengthened.

There are a number of projects on the wish list, some already underway:

- 1 - The gold chalice is having repairs done by Stephen Harper in Pickering ON. He replaced a cracked ivory washer in 2025. The blue enamel band needs repair, paten smoothed, and the centre shaft needs to be straightened. In the meantime, we are using a silver chalice and paten on loan from St Thomas Church.
- 2 - The white St Martin cope has been taken to Seanagh Murdoch for restoration. The plan is to reuse the white silk, velvet hood and facings, and to restore the embroidery and morse. The finished cope will be shorter, which will give us more choice for processions.
- 3 - The Advent blue dalmatic and tunicle are being restyled.
- 4 - The badly frayed gold crucifer's tunicle will be remade with new cloth, reusing the old trim and toggles.
- 5 - We plan to refurbish the small screw-top cruets of the home Communion set. Exposed copper threading of the current set taints the wine. We hope that silver replating plus new liners for the caps will make the old set useable. Various replacement cruets are all the wrong size.

Thank you to the Altar Guild members and all who help out when needed, with special thanks to Lynn McKnight, the Servers Guild, and Bernard Sanders.

We are grateful to Fr Nicholas Hatt for his leadership, flexibility, creativity and help as St Martin's continues to grow and evolve.

Respectfully submitted  
Roberta Laking Kananaj

## **Children and Youth Ministry**

### **Church School**

(up to age 12)

This year Church School has continued to grow, as you can see in the breakdown below. In the autumn of 2025 Church School worked through the Life in the Eucharist program from the Anglican Church of Canada in preparation for the baptism of two of the children, and the First Communion of a third. In Advent, we started using the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum, which we are continuing to use. This curriculum has a craft attached to each lesson, some of which are put on display in the hall during coffee hour.

### **Children's Ministry in Numbers**

Last January average Church School attendance: 6

This January average Church School attendance: 12

Total number of children who attended Church School at least once this year: 45

Children who attend on a regular basis: 13 (one moved away in November, bringing us down to 12)

Children who attend on a semi regular basis: 10

Children who were visiting: 22

Children who came to St Martin's for the first time this year: 24

### **Youth Group**

(ages 13-18)

Youth Group continues to meet approximately twice per month. Until June we had six youth, we now have four. In June, two of our youth, Ben and Gregory, graduated from high school, and at the end of August we blessed the two of them as we sent them off to university. We miss them at youth group and continue to keep them in our prayers as they move into this next phase of life.

This autumn we have been focusing on learning about the prophets and for Lent will be joining the parish Confirmation class with Fr Hatt. Many of the youth are also servers and have helped with snow removal at the church this winter.

### **Family Pews**

As a result of the growth in the Church School, by the end of the spring our family pew was over capacity almost every week. To accommodate all the children in the parish we added a second family pew in August. Thank you to Lynn McKnight, Nadine Barmania, and Phil Snider for all their help with that project. Both family pews continue to be well used every Sunday.

### **Children's Clothing Swaps**

Last Lent I received an inquiry from Michelle Dowling, a mom in the neighbourhood, about the possibility of hosting a Children's Clothing Swap. That first swap happened on April 5<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. Thank you to Michelle for all the work she put into this. We had a second swap, with toys in addition to clothing on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Kathy Mansfield did the bulk of the work on the September swap. There are conversations about having a third swap this spring, and the Mission and Outreach committee are taking over the organization of any future swaps. I enjoyed helping bring this outreach ministry to St Martin's and look forward to supporting the Mission and Outreach committee wherever this ministry goes next.

### **Special Services**

On **Good Friday** we had our first family oriented Good Friday service since pre-pandemic. It was a great success with a turnout of 46.

On Christmas Eve we had our annual **Christmas Pageant**. We had many children and teens in the pageant, a mix of children from the parish and visiting children. Thank you to Kathy Mansfield, Nicky Banks, Patricia Heath, and Brian Hagood for their help with the pageant this year.

### **Thanksgiving**

I feel very honoured for the privilege of working with these children and youth. They are an amazing group of kids and teens, and I learn as much from them as they do from me.

I am blessed to have an amazing volunteer team. Ian Greene, Mary Conliffe, Rebecca Eacho, Brian Hagood, Quinn Kennedy, Elin Goulden and Brent Campbell have all helped church school run so smoothly all year. Phil Snider is my partner in leading the youth group. Nicky Banks, Brian Hagood, Mary Conliffe, Phil Snider, and Fr Hatt make up the Child and Youth Ministry Committee who support me in my ministry. There are no words to express the depth of my gratitude to this invaluable group of people. None of what I do would be possible without them.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the St. Martin's Children and Youth Ministry.

Respectfully submitted in resurrection hope,

Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Pastoral Associate for Children's and Youth Ministry

February 1, 2026

### **Christian Education**

This year, our Christian Education committee began to experiment with hybrid meetings for our session, using the parish's new OWL. We offered quite a varied set of offerings. In March, we offered our Lenten Bible Study on Acts, led by Father Hatt (even one week from Canterbury!) and by a series of parishioners with reflections on that week's readings. In June, we discussed the writings of Rev. Kenneth Leech, a prominent Anglican priest from the Church of England and Anglo-Catholic Socialist. For two sessions, we considered how to apply Rev. Leech's thoughts on the connection of social action, contemplation, sacramental worship and orthodox doctrine, while also applying it to our own lives in St. Martin's today. We continued into the summer book clubs, reading Elizabeth Strout's **Abide with Me** as our fiction offering and Rev. Maggie Helwig's new book, **Encampment**. In September, we had two wonderful sessions talking about these books with Rev. Maggie appear in a hybrid meeting in our session on Encampment. In the fall, we continued with a single session the **Cast the Net** initiative from the diocese where we were joined by Bill and Cathy Matthews to consider our parish's adoption of three of these calls for the coming years. In November, we had a series on End of Life in which Father Hatt led us through a consideration of the Christian theology of death as well as practical consideration in planning for funerals. In December, we participated in the Bishop Advent Study, organizing a watch party in the Guild Room. In January, we had a short series on ecumenism in which the Rev. Scott Sharman, the General Synod's Ecumenism Office spoke about ecumenism on the national level and Nicholas Jesson, the Ecumenical Officer for the Catholic Diocese of Regina and the Rev. Amanda Currie, a Presbyterian minister and President of the Canadian Council of Churches. We finished our year up with our annual joint session with Outreach on the Vestry Motion-this year on living up to our commitments in the Paris Climate Accords-with a session by our own Elin Goulden, the Social Justice and Advocacy Consultant for the Diocese of Toronto and by Alex Ripely, the Manager of Government Affairs, Canada for the RNG Coalition.

We are very grateful for all of our speakers this year for sharing their expertise and enthusiasm this year. We also want to thank our committee members, Judith Kidd, Ian Greene, Tim Stephenson, Peter Chauvin, and Finn Keesmaat-Walsh for their help in preparing these events.

Respectfully submitted

Phillip Snider and Mary Conliffe  
Co-chairs, Christian education

### **Christmas Market**

The Christmas Market has three aims: as a fundraiser for St. Martin's, as a community event and as a place to display the talents of those associated with the parish. The Christmas Market this year was more successful than past years with about \$17,200 raised. We saw a particularly large increase in the Online Market (Susan Goddard and Nicky Banks) in part due to a much-improved platform for display and bidding. We had some great donations for the Jewelry (Anthea Wilkinson) table and with an improved layout it was particularly successful this year. The Bake table (Patty McKnight and Kathie Wagg) did well but was largely sold out by noon. We need more donations of baked goods for next year! The Craft and Plants table (Nadine and Elaine Lumley) had brisk sales particularly of knitted goods. The Books/CD's (Ingrid Whitaker) had steady traffic, next year we will appeal for new donations of fiction and puzzles. The Mystery Bags (Gayne Brawn) were most popular with adults. For the food served outside Glen Storey offered cider for the first time and it was popular – likely because it was cold and cloudy. Finn Keesmaat-Walsh had activities for kids which attracts young families. Publicity was run by Anne Longmore and she was successful in having people in the parish and the community to become involved. Lynn McKnight helped in many ways particularly in the logistics and setup.

The Christmas Market does not have an entrance fee and we do not have any vendors so the items we sell were made by parishioners or friends of the parish. Thanks for your support in us being so successful in meeting our three aims.

Tim Stephenson

### **External Signage**

External signage at St. Martin's has two components:

1. The two changeable signs – the two sided electronic located close to the Lychgate and the second one on the outside wall of the church facing Indian Grove;
2. The various banners that are displayed on the fence from time to time.

This signage is important for communicating events and other positive messages to our local community. The sign at the Lychgate was refurbished this year and the message portion was replaced with digital readout that will allow us to change messages much more frequently. While it took some time this year to get this sign fully functional, it is now operating as it should. I would like to especially thank Mark Kolberg for his efforts to get power to this sign 7/24. Special thanks also to Gregory Conliffe for his work to change the East sign – until he left for school and Ingram Wolf who replaced Gregory in that function for the balance of the year. And, of course, Glen Storey who continues to manage the various banners with assistance from Bernard Saunders as needed.

We require new volunteers to assist with both. Please indicate interest to Kathie Wagg at [waggfamily@bell.net](mailto:waggfamily@bell.net). Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathie Wagg

### **Garden Group**

Aren't we lucky to have a lovely garden! Very few Toronto churches are blessed with such a property as we have.

Of course, the well-kept appearance and the array of continuous flowers do not happen by accident but by the dedication of a group of wonderful volunteers who planted and, perhaps more importantly, weeded continuously last year.

The invasive weeds of previous years are more under control as David McKnight tackled them in the upper beds, and the green roof was kept in good shape by Mary-Alice Deland. Others like Mely Barwick, Kathie Wagg, Pat Palin and Anthea Wilkinson worked on many areas and kept them in good shape.

We are indebted to Eilonwy Morgan and Bernard Sanders for their constant cleanup of garbage around the property and to Ian Greene for his dedicated spraying of shrubs to keep invasive moths at bay. Last year, spring saw the flowering of hundreds of bulbs which we had planted the previous fall. It was a glorious sight and welcomed by all the neighbourhood.

Summer was variable weatherwise as some plants rotted from too much rain, yet we still needed a watering group to keep the garden looking the freshest when it was dry.

Autumn saw the flowering of the nasturtiums along the green roof and then yellow rudbeckias come into their own providing for a colourful fall.

We, in the garden group, work hard to maintain our jewel of a garden and we are gratified by the results and are pleased to note that St. Martin's garden is listed as a place to visit on pamphlets put out by City Hall.

Ingrid Whitaker  
Patty McKnight

### **Grenadier Retirement Home Ministry**

For at least 20 years, St. Martin's has provided a Eucharist service at the Grenadier Retirement Home on Bloor West, usually on the first Sunday of every month. We offer a complete Eucharist with scripture readings and hymns.

On most Sundays, there will be 20 to 25 people present, including residents, family members, PSWs, the priest and the pianist. Some residents walk with a cane, later perhaps a walker, and later still, a wheelchair. They participate actively and love to sing.

It is a joyful privilege to be there, to do this, to listen to them. Not all of them are Anglicans but some are St. Martin's parishioners. In reaching out to them, there is a sense of peace as they leave and deep contentment both for them and for us.

Sandy Brown  
The Grenadier Pianist

## **Heat-It-Forward**

In 2025 we launched the Heat-It-Forward capital campaign to raise \$360,000 to replenish the Memorial Fund to repay amounts drawn for the boiler project. We gratefully received initial pledges and donations. In coordination with the Missional and Hospitality teams, we held a number of fundraising events including Soup Sundays, marmalade sales and the Strawberry Tea. Donations at the parish Fun Fair were given to Heat-It-Forward. In October, we held the Beatles in Canada dinner, with a wonderful surf and turf dinner prepared by Chef Phil and presentation by our own Beatles guru Piers Hemmingsen. As of the end of 2025, taking into account donations to Heat-It-Forward and donations to the Memorial Fund, fundraising and return of HST we have returned \$188,000 to the Memorial Fund in 2024 and 2025.

Thank you to the committee members – Father Hatt, David McKnight, Lynn McKnight, Kathie Wagg, Peter Chauvin and to the volunteers who called for pledges.

Respectfully Submitted

Nadine Barmania  
Chair, Heat-It-Forward

## **Health, Safety & Security Committee**

The Health, Safety and Security Committee (HSS), co-chaired by Cindy Paget and Larry Barwick, is an advisory body that helps to raise awareness of health, safety and security concerns in the church building and church grounds. In addition to completing an annual workplace safety inspection of the building and grounds, the committee also offers seminars on various safety topics that will be of interest to our parishioners. In 2025 HSS hosted the Steps to Safety seminar by the Toronto Fire Services, and circulated summer safety tips.

Thank you to the committee for a successful year.

Larry Barwick, co-chair

## **Hospitality**

Hospitality isn't really a committee like others in the parish; we are the heartbeat of the social fabric of St. Martin's.

If there's a baptism, anniversary, birthday, retirement, a milestone, or any other occasion, we are there to celebrate on your behalf: we order a lot of cake! If there is a committee meeting, or guest speaker for Health & Safety, Parish Council/Management Board June barbecue, or full church gathering like Vestry, we are there to provide soup or sandwiches, hamburgers, or peameal on a bun.

Hospitality provides food, and coordinates food service for many parish events with no remuneration coming back: Resurrection party, welcome-back parish dinner in September, Advent Carol reception, and St. Olave's Christmas dinner are examples. We also spend a lot of money on food that generates significant income for St. Martin's: Shrove Tuesday (pancake supper), the Beatles in Canada evening (and gourmet dinner), and our own Christmas lunch (where we cooked seven turkeys) are examples.

Hospitality provides all the cookies, coffee, cream, milk and juice used every Sunday by the Coffee Cohort teams, which are returning in 2026. Thank you to Bernard Sanders for not only setting up coffee every Sunday but also for cleaning up and running the dishwasher every Monday!

Finally, we look forward to working with Phil Devine (Kitchen Manager) and Chef, as we move into 2026 - 2027. Chef Phil brought us the Arrowhead Coffee Company (certified fair-trade roaster), made up of army veteran friends of his - terrific coffee.

Throughout the year, at every St. Martin's event, whether we generate income or not, our parishioners support us with wonderful salads, appetizers, and desserts. Thank you very much - and may it continue!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay Haddad

## **Library**

New acquisitions for the parish library this year included Rowan Williams' *Being Human: Bodies, Minds, Persons*; Tucker and Liefeld's *Daughters of the Church: Women and Ministry from New Testament Times to The Present*; *Great Sacred Music: A Resource Book for Mission Through Music*; as well as an autobiography about becoming a nun, and a book about how all Christians are (in a way) nuns (or monks). The library budget was also used to purchase books for Christian Education.

Considerations are underway to increase awareness of the library through improved signage and exposure, perhaps at coffee hour or in the parish newsletter. As always, at the start of this new year the librarian encourages parishioners to return any books they have finished to help steward our shared book collection.

Respectfully submitted,  
Samantha Thompson

## **Livestreaming**

It's been exciting to continue as chair of the livestreaming team in 2025, which saw a notable development on an equipment front.

Last year, with the help of Mark Kolberg and Lynn McKnight, we relocated the microphones from the tall stands next to the choir stalls to a suspended wire above the chancel. This came at the suggestion of an audio engineer who advised the church on the best placement of microphones given the shape of the space. This installation has cleared up a lot of space in the chancel, removing the tripping hazards and visual distractions of the old stands. We're continuing to adjust this installation to get the most out of the microphones; the team is hoping to install a new cable for one of the microphones in the coming weeks to address some radio frequency interference that has persisted since the microphones were first set up several years ago.

In terms of livestream viewer performance, we noticed an increase in overall viewership in 2025. We received a total of 8,100 views on our livestreamed services last year, up from 7,400 views in 2024. The St. Martin's channel also received more subscribers, a total of 33 new followers. However, we did notice another small decrease in average viewership of the livestreams, down to 9 per service from 10 in 2024. Even so, it's not uncommon to receive between 20-30 viewers during a livestream on certain Sundays. Interestingly, a fair amount of our viewership comes from users who are not subscribed to the channel, with about 40% of our traffic coming from subscribers and 60% from new viewers.

We're grateful for the continuing support of our team of volunteers: Ian Greene, Girum Greene, Lynn McKnight, David Chipman, and Jaby Mathew. As always, we're on the lookout for new volunteers to supplement our roster! If you have any interest in audio-visual tech or computers, please get in touch. We would be happy to provide all the training you'd need to help out on Sundays.

Please consider subscribing to the St. Martin's YouTube channel if you haven't done so already. The advantage is that as soon as we schedule a livestream on Sunday morning about a half hour before the service, you will receive a notification in your email that the service has been scheduled. Then all you need to do is to click on the link in your email to watch the service. This is particularly helpful when there are services scheduled other than Sundays, such as during Advent, Lent, or for a wedding or funeral.

To subscribe, simply click on “subscribe” below the live stream of the service you are watching. The link to all the livestreams is on the St. Martin’s website, and here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCuFiE1n5aFyJuuzxPRQYPKQ>.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Snow

### **The Lychgate**

Since Vestry 2025, four issues of *The Lychgate* have been published, on April 6, June 8, October 5, and December 14. The next issue is scheduled for March 22, 2026, with submissions due Sunday, March 8.

Since 2024, *The Lychgate* has been distributed electronically. We continue to mail hard copies to those who do not have an email address. An advantage of the electronic version is that the photographs are in colour. The current and past electronic versions, since Easter 2016, are available on the St. Martin’s web site under the “parish life” link.

We would like to thank the many parishioners who contributed to the 2025 editions of *The Lychgate*. Most important, we would like to thank those who agreed to be featured in Parish Profiles. *Please let us know if you would like to be in a profile in 2026, or if you would like to suggest someone we could feature.* We also welcome articles or suggestions for future topics. Contact Ian Greene at [iangreene0766@rogers.com](mailto:iangreene0766@rogers.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Greene and David McKnight, Co-Editors

### **Missional Team**

What is Mission? *“It requires an outward focus, rather than inward. It calls us out of the building into the neighbourhood, and invites us to serve as Christ’s hands and feet, and heart and mind”* Fr. Andrew Macdonald

The Missional Team maintains two activities continually – the Blessing Box that provides nonperishable food and supplies and in winter, cold weather clothing to those in need in our community. We also manage the two book exchanges – one for adults and one for children. The Box is used by many in the community and often attracts used supplies and things that we cannot distribute to the public. Bernard Saunders provides a great service in keeping that unit free of waste and undesirable products. The Team appreciates his efforts on their behalf.

The second on-going activity is Pickleball. Our members facilitate 3 sessions of Pickleball each week – one Thursday afternoon and two on Thursday evening. This attracts players from the community and provides a good time for relaxed social interactions with like-minded individuals – all for “a Twoonie a time”.

Missional Team members also facilitates the Blessing of Bicycles, Blessing of Pets, our very popular Neighbourhood Fun Fair, a Strawberry Fair, and the ever popular Caroling in the Garden that attracted over 90 attendees from the neighbourhood on an extremely cold evening just before Christmas. In addition, Team members provided support for 2 very successful Children’s clothing and toy swaps.

While all Team members contribute much to the various events we manage, we look to our Parish family for support for all these events. Your help is so important in welcoming our visitors from the community. Without you, we would not be as successful as results prove these events to be. Thank you so very much for being “Christ’s hands and feet and heart and mind”.

The Missional Team in 2025 consisted of Canon Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Melissa Frost, Jay Haddad, Bernard Saunders, Tim Stephenson, Glen Storey, and Kathie Wagg. Thanks to all for their dedication to our Mission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathie Wagg, Chair

## **Music**

We have had another interesting musical year. Perhaps we might call it a year of putting out green shoots. It has taken many years to recover from the scourge of the pandemic-although we kept going, it was only with severe restrictions for three years. But at the end of the year, we were able to sign a contract with our new Junior Organ Scholar, Luca Morresi. Luca is a student at St. Michael's Choir School, which is one of the few places teaching young organists. He is only 15 years old, but he can play well and he can improvise. The choir has added two young altos, Alice Sandiford and Chanel Hart to our ranks.

We have been blessed to have the support of several other musicians-Paul Sanvidotti- trumpet, Nancy Nourse-flute and Zoe Thiessen-violin. Ron Cheung has conducted and sung with us on several occasions, and his wife Trish also sang at the Advent Carol Service. And of course, the illustrious John Tuttle played at the Advent Carol Service, allowing me to conduct the whole service. John played an amazing Marcel Dupre postlude to the delight of all. We were fortunate to have both John Tuttle and Conrad Gold play a week each in the summer. The choir had several other singers with past connections join us for the Advent Carol Service, which enabled us to do some rather demanding repertoire.

Other green shoots this year: we have been talking to the Cappella Regalis of Halifax, who will be coming to St. Martin's to sing a concert on Saturday May 30 and the 11:00 am service on Trinity Sunday, May 31 as part of their Quebec, Ontario tour.

Anne Longmore won a bid on a commission by composer Katharine Petkovski to write a new piece for the choir. Katharine has written for television and film, as well as many award-winning choirs. We sang a part of the commission "There is No Rose" at Candlemas. Ron Cheung will be premiering the entire work with his Voices Chamber Choir in June at St. Martin's. (The piece was originally to be three and a half to four minutes, but she ended up making it almost six minutes-which is a bit to long for a mass!) It is a challenging work, but very atmospheric.

I must thank a lot of people who make the music at St. Martin's possible. The Rector and Wardens are terrific; our Administrators: Finn who filled in, Rebecca, and now Shukura. No choir could exist without an excellent Music Librarian, and Kathy Wagg and her team are superb. You have no idea how much effort it takes to sort and file all the music we do each week. Our choristers are so dedicated and come through in spite of earthquake, wind and fire. But thanks especially to the whole parish, who sing so wonderfully and lift our spirits here as we sing joyfully to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Hattey Director of Music

## **Outreach**

2025 was a year of many changes and transitions but Outreach remained committed to serving those in need in our wider community. Judith Kidd stepped down as Outreach Chair and mentored the path forward for Kathy to assume the role of chairperson. We thank Judith for her commitment to engaging and learning the needs of local community organizations such as PARC, Romero House, Bloor West Food Bank and so many more. She established strong relationships with each of these local organizations which Outreach will continue to sustain. Outreach started the year with education sessions on the Vestry Motion to the safe injection sites. We held three online Wednesday education sessions to provide comprehensive background to the issue. An additional education session with lunch was held after an 11:00 AM service. These education sessions provided

background for the vestry motion to support safe injection sites. Outreach launched the **Faithworks campaign** with a Pub lunch with guests Reverend Leigh Kern, Coordinator, Indigenous Ministries and Reconciliation Animator from the Diocese of Toronto and Jennifer Stephenson, Assistant Director at Romero House. A good discussion ensued on the vulnerable within our community and how we can better advocate for those who are unhoused. Due to many scheduling conflicts the Faithworks walkathon was postponed to the fall and the location changed to High Park. It was a lovely contemplative walk led by Father Hatt. It was agreed that we would still like to have the Toronto Island walk and outing but maybe not as a Faithworks fundraiser. More focus will be given in 2026 to increase momentum for the Faithworks campaign and to discern the right group to oversee this fundraiser.

Geraniums were sold to help raise money for **Clean Water projects** through Alongside Hope (formally PWRDF). It has evolved into an activity that provides geranium plants for our church garden while raising money for this important initiative. In the Fall a joint initiative with Youth ministry and **toy, clothing and book exchange** was a huge success, and many members of the community came to donate books, clothing and toys of very high quality and many were taken away by happy neighbours and community members. The remnants were donated to the World Christian Children's organization coordinated by Corinne and Bernard. December was a busy month for Outreach. We participated in the Romero House Hamper program. Gifts were bought and wrapped for 18 residents/members of the Romero House Community. We sold ornaments to raise money for the Redwood Shelter. Donations received from the Advent Carol Service were donated to the Bloor West Food Bank (a record \$1700 was collected)! We also partnered with St Olave's and the Bloor West Food Bank to host a Christmas lunch for unhoused persons. St. Martin's hosted two tables and provided masked potatoes, sweet potatoes, and candied carrots for twenty guests. It was a wonderful event and many have expressed an interest in helping with the St Olave's dinner – and other Outreach projects. It is with this in mind and in conjunction with the "Cast the Net" objectives\* that we work to broaden our reach so that many can participate in Outreach activities without commitment to belonging to a committee. This final transition, led by Father Hatt, brought the Missional Team and Outreach Team together to create a steering committee that will disseminate missional and outreach projects to committees in order to coordinate and participate with members of our parish. This will broaden our reach and lead to more inclusivity for Outreach and Missional work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Mansfield

\*Cast The Net #5: "Make explicit connections between following Jesus and working for justice and peace. #7: Take, sustain, and communicate actions that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism".

### **Parish Archives & Heritage**

The Parish Archives contains a lot of material that has been retained by the parish that covers its witness over the years. Some of those historic activities are being disclosed in current and future editions of our newsletter, The Lychgate. The Parish is also required to submit some items to the Diocesan Archives. These include our Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials along with Minutes of Vestry Meetings and the Annual Financial Reports. We are also encouraged to submit the Minutes of our Parish Council and Management Board. This still leaves a lot of items we need to care for ourselves. Sadly the environment in church building especially the dampness makes this difficult.

Looking forward; it would be wise to digitise as much of the material as possible. There are a few audio or video records in formats that we do not have the means to access. It is still possible to convert these to a current format and that should be done before it becomes too expensive. Another difficulty is that we have

photographs of unnamed people and or events. I will need help from longtime members for assistance it correcting this.

Please let me know if you are willing to assist. If anyone has advice on the organisation of the digital archive files, please contact me.

The parish also has a collection of photographs of past incumbents. Many of them once graced the hallway by our current office. It would be great to return them to a place of honour.

Respectfully submitted  
Jonathan Gentry, Archivist

### **Property Management**

The heating system replacement project completed in 2024 has performed well in 2025.

Capital expenditures in 2025 totalled \$38,477 (all amounts reported include HST). The major item was repair of the Clerestory roof for \$33,900; work included a new flat roof membrane, flashing and caulking. The exterior sign was refurbished and an illuminated message board was added at a total cost of \$4577. The sign is fully operational now but some additional electrical work is required in 2026 to complete the project. Repairs and maintenance totalled \$10,334 covering miscellaneous minor repairs (e.g., toilet replacement and repairs \$1817; new electric water heater at Rectory \$1544; clean-up of fallen tree limbs at Rectory \$1300; brick tuck pointing repairs at south wall of Church) and on ongoing services (e.g., lift license, lift maintenance contract, alarm monitoring, light bulbs, ice melt, etc.).

Plans for 2026 are still being developed for capital expenditures in 2026 but may include: replacement of air conditioning unit at Church; repair of exterior brick chimney at Rectory; concrete floor refinishing in the Chapel and Guild Room; extending electrical power cable to exterior sign; targeted tree limb removal at Church and Rectory; interior wall repair (where Clerestory roof had leaked); and more exterior masonry repairs. As in past years, projects selected by the Management Board will balance the urgency of the required work and the funds available.

In closing, I would like to thank all the volunteers who contributed their time and talents.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Kolberg  
Property Manager - Management Board

### **Servers Guild**

We have a vibrant serving team at St. Martin's with team members currently ranging in age from 14 to over 60. We hope to add junior servers soon by having children from 6–13 join the group. New members of all ages start as Acolytes, then when ready, train to become Crucifer and then Thurifer. Children as young as 6 or 7 could join the team as boat boy or girl to carry the Thurifer's boat alongside the Thurifer.

Over the course of the last year (March '25 – February '26) we have been pleased to have new people join the team. Ingram Wolf (a.k.a. Wolf) joined in May, then Margaret Douglin and Quinn Kennedy (rejoined) started in January 2026. We are pleased to have them all with us as they learn serving skills.

Elaine Lumley left the team at the end of April and may join again in the future. We would welcome her back and enjoyed serving with her while she was part of the team.

We bid Gregory Conliffe farewell when he headed off to university, as Ian Snider had last year, but we are pleased that both Gregory and Ian enjoy serving when they are home for Holy Week and Easter services, during the summer and at Christmas time.

The team now consists of fourteen servers in total for our various services. Serving regularly on Sundays at the 8:30 a.m. service are Tim Stephenson, Larry Barwick and David Fleming with Melissa and Lynn occasionally serving at 8:30 a.m. On Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the chapel we have three servers with Melissa, Larry and Lynn taking regular turns. They also support Saints' Day services. Our 11 am Sunday services require four servers weekly with Phil Snider, Nadine Barmania, Robert Snow, Melissa Frost, Ingram Wolf, Sophie Banks, William Lighthart, Matthew Snider, Margaret Douglin, Quinn Kennedy and Lynn McKnight serving. In total, we have 16 servers including Ian and Gregory.

Subdeacons are also part of the serving team in addition to those named above. They dress as one of the three 'sacred ministers' behind the altar and read the Epistle and prayers during the 11 am Sunday services. They also assist with preparing the altar, delivering the chalice to communicants, and then clearing the altar after Communion. Mary Conliffe, Jay Haddad, Phil Snider and Lynn McKnight all serve as subdeacons. We would welcome more servers from within our parish. One-on-one training is provided first as Acolyte, then as MC Acolyte, Crucifer and Thurifer. Everyone joining the team progresses at their own pace learning new roles as they feel ready.

We are fortunate to have a strong team of servers for the three regular services and we give thanks to all of them for their dedication to the team. As they all realize it is a privilege and honour to serve at the altar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn McKnight, Servers Guild Leader

### **Sides Person's**

Canon 16 of the Diocese of Toronto states that the Sides People "receive and seat the Congregation in the Church during divine worship."

We have been very busy this past year especially during our high feasts Easter and Christmas. We have had a significant number of health-related resignations but have also had numerous Parishioners step up to fill the gaps. We now have seven teams of two Volunteers and are in the envious position of having one "on call" Volunteer.

If you were thinking of Volunteering for Sides Duty we would still like to hear from you, as often we require more sides people at the high feast days and are willing to train you in this important ministry.

Any questions can be directed to me at [storeybook25@gmail.com](mailto:storeybook25@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted by  
Glen Storey  
Committee Chair

### **Stewardship Committee**

The mission of the Stewardship Committee is to develop a strong stewardship culture at St. Martin's, remembering that stewardship is a complete lifestyle based on gratitude for and the eager sharing of the gifts we have been given. Stewardship is about far more than money. It is also about offering our Time and our varied Talents to build our community. We strive to make stewardship top of mind throughout the year. This year we took a slightly different approach to our annual campaign. The Parish was already in a fund-raising mode with the "Heat-it-Forward" campaign to replenish the Memorial Fund after the significant

expenditure for the heating system. As well, we have been fortunate in seeing new members joining the parish. There are many new faces and we felt it important to hear from some of our newcomers about their journeys here and what St. Martin's means to them.

Our annual campaign launched with a lunch after the 11 o'clock service on October 26<sup>th</sup> where Domitillah Antoinette spoke to the crowd and Peter Chauvin presented the financial position of the parish. On following Sundays, just before the announcements, we heard from Jaby Mathew and Phil Devine, with a wrap up message from Peter on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We felt it important to plainly enunciate the parish's financial position and the importance of parishioners' ongoing giving's, especially in light of increasing expenses and the exhaustion of some key funding such as Our Faith Our Hope. We also emphasized the need for parishioners to consider St. Martin's in their legacy giving plans.

The Committee consists of Cyriline Taylor, Janet Reid-Nahabedian, Nadine Barmania, Jay Haddad, Michael Attwood (co-Chair) and Peter Chauvin (co-Chair). We are particularly grateful to Father Hatt for the valuable support he gave to the Committee.

The Stewardship Committee is a small but committed group. We are always looking for new members. If you have an interest and might be prepared to join us, we would love to hear from you.

Michael Attwood and Peter Chauvin  
For the Stewardship Committee

## **Social Justice Vestry Motion 2026: Recommitting to “protect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.”**

We, the parish of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Diocese of Toronto,

- Pledge to honour our baptismal commitment to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation” and
- urge the Government of Canada to honour its commitments to the Paris Accord, 2015: to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 40-45% below 2005 levels by 2030 and to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

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**In our baptismal covenant, we pledge to “safeguard the integrity of God’s creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth.”** This is part of our duty of care for our neighbour, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the ravages of climate change, and for whom Christ had a preferential bias.

Over 88,000 peer-reviewed scientific studies on the damage caused by CO<sub>2</sub> point in the same direction: that the planet is warming at a rate that poses significant threats to Creation.<sup>1</sup>

The consequences of the warming include:

1. More frequent and more severe weather events (hurricanes, floods, fires, tornadoes)
2. Increased desertification of land and acidification of the oceans
3. Reduced food production capability from the land
4. Rising sea levels from glacial melt
5. Loss of freshwater resources
6. Loss of habitat and sustainability for plants, animals, and other organisms.

Secondary consequences of global warming are already massive.

1. Wars over resources
2. Increased numbers of people displaced by climate impacts
3. Diminished biodiversity
4. Increased numbers of invasive species of plants and insects due to the changing climate zones
5. Increased economic inequality (the most vulnerable nations and people will suffer the most.)
6. Increased health issues from heat, smoke, and water scarcity.

Our lived experience of 2025 offers independent confirmation of the science. It was the hottest summer on record (following the previous hottest summer of 2024) <sup>2</sup> It was the second most destructive forest fire season in Canada, with attendant smoke hazards for much of the country.<sup>3</sup> While harder to quantify, we have also experienced many significant floods following torrential rains.<sup>4</sup>

Despite these growing impacts, and the overwhelming scientific evidence, the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> has increased every year.<sup>5</sup> Scientific data alone has failed to persuade governments and industry to protect the most vulnerable and future generations by ensuring a livable planet. As Christians, we must embody our faith commitment with actions that show our care for those whom we may not know, but who will be most susceptible to the climate emergency.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2021/10/more-999-studies-agree-humans-caused-climate-change>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/risky-heat-climate-central-1.7636309>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.cbc.ca/news/climate/wildfire-season-2025-1.7606371>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.theweathernetwork.com/en>

<sup>5</sup> <https://ourworldindata.org/co2-emissions>

Our faith informs the way we act. We proceed in hope – not fantasy, not wishful thinking – but Christian hope, which means living ‘as though’ we already dwell in the kingdom of God. Consistent with living this way, we celebrate all of creation, and protect woodlands and animals, birds and sea creatures, oceans watersheds, clean air and the rains, thanking God for their variety and working to ensure their vitality.

If we live this way, we will plant more forests, not chop them down<sup>6</sup>. We will use less energy, particularly in transportation, industry and agriculture. We will not consume more than our basic needs. We will recycle and repurpose, sharing more with our neighbours who have less.

We will also advocate for governments to honour their climate commitments. In 2015, 196 countries adopted the landmark Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change. The goal of the Paris Agreement is to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius, relative to pre-industrial levels. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to achieve this goal and a net-zero-emission world by 2050, countries must significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions without delay. **Yet, current global commitments fall far short of this, leading to projections of warming by 3 degrees Celsius by 2100.**<sup>3</sup>

Since 1990, the Government of Canada has made many domestic and international commitments to address climate change, including commitments to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and reach net-zero emissions by 2050.<sup>7</sup> Yet Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by only 8.5% in the 19 years since then. <sup>8</sup> Oil production from the tar sands generates as many CO<sup>2</sup> emissions as all Canada’s other human-generated sources combined.<sup>9</sup> Canada is the worst performing of the G-7 countries in terms of meeting its targets.<sup>10</sup>

In June 2025, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada passed Resolution A200 endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty, and urging the federal government to:

- **End expansion of any new coal, oil or gas production** in line with the best available science as outlined by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the United Nations Environment Programme;
- **Phase-out existing production of fossil fuels in a manner that is fair and equitable**, taking into account the respective dependency of countries on fossil fuels and their capacity to transition; and
- **Ensure a global just transition to 100% renewable energy globally**, support dependent economies to diversify away from fossil fuels, and enable all people and communities, not least the Global South, to flourish.<sup>11</sup>

This vestry motion, which urges the government of Canada to honour its commitments to the 2015 Paris Accord, aligns with General Synod’s Motion. Moreover, it aligns with our Diocesan Cast the Net Call #8 “Intensify advocacy and action in response to the climate crisis,” and our own baptismal commitments.

There are many ways in which we can bring action and advocacy to bear on the climate crisis. To learn more, please refer to the additional resources in support of this motion, which will be made available on the Diocesan website at [www.toronto.anglican.ca/vestrymotion](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca/vestrymotion)

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<sup>6</sup> <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/social-justice-advocacy/creation-care/communion-forest-movement/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/weather/climatechange/climate-plan/climate-plan-overview/healthy-environment-healthy-economy.html#toc14>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/environmental-indicators/greenhouse-gas-emissions.html>

<sup>9</sup> Nature Briefing, January, 2024

<sup>10</sup> [https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/att\\_\\_e\\_43947.html](https://www.oag-bvg.gc.ca/internet/English/att__e_43947.html)

<sup>11</sup> <https://fossilfuel treaty.org/faith-letter#faith-letter> laying out a binding global plan to: