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Ephesians 6.13



Vestry 2026

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, L'AMOREAUX

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The College of Bishops Pastoral 2026 Letter to Vestries

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 Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

Annual Vestry Meeting
January 25, 2026 at 12:30 p.m.

AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

Approval of Agenda

Motion for Time of Adjournment

Adoption of Minutes

Incumbent's Report (presented in the Sunday services)

Churchwarden's Report (including the financial statements and audits)

2026 Budget

Appointment and Election of Officers

Reports of Parochial Organizations

Other business

Adjournment

2026 PARISH OFFICERS

ELECTED POSITIONS

Archivist	Mary Lynn Watt
Auditor	Pats Larose
Cemetery Board Chair	Joe Sue-Ho, Clive Esty - co-chairs
Centre Board Representatives:	Michael Gregory (Warden’s Representative), Ortega Tapambwa Fr. Dean (Incumbent), *Charlie Cutts (Wardens’ Representative) Hayley Crosdale, Anne Burnett, (1 vacancy)
Chair of Sidespeople	(VACANT)
Envelope Secretary	Daisy Lucas; Ruby Chen, recorder
Fellowship Events Chair	Sonia Mongford, Carol Lam, Kathy Barnes
Kitchen Crew Coordinator	(VACANT)
Parish Council Representatives	Addie Walters, Norm Abel Jr.
Property Committee Chair	Norm Abel Sr.
Screening Coordinator	Carlton Ricketts
Stewardship Chair	Michael Gregory
Synod Delegates	Pauline Taylor Bloomfield, Sonia Mongford, 1 vacancy
Synod Delegates - Alternate	Dee Miller, Don St. Kitts
Treasurer	Bernie Bellis
Vestry Clerk	Mary Lynn Watt
Wardens	People’s – Keith Morris
Deputy Wardens	George Millington

THE INCUMBENT’S APPOINTMENTS

Altar Guild Chairperson	Valerie Wanliss
Black History Month Coordinators	Winsome Malcom, Sonia Mongford
Counting Team Coordinator	The Wardens
Flower Guild	(VACANT)
Librarian	(VACANT)
Outreach Coordinator	Kathy Barnes, Jennifer Bellis
Parish Council Member-at-Large	Ruby Chen
Pastoral Care Coordinator	Jennifer Sue-Ho
Reading Program Director	(INACTIVE)
Incumbent’s Warden	Peter Conliffe-Layne
Sacristan	Sylbert Greaves
Volunteer Coordinator	Ivy Matthews

WARDEN’S APPOINTMENTS

FaithWorks	Jennifer Bellis
Property Manager	Norm Abel
*Wardens’ Representatives to St. Paul’s Centre Board	Michael Gregory, Charlie Cutts

2025 VESTRY MINUTES

January 26, 2025

The meeting was convened at 12:35 p.m. with a prayer by Fr. Dean.

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

A motion to appoint Audrey Fung-On as Vestry Clerk proposed by Mary Lynn Watt and seconded by Kathy Barnes was approved.

Agenda

Today's meeting agenda, on motion duly made by Kathy Barnes and seconded by Peter Conliffe-Layne, was approved.

Time of Adjournment

A motion moved by Sonia Mongford and seconded by Kevin Zhang for the meeting to be adjourned at 1:10 p.m. was approved.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of January 21, 2024 were adopted on motion duly made by Mary Lynn Watt and seconded by Winsome Malcolm.

Incumbent's Report

A Pastoral Letter to Vestries 2025 from the College of Bishops was included in the meeting materials for individual reading. The Rector's Report was delivered during the 8:00 a.m, the 9:15 a.m. and the 11:15 a.m. services and will be made available.

Fr. Dean mentioned that several congregations, weakened by the Covid-19 pandemic, will be looking for strong churches to serve as a hub for them and others. He mentioned that there was nothing official but that the parish should be aware of this possibility.

Churchwarden's Report

Bernie Bellis reported on the overall good financial health of the parish resulting in its ability to maintain and enhance all church programs.

Peter Conliffe-Layne moved that the 2024 financial statements and the Auditor's Report included in the meeting materials be approved. The motion was seconded by Ivy Matthews. Carried.

2025 Budget

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget for 2025 which had a modest .52% increase in the Envelopes target over 2024 actuals and studious controls over expenditures to result in a balanced budget. The ability to now plan and budget for a number of priests to preach and celebrate versus a full-time dedicated assistant priest was now under consideration.

On motion duly moved by Mary Lynn Watt and seconded by Kathy Barnes, the proposed budget for 2025 was approved.

Appointment and Election of Officers

The parish received the nomination report of the 2025 Parish Officers.

On motion duly made by John Barnes and seconded by Clive Esty, the Appointment and Election of Officers listed in the report was approved.

Reports of Parochial Organizations

Fr. Dean referred members to the reports of parochial organizations which were included in the meeting materials. There being no questions, all reports were received as written.

Other Business

Fr. Dean asked if there was any other business to report. John Barnes expressed his thanks to Fr. Dean for the last twenty years of service.

In addition, Fr. Dean added his sincere thanks. He indicated that serving this congregation has been the great honour of his life and in particular his wife is happy about this time together here as well.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn made by Kathy Barnes and seconded by Betsy Wu was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 12:52 p.m.

Special Vestry Meeting Minutes June 1, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:23 p.m. with an opening prayer by Fr. Dean.

Nomination and Election of Synod and Centre Board Representatives

Fr. Dean indicated that the only item to be tabled at this meeting was the nomination and election of a lay member of Synod and a Centre Board Director from St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Church.

He stated that Pauline Taylor-Bloomfield was nominated to be a Synod Delegate, and Anne Burnett was nominated to be a new Director on the Centre Board. No other nominations were put forward, therefore elections taken place by acclamation.

On motion duly made by Chris Miller and seconded by Sonia Mongford, the election of Pauline Taylor-Bloomfield as Synod Delegate, was approved effective immediately.

On motion duly made by Gloria Beharry and seconded by Marg Miller, the election of Anne Burnett to be the new Church Director to the St. Paul Centre Board, was approved to take effect immediately.

Fr. Dean then declared the meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Notes to 2025 Financial Statements

HST:-

HST has been recovered up to June, 2025.

Designated Gifts:-

We do not budget for designated gifts, but they are included in the financial statements.

Capital Costs:-

Capital costs totalling \$147,437.81 have been incurred and paid in 2025. \$113,042.78 has been paid from the Capital Fund, \$6068.14 from the Memorial Fund, and \$28,326.89 from the Church Maintenance account.

Investments:-

As shown on the Balance Sheet, the GIC`s associated with the church funds are invested such that they mature one per year as far as is possible, in order to provide for cash flow requirements and evenly distribute the associated interest income.

2026 Budget

	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
RECEIPTS				
No. of Sundays	52	52	52	52
Envelopes	329273	331,000	334520	336,000
Open	9440	9,500	7562	8,200
Special	15376	15,500	18118	19,000
Donations	5165	6,000	1500	1,800
Initial Envelopes	745	600	405	650
Rent-offices	9295	10,140	10140	10,140
Rent-other	4775	3,200	3750	3,750
Interest	4539	2,544	2543	2,544
Sub-total	\$ 378,608	\$ 378,484	\$ 378,538	\$ 382,084
Designated Gifts	93906	-	\$ 200,246	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 472,514	\$ 378,484	\$ 578,784	\$ 382,084
DISBURSEMENTS				
Assessments:				
Diocese	30572	28,644	28644	26,974
TOTAL ASS'TS	\$ 30,572	\$ 28,644	\$ 28,644	\$ 26,974
Other:				
Church Supplies	5048	5,050	4570	4,300
Office Supplies	4895	5,000	6105	5,000
Photocopier	6441	8,040	10283	10,300
Miscellaneous	3825	3,300	3718	4,095
Christian Education	1379	1,700	1175	1,000
Family Ministries	5643	6,000	3104	4,000
Music	531	600	547	600
Fellowship	544	500	862	1,300
Rector's Discretionary	0	400	300	600
Black History	620	780	716	750
Sub-total	\$ 28,926	\$ 31,370	\$ 31,380	\$ 31,945
HST recovered	(-7337)	(- 4,000)	(-4832)	(- 4,000)
TOTAL OTHER	\$ 21,589	\$ 27,370	\$ 26,548	\$ 27,945

	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Actual	2026 Budget
Facilities:				
Church:				
Cleaning	6600	7,450	7200	7,920
Utilities	18501	20,700	24391	24,000
Maintenance	22948	8,200	40081	10,800
Telephone	4134	4,020	3859	4,000
Insurance	9996	10,800	11042	12,000
Rectory:				
Utilities	4323	4,800	4600	5,000
Telephone	1072	1,020	985	1,080
Taxes	5565	5,790	5867	6,200
Maint' ce/capital	1917	1,400	1628	1,600
TOT. FACILITIES	\$ 75,056	\$ 64,180	\$ 99,653	\$ 72,600
Personnel:				
Pastor:				
Stipend	72220	74,100	74100	76,325
Benefits	27277	28,750	26618	27,475
Associate(s):				
Stipend	59385	60,000	49993	52,500
Benefits	3204	3,000	2882	3,100
Family Ministry/Admin.:				
Payroll	44775	46,170	34628	47,550
Benefits	3496	3,600	3599	3,700
Music Director:				
Payroll	28020	28,750	28750	29,615
Benefits	3511	3,600	3600	3,700
Assistant Music Director	6755	6,720	7110	7,000
General Personnel:				
Professional Dev't	900	900	900	900
Supply Clergy	840	1,200	500	1,200
Visitation Expenses	1008	1,500	1013	1,500
TOT. PERSONNEL	\$ 251,391	\$ 258,290	\$ 233,693	\$ 254,565
SUB-TOT. DISBURS'TS	\$ 378,608	\$ 378,484	\$ 388,538	\$ 382,084
TOT. Designated Gifts	\$ 93,906	\$ -	\$ 200,246	\$ -
TOT. Disbursements	\$ 472,514	\$ 378,484	\$ 588,784	\$ 382,084
Transferred to Funds	\$ -		\$ -	
DISBURSEMENT S				
OVER RECEIPTS	\$ -	\$ -	(-\$ 10,000)	\$ -
(subtracted from equity)				

December 31st, 2025

BALANCE SHEET

	<u>Dec. 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 2025</u>
ASSETS		
Bank Balance	\$ 187,050	\$ 175,796
Church GIC - to Dec. 2025	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Church GIC - to Apr. 2026	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Church GIC - to Nov. 2027	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Church GIC - to Mar. 2028	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Church GIC - to Jan. 2029	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
St. Paul's Memorial Bursary - 2029	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Berthebell Moo Bursary - 2029	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 447,050	\$ 385,796
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Funds	\$ 397,050	\$ 345,796
Equity	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 447,050	\$ 385,796

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance</u>			<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	<u>Jan. 1st</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>To(From)</u>	<u>Dec. 31st</u>
Church operational:-					
Capital Fund	\$ 150,554	\$ 80,144	\$ 113,512		\$ 117,186
Program Support Fund	\$ 42,223	\$ 15,000	\$ 27,885		\$ 29,338
Church Administered:-					
Memorial Fund	\$ 14,210	\$ 6,255	\$ 16,509		\$ 3,956
Youth Music Program	\$ 7,031	\$ 3,945	\$ 1,724		\$ 9,252
Community Youth Outreach	\$ 44,793	\$ 250	\$ 15,102		\$ 29,941
African Fellowship	\$ 13,307	\$ 20,633	\$ 6,950		\$ 26,990
Independently Controlled (Held in Trust):-					
FaithWorks	\$ 5,883	\$ 10,358	\$ 10,564	(-\$ 1,485)	\$ 4,192
Flowers	\$ 4,375	\$ 3,825	\$ 2,730		\$ 5,470
Outreach	\$ 25,709	\$ 39,582	\$ 41,435	(-\$ 8,997)	\$ 14,859
Steel Band Fund	\$ 8	\$ 3,160	\$ 3,750		\$ 582
Sponsorship Fund	\$ 43,234	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 43,234
Ladies Group	\$ 3,890	\$ 255	\$ 1,434		\$ 2,711
Missions Projects Fund	\$ -	\$ 6,680	\$ -		\$ 6,680
Bridge of Hope	\$ -	\$ 8,129	\$ 7,805	\$ 10,482	\$ 10,806
Held in perpetuity:-					
Berthebell Moo Bursary	\$ 24,781	\$ 500	\$ 700		\$ 24,581
St. Paul's Memorial Bursary	\$ 15,737	\$ 1,030	\$ 700		\$ 16,067
Memorial Music Scholarship	\$ 1,315	\$ 500	\$ 700		\$ 1,115
	<u>\$ 397,050</u>	<u>\$ 200,246</u>	<u>\$ 251,500</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 345,796</u>

December 31st, 2025

BALANCE SHEET- church operational only

	<u>Dec. 2024</u>	<u>Dec. 2025</u>
ASSETS		
Bank Balance	\$ 187,050	\$ 175,796
Church GIC - to Dec. 2025	\$ 50,000	\$ -
Church GIC - to Apr. 2026	\$ 5,727	\$ 10,728
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 242,777</u>	<u>\$ 186,524</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Funds	\$ 192,777	\$ 146,524
Equity	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 242,777	\$ 186,524

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance Jan. 1st</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers To(From)</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31st</u>
Church operational:-					
Capital Fund	\$ 150,554	\$ 80,144	\$ 113,512		\$ 117,186
Program Support Fund	\$ 42,223	\$ 15,000	\$ 27,885		\$ 29,338
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 192,777	\$ 95,144	\$ 141,397	\$ -	\$ 146,524

Note: this represents that part of the balance sheet that falls under the church operational control.

The other fund monies are the responsibility of various church organizations, and are controlled by those organizations.

The monies are held in the church accounts for convenience only.

2026 Year-end Projection

BALANCE SHEET- church operational only

	<u>Dec. 2025</u>	<u>Dec. 2026 projected</u>
ASSETS		
Bank Balance	\$ 175,796	\$ 90,000
Church GIC - to Apr. 2026	\$ 10,728	\$ -
Church GIC - to Nov. 2027		\$ 28,774
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 186,524</u>	<u>\$ 118,774 #</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Total Funds	\$ 146,524	\$ 78,774
Equity	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 186,524	\$ 118,774

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS

	<u>Balance Jan. 1st</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Transfers To(From)</u>	<u>Balance Dec. 31st</u>
Church operational:-					
Capital Fund	\$ 117,186	\$ 24,600	\$ 80,000		\$ 61,786
Program Support Fund	\$ 29,338	\$ 15,000	\$ 27,350		\$ 16,988
TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 146,524	\$ 39,600	\$ 107,350 #	#	\$ 78,774

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St. Paul's Church L'Amoreaux

Statement of Financial Position - 2024 and 2025

	Dec. 31st, <u>2025</u>	Dec. 31st, <u>2024</u>	Jan. 1st, <u>2024</u>
ASSETS:-			
Cash	\$ 175,796	\$ 187,050	\$ 136,839
Investments (GIC's)	\$ 210,000	\$ 260,000	\$ 300,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 385,796	\$ 447,050	\$ 436,839
LIABILITIES:-			
Fund Balances:			
Church Operational	\$ 146,524	\$ 192,777	\$ 182,373
Church Administered	\$ 70,139	\$ 79,341	\$ 91,591
Held in Trust (independently controlled)	\$ 87,370	\$ 83,099	\$ 76,106
Held in Perpetuity (bursaries)	\$ 41,763	\$ 41,833	\$ 36,769
 Equity (retained earnings)	 \$ 40,000	 \$ 50,000	 \$ 50,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 385,796</u>	<u>\$ 447,050</u>	<u>\$ 436,839</u>

Note:

- there is no change in the opening net assets as at January 1st, 2024, nor in the Statement of Financial Position or the Statement of Changes in Financial Position for the year ending December 31st, 2024.

St. Paul's Church L'Amoreaux

Statement of Changes in Financial Position - 2024 and 2025 (cashflow)

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Funds were provided by:-		
Net income	\$ -	\$ -
Drawdown from Church-Operational Funds	\$ -	(\$ 10,000)
Donations into:-		
Church Operational	\$ 18,907	\$ 95,144
Church Administered	\$ 4,684	\$ 31,083
Held in Trust (independently controlled)	\$ 62,451	\$ 71,989
Held in Perpetuity (bursaries)	<u>\$ 7,864</u>	<u>\$ 2,030</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 93,906</u>	<u>\$ 200,246</u>
Funds were used for:-		
Church Operational	\$ 8,503	\$ 141,397
Church Administered	\$ 16,934	\$ 40,285
Held in Trust (independently controlled)	\$ 55,458	\$ 67,718
Held in Perpetuity (bursaries)	<u>\$ 2,800</u>	<u>\$ 2,100</u>
TOTAL	\$ 83,695	\$ 251,500
Net Change in Working Capital	\$ 10,211	(-\$ 61,254)
Changes in Current Assets:-		
Cash	\$ 50,211	(-\$ 11,254)
Investments	(\$ 40,000)	(-\$ 50,000)

To the Members of St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Church:

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. Paul's L'Amoreaux church which comprise:

The Balance Sheet as at December 31st. 2025

The statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period January 1 st to December 31st. 2025

Changes in Funds and a summary of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial Statements.

St. Paul's church management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organization and for such internal controls as they determine necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

The Auditor's responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on an Audit in accordance with the Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. These standards require that the auditor complies with the ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatements.

The Audit Process

The audit process involved performing procedures to obtain evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

The procedures selected were based on my judgement

In making the risk assessments, I considered the internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the entity's internal control. The audit also included the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management as well as the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide basis for my audit opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of St Pauls L'Amoreaux church as at Dec 31st, 2025 and the results of the Church and its changes in funds for the year then ended is in accordance with Canadian accounting Standards for a not-for-profit organization.

Submitted by:

Pats La Rose (CPA)

INCUMBENT'S REPORT

A paraphrase of Ephesians 6:13 and counsel for us in this unsettling time: “Having done everything to stand - stand.”

Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon is often asked what he thinks will change in the next ten years. He protests. “No one ever asks me what I think will not change.” That’s how you plan well - by building a strategy “around the things that are stable in time.”

I found this in a sequel to the book entitled *Amusing Ourselves to Death*. It was written in 1987 by Neil Postman about the enormous and negative influence of television. Television is good for amusement and selling products, he argued, but it has made our most serious subjects in life fragmented and superficial. By flipping back and forth from channel to channel, by surfing near and far from Agincourt to Australia, we are left with a head full of brief fragments and impressions, most of which we can do nothing about.

Turn on the TV news and you get a minute about Venezuela, two minutes about Greenland, thirty seconds about Gaza, and far too much about attention-seekers in professions where we expect better. Flipping back and forth, near and far, we're left with fragments, most of which we can do nothing about, leaving us frustrated, anxious, often angry, many times depressed.

Many years ago C S Lewis could already see the effects. He wrote:

It is one of the evils of rapid diffusion of news that the sorrows of all the world come to us every morning. I think each village was meant to feel pity for its own sick and poor whom it can help and I doubt if it is the duty of any private person to fix his mind on ills which he cannot help. (This may even become an escape from the works of charity we really can do to those we know.) A great many people do now seem to think that the mere state of being worried is in itself meritorious. I don't think it is.

And if these pressures were true about radio and TV, they are even more acute with smartphones.

So, this past year a group of Christians wrote a sequel to Neil Postman’s book entitled *Scrolling Ourselves to Death* (Crossway, 2025). Its purpose was to recall Postman’s warnings and to point out how many of the dangers he saw have been amplified in the age of internet and smart phones.

That said, I don’t like arguments that are one-sided, and one of the attractions of this book was its recognition of good and bad trade-offs.

For instance, when reading and writing came along, the first casualty was memory. If you couldn’t write it down, you had to memorize it.

But once things could be written down, recorded, reviewed and done so over years and generations, even though memory suffered, it opened up entirely new mental worlds: “theology, the natural sciences, ecology, economics, mathematics, philosophy, sociology, medicine, and much more besides.”

Likewise, it would be unfair and untrue to say that the internet and smartphones are only a source of harm.

I mentioned to someone what I had been reading and his first response was about the things television made it possible to experience that would have been otherwise out of reach. He mentioned how pleased his parents were to watch the coronation of the Queen. Many of us would mention the coronation of the King.

When I was at St. Matthew's and St. John's, I met one of the doctors who led in the digitization of medical x-rays. Previously, an x-ray was a picture on film. But during his time, x-rays were taken digitally, and could be sent instantly over the internet to specialists around the world. A doctor in Moosonee could quickly get expert advice on his smartphone from a specialist at Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto.

And in *Scrolling Ourselves to Death*, the main advice was certainly to put limits on the use of smartphones, but as importantly, to practice those things that lead to "seasonableness", that is, a sense of balance and perspective.

At the top of the list is keeping the Christian sabbath and the seasons of fasting and abstinence, when we turn off our devices and step back from our daily affairs in order to pray, to rest, to enjoy our loved ones, to enjoy the beauty God has placed around us. Like our friend Alice, who started taking pictures of birds, only to discover that hundreds of different birds are right here in our own neighborhoods, one of the prettiest, I think who lives next door in a tree outside Domino's Pizza.

Seasonableness is what moves us from mindless scrolling to intentional use. It helps us discover the true sources of rest and refreshment rather than mindless scrolling and escapism which offers neither.

I noticed the authors emphasizing the ordinary practices of a Christian community, and I was encouraged because of the high-rate of participation and group activity here, whether it be the services, or the choir and pan practices, or the small groups who meet to study and pray. By contrast, one of the very worst things is to be alone, with life consumed by the flickering screen.

Not only is there the enormous amount of time spent, thought to be about 11 hours a day on average - let that sink in! - the "internet's dominance in our daily lives often leaves little space to think about it well."

I quote:

Constructing order out of this chaos requires the wisdom tradition of seasonableness, which both limits and orders our consumption. It's a way Christians can actively push back against the consuming, mind-numbing effects of [the smartphone influence of] "everything, all of the time." (*Scrolling*)

For 185 years, St. Paul's has sought to serve the Lord faithfully and has had to do so - and continue to do so - in a time of dramatic change when the parish has had to adapt and be creative. But this simple and humble word. As a Christian parish, this is only possible if the

centre holds, and if we remain stable and firm in our loyalty to the Lord and to the fundamentals of our Christian mission. For this time, says one of the authors:

The advice I offer . . . is the same advice I preach to myself: work out my salvation with fear and trembling (Phil. 2:12). Visit grandma. Bring shared meals to my elderly neighbors. Walk across the street to meet my neighbors and invite them over for a meal. Call my wife more often from work and tell her how thankful and grateful I am for our life together. Wash the dishes. Go for more walks and bike rides. Remember my grandchildren's birthdays and send a card if I can't afford a gift. Pay closer attention to my inattentive students. Fast. Pray. Tithe. (pp.184-5)

"Do you want to imitate Christ?" he asks.

Do you have a voice that can speak? Do you have hands that can help? Do you have the will to put the phone down? Get going. The people who need the Christ within you are within earshot. You can probably see them from where you're sitting. (p. 188)

He continues.

There is no perfect, step-by-step plan for living wisely in the digital age. Biblical wisdom always aims to go beyond lists of rules and get inside: to make us certain kinds of people. Seasonableness is a small but real step toward becoming people who value and imitate the orderliness of our Creator, who caused light to shine out of darkness—both in the beginning and in our hearts (2 Cor. 4:6). (*Scrolling*)

“Having done everything to stand - stand.”

The verse, in fact, is drawn from a passage about battling powers and principalities and highly relevant for our time. Cling to the truth, Paul teaches, and to the righteousness and justice of God. Be ambassadors of God's peace, mending fences and drawing people together previously at odds. Hold fast to the faith. And love each other, that glorious company of people among whom our Lord has given us a Christian home.

Having done everything possible to stand on the foundation which is Christ Our Lord - stand!

A couple of notes

If you haven't already, I hope you'll find time to read through the Vestry report. It is full and encouraging. Three things I'd like to highlight.

First, a great deal was done for the maintenance of the church building, namely, the replacement and installation of a new Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning unit. For this project, nearly \$200,000 has been in play and, on the whole, quietly and behind the scenes without disrupting the ordinary life of the parish. We have a great team to thank. Our treasurer, our wardens, our staff, the Centre property manager and staff, a great team from Honeywell who coordinated the actual project, and another great team from Smith and Long who installed the equipment.

And in all of this our heartfelt thanks to the late Dorothy Somerville and Katherine Liao for generous gifts from their estates which covered the largest share of the expense. Secondly, with Sarah's oversight both our Tamil and Chinese congregations added Sunday Schools this year. These have been wonderful additions for the congregations, and a great encouragement for the parish in a season when there have been 27 baptisms across the congregations over the past two years.

Thirdly, in the wake of Canon Don Bone's death, priest in the 1970's during the construction of a new church building, a residence for seniors, and Cana Place nursing facility, a stained glass window was mounted in his memory. Not only did we realize that nearly fifty years has passed, but through the tribute of Canon Bone's daughter we are seeing what was hoped: a parish reaching deeply into the community; a parish welcoming the world gathered in this community.

This is our 185th anniversary with our attention drawn to that remarkable season. Watch for a great year of events commemorating all this, in gratitude to God for the past, in faith for the future.

I am entering my 22nd year at St. Paul's. It is a privilege to be here. I thank God for each day, for Bishop Andrew Asbil and his appointment, the parish for all your support, and my wife Natalie who I love and upon whom I depend.

WARDENS' REPORT
by Peter Conliffe-Layne, Rector's Warden

The duty schedule of the wardens continued to posted for two months at a time for the benefit of wardens and parishioners.

We have had challenges in the recruitment and retention of parishioners to assist in the recording and reporting of tithes, and we have lost our two youth counters to the distance and workload that comes with post-secondary education. We have made up for this by training some members of our growing Mandarin congregation who not only serve the Mandarin 1 PM service, but they have been integrated into the counting process for the 11:15 service. This additional exposure not only alleviates our manpower shortage, but introduces the counters to recording things that might be more complex than might be encountered in the 1 PM count. Of particular concern is a shortage of persons available to assist with the count after the 8 AM services, but the available counters double up without complaint or the count is withheld until after the 9:15 AM service.

Ravi Thirugnanam, Tamil Congregation Warden, continues to oversee the preparation of the deposits for both the afternoon Mandarin and Tamil congregations, but two additional persons are being trained for warden's duties at the 3 PM Tamil service.

We continue to be short one deputy warden, as has been the case for the past five years, and this affects the Sunday morning services mainly, but early scheduling and tight coordination of duties, along with a superior level of cooperation among the wardens, substitutes ably for that missing body. Wardens were present at all of the monthly parish council meetings and were available to sign all necessary documents. The wardens via their signing authority have continued to support Fr Dean and Treasurer Bernie Bellis to ensure that cheques and other disbursements are approved and signed so that invoices are paid without undue delay, and also make sure that agreements and licences have the necessary warden's assent. All Sunday services (except the 1 PM Mandarin Service) and other scheduled services and events, and most non-church events have almost without exception had a warden on duty who was accessible to parishioners and oversaw post-event security.

Our 2026 Screening in Faith requirements for persons in specific offices and who have a duty of care to vulnerable persons are largely current and continues under the oversight of Carlton Ricketts, Screening Coordinator, Fr Dean and Incumbent's Warden Peter Conliffe-Layne. This past year, the training was conducted in one large group in the church itself, facilitating individual input and questions, and discussion of situations that the attendees could encounter in their duties. To date, there are three persons left to complete their screenings (this number includes the aforementioned two being trained for the Tamil services by Ravi), because of their recent recruitment as counters and being away on holiday. After these persons are screened, an up-to-date spreadsheet record will be forwarded to Carlton for safekeeping.

In October, there were some minor repairs effected to the roof and fence of the rectory because a neighbour's tree was blown over by strong winds and caused some damage. Because this incident fell under the classification of "an act of God", the church insurance covered some of the cost and the neighbour's insurance covered the rest. This year, the church purchased and received a new processional cross to replace the one that was stolen. We had been using a borrowed cross that was kept in the same area at the rear of the church as the stolen one, and this meant that greater vigilance was required so that it did not "disappear". The new cross is lighter and shorter, and fits into a base stored in the church office, out of sight when not in use and therefore more guarded from theft.

The additional security of the closure of entrances A and E on Mondays when the church office is closed came into effect in August. The openness of the areas between the two entrances allows for persons to transit those areas, and over one period of Sunday afternoon through Monday, one of the upper level washrooms was left in a state that

required extensive sanitising. To reduce the possibility of similar occurrences, the decision was taken to restrict access to the church areas by closing the two entrances on Mondays. This restriction was relaxed over the two-month period of the new HVAC installation. Our sincere and heartfelt gratitude was conveyed to the St Paul's Centre janitorial staff who did the cleaning.

The new stained-glass window on the east windows of the church was received and installed, and dedicated at a special service to celebrate the move from the old church to the new one, and in this regard the tenure and service of the late Canon Don Bone.

Following on the repair of the air conditioning/heater fan in 2024, it had become necessary to have a major upgrade to our air conditioning system, which entailed roof installation of new units and the necessary new piping, all of which was completed in about two months, concluding with final inspection on January 08, 2026. This was a capital expense that we expect will serve the church at least another 50 years and beyond. The church organ also underwent an electrical upgrade to return it to its mellifluous best, at a far more reasonable cost than was feared if we had to completely replace it.

On behalf of the wardens and deputy wardens of the Anglican Church of St Paul, L'Amoreaux, I extend sincere gratitude to our incumbent, Father Dean Mercer, and the congregation of St Paul's for the opportunity to serve this parish.

Peter A. Conliffe-Layne
Incumbent's Warden

ASSOCIATES' REPORTS

Father Milton Solomon
Tamil Congregation Report

“Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

I give thanks to God for His continued faithfulness and for the privilege of serving the Tamil congregation at St. Paul's Parish. The past year has been marked by steady worship, meaningful fellowship, and a shared commitment to spiritual growth and service. I remain deeply grateful for the prayers, dedication, and generosity of our congregation, which continue to strengthen our communal life and witness.

Worship Life and Regular Services

Sunday Holy Eucharist

- Regular Tamil Holy Eucharist services were held at 3:00 p.m.
- Average attendance ranged between 20–30 parishioners. In special days attenders will be high.
- Fr. Dean faithfully joined us each week, offering announcements, pastoral presence, and blessings.
- Fellowship following the service encouraged connection and mutual support among parishioners.

Key Ministry Highlights – 2025

New Year Service

- The year began with a New Year Service on January 1, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., dedicating the year ahead to God's guidance and grace.

Bible Study Ministry

- Weekly Bible Studies were conducted on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom, providing consistent opportunities for scripture reflection, prayer, and discussion.

Lenten Observance

- The season of Lent was observed with special services and reflections, encouraging repentance, spiritual discipline, and renewed faith.

13th Anniversary of the Tamil Congregation

- On May 9, 2025, we celebrated the 13th Anniversary of the Tamil Congregation, giving thanks for more than a decade of ministry, fellowship, and God's sustaining grace.

Mother's Day and Father's Day

- Mother's Day (May 11) and Father's Day (June 15) were joyfully observed, honoring parents and caregivers with thanksgiving and prayer.

Bridge of Hope Tamil Mission Service

- A special mission service was held on October 4, 2025, raising approximately \$4,600 in support of the Bridge of Hope Ministry in Sri Lanka.

Carols and Lessons Service

- On December 6, 2025, our Carols and Lessons service celebrated the joy of Christ's birth.
- Tamil choristers led the congregation in song.
- Sunday School children presented a drama based on the birth of Jesus.
- Jenifer and Marina offered a Tamil cultural dance, enriching the worship experience.

Christmas Day Service

- Christmas was celebrated with a Holy Eucharist service on December 25, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., rejoicing in the gift of the Incarnation.

Christmas Tree Gathering with St. Paul's Centre (Seniors Ministry)

- A Christmas gathering was held with seniors at St. Paul's Centre.
- The event included a potluck meal, fellowship, indoor games, and cultural performances.
- Jenifer and Marina presented Bharatanatyam, and congregation members engaged warmly with the seniors.

Sunday School Ministry

The Sunday School continued to flourish under the dedicated leadership of Marina, who faithfully nurtured our children in Christian teaching and worship.

- Children actively participated in the Carols and Lessons service.
- They also took part in the December 27 senior home gathering, offering presence, joy, and performances.

We are grateful for Marina and Jenifer's commitment and for the growing involvement of our children in congregational life.

Outreach Ministry – Bridge of Hope (Northern Sri Lanka)

The Bridge of Hope Outreach, initiated in March 2019, continues to support cancer patients in Northern Sri Lanka, particularly in the Vanni region. This ministry has been a great help to vulnerable families, and we are deeply thankful to the members of St. Paul's Parish for allowing and supporting us in carrying out this work in Sri Lanka.

As the Tamil congregation of St. Paul's, we have been supporting cancer patients in the Vanni since 2019. Most of the contributions come from St. Paul's Tamil congregation members, along with generous support from other Tamil churches across the Greater Toronto Area. These patients do not live in one central location; they reside in different

villages, often 30–45 kilometres apart. We run this project in partnership with The American Ceylon Mission (CACM) Church in Sri Lanka.

In the past year, we supported 13 patients, including 4 children under the age of 7 and 8 women. Our assistance is primarily used for medication, food, and especially transportation to hospitals and clinics. Some support was also provided toward the children's education. We also note with sadness that one of the patients, a 16-year-old, passed away in August, and funeral expenses were supported through this ministry.

Financial Summary – Bridge of Hope (2025)

Account details for the year 2025 are as follows:

Account Balance (January 1, 2025): \$10,481.88

Total Inflows: \$8,129.16

Total Outflows: \$7,804.90

Closing Balance (December 31, 2025): \$10,806.14

In 2025, a total of \$4,500.00 was sent for this outreach project through the CACM Church. The remaining \$1,775.00 was used to support Bridge of Hope and Carols and Lessons service expenses. Funds for this ministry are primarily raised through special mission services and events, while some members also contribute regularly on an ongoing basis.

Conclusion and Thanksgiving

On behalf of the Tamil Congregation of St. Paul's Parish, I sincerely thank Fr. Dean for his faithful pastoral leadership and continued support. I also extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Wardens, the Outreach Committee, and all members of St. Paul's Church for their prayers, generosity, and encouragement.

Your support has made it possible for us to carry out our ministries, including the Bridge of Hope outreach in Sri Lanka. We are truly grateful for the unity and partnership we share as one parish family. May God continue to bless us as we serve together in faith.

Pastor Andrew Shen and Kevin Zhang

Throughout 2025, Sunday Worship services for the Chinese congregation continued regularly in person, with attendance showing a steady increase. These services were also live-streamed online, allowing broader participations.

Chinese Sunday worship services are celebrated in Mandarin following traditions of the Anglican liturgy, maintaining meaningful and structured reverence. Holy Communion was celebrated on every second Sunday of the month, providing opportunities for the congregation to partake in the sacred sacrament.

Eucharist services are also provided in Cantonese on the second Friday of each month, with the full support of Anglican parishes in the Greater Toronto Area.

Sacraments and Milestones

A highlight of the year was the administration of baptisms. Three Baptism services have been celebrated, and a total 10 individuals were baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity Lord.

Bible Studies and Fellowship Groups

-Online Bible Study: The weekly online Bible study class met every Friday evening. Participants showed great enthusiasm, with many joining 10-20 minutes early, reflecting their eagerness and enjoyment of these sessions.

-Bible Study for Seniors: Every Tuesday of the week. Bible studies and health consultations, offering spiritual and practical support.

-Young Adults & Families Fellowship: Weekly studies were held every Thursday evening, fostering community and spiritual growth.

-Elders Fellowship: Monthly gatherings were organized specifically for the elders, providing nourishment and fellowship.

Sunday School for Children

By the grace of God, started early this year, Sunday School for Chinese congregation has been carried out smoothly, with 3–6 children of different ages in attendance.

Volunteers Contributions

Throughout this year's ministry, we have been encouraged to see growing members willingly and faithfully devoting their time and gifts in different church ministries, such as offering counting, services live-streaming, children's Sunday School, neighborhood caring, and support for major festivals and special celebrations.

Community Outreach and Special Events

In June 2025, an Alpha course has been launched, featuring with openly discussions and vivid testimonies.

Attendance was consistent, ranging from 7 to 14 participants per session, indicating steady interest and engagement. For Christmas, we hosted a dinner gathering that was open to the community, extending our hospitality and sharing the joy of the season.

Looking Ahead

As we have seen growth in attendance and participation, we continue to pray for fresh ideas and guidance to ensure that our offering income rises accordingly, supporting the ongoing and expanding ministries of the church.

Thanks be to God for His faithfulness throughout the year 2025, and we are looking forward to His continued blessings in the years ahead.

Fr. Kim Beard

I have had the privilege and joy of serving at St. Paul's this year under the very able leadership for Father Dean. My primary role, as an honorary assistant, is to support Father Dean by preaching and celebrating at his request. St. Paul's is an amazing community of faith with a generosity that reaches around the world. In 2025, St. Paul's supported the construction of a new Anglican Girls Secondary School in Tarime, Tanzania with a financial donation supporting a mission team from St. Paul's to visit this project in July 2026 and to bring donations of laptops and school supplies. This new school was completed in July 2025 and now provides new educational opportunities for hundreds of local young women.

In June, 2025 I undertook to walk 250 Km on the Camino de Santiago in support of the work of the Outreach committee. Many people generously sponsored me on my pilgrimage and more than \$ 3,000 was raised.

In May 2026, I am planning to undertake a 120 km pilgrimage walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. I would also like my pilgrimage to benefit the work of St. Paul's Outreach committee. With this in mind, I will post a sponsorship form where individuals can sign up to donate to the work of the Outreach committee based on the number of kilometers I complete on my pilgrimage walk.

I am hoping to recruit a mission team to undertake painting, children's ministry, and other volunteer tasks to work with the Anglican Deanery of Thailand in July 2027. This team will be open to adults and teens who would like to visit Thailand and learn more about this amazing country. More information will be available in the near future. By God's grace, I look forward to continuing to serve in this wonderful community of faith in 2026.

DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRY REPORT by Sarah Mair

The weeks leading up to Vestry offer a meaningful opportunity to reflect on both the joys and challenges of our ministries. We give thanks to God for His continued grace, provision, and sustaining presence at St. Paul's. The Family Ministry continues to grow steadily as our children, youth, and parents faithfully seek after God with discerning hearts and minds. I am deeply grateful for the prayers and encouragement of the parishioners of St. Paul's, which continue to strengthen and support this ministry.

This past year has also been marked by loss. We have lost a stalwart of youth ministry at St. Paul's with the passing of Joyce Walton. Joyce faithfully served this church for many years and was a mentor to me personally. Her wisdom, generosity of spirit, and deep love for young people have left an enduring legacy. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and served alongside her.

My heartfelt thanks go to the Sunday School Team, Youth Leaders, Youth Ministry Leaders, and coaches. The growth and vitality of St. Paul's Family Ministry are a direct reflection of your dedication, faithfulness, and commitment to nurturing our children and youth. And to our parents—you are not forgotten. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in this ministry. Please continue to uphold the Family Ministry in prayer as we seek to train up our children and youth in the way of Jesus Christ, trusting that as they grow, they will not depart from it (Proverbs 22:6).

Volunteers:

- *Youth Basketball – Adrian and Jonathan Rajasingam and Stefan Regault
- *Children Basketball –Dumebi Umezinne (Spring), Jonathan Rajasingam (Fall)
- *Children's Soccer – Dumebi Umezinne (Spring), Chukuwma Ekwubiri (Spring and Fall)
- *Idara Abasi Dance Instructors and Choreographers
 - Jacqueline Abel, Kiannah McCarthy
 - Dancers: Jacqueline Abel, Vanessa Cambridge-Smith, Sarah Mair, Sharon Simmons, Scholastika Tapambwa and Ruby Chen
- *Sunday School – Jacqueline Abel (Sunday School Coordinator), Vanessa Cambridge-Smith, Scholastika Tapambwa, Sharon Waterman, Sharon Watts-Hope, and Ukot Umezinne
- *St. Paul's Youth (S.P.Y) Friday Night Gathering - Sharon Simmons and Ukot Umezinne
- *Youth Leaders: Amaya Abel (Junior S.S. Leader), Jasmine Abel, Melissa Crosdale, Renita LaFleur, Laila Koyota-Thomas, Abigail and Timothy Simon-Rasiah, and Kene Umezinne (Junior S.S. Leader)

Programs:

- *Mondays (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.): Youth Basketball Clinic and a Fall addition of the Children’s Basketball Program (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.), L’Amoreaux Collegiate Institute
- *Tuesdays (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.): Children Soccer Clinic, L’Amoreaux Collegiate Institute
- *Fridays (7:00 – 8:30 p.m.): S.P.Y. Friday Night Gathering, Youth Room and Byce Hall
- *Saturdays (10:30 – 11:30 with the occasional Thursday) Idara Abasi Dancers
- *Sundays (9:15 a.m.): Sunday School

Family Ministry Highlights

*Idara Abasi: African Caribbean and Dance Movement

- African Service of Praise – Anointing Fall on Me, February 1, 2025 – St. Margaret in-the-Pines, choreographed by Sarah Mair
- Black History Month performance –Wade in the Water, February 23, 2025 choreographed by Jacqueline Abel and Sarah Mair
- Pentecost Sunday – Holy Forever – June 8, 2025, choreographed by Kiannah McCarthy
- Gospel Concert, Wade in the Water and Holy Forever, Church of the Nativity
- 184th Anniversary of St. Paul’s – Holy Forever – November 16, 2025

*Children and Youth Basketball Clinics

- Children’s Basketball Clinic average of 10-12 children weekly (Spring)
- Children’s Soccer Clinic average of 12-14 children weekly (Fall)
- Youth Basketball Clinic average of 6-8 youths weekly

*S.P.Y Network

January - June 2025

- Primary focus on serving others and God. We also explored what are some of the hindrances to our faith walk.
- June 29th, 2025, Grad Sunday – We honored Timothy Simon-Rasiah who assisted with the Sunday School for many years and we are grateful for his dedication to the Sunday School.
- Timothy Simon-Rasiah and Cayden Rajasingam have received bursaries and scholarships for schools of their choice.
- The Family Ministry hosted its annual BBQ at Morningside Park which was well attended by all members, friends and family. Many thanks to all volunteers and donors, especially Tony Lee for manning the BBQ grills.

Fall 2025

- Re-Charge Retreat at Muskoka Woods – September 26th to September 28th, 2025 – Many thanks to Ruby Chen and Ukot Umezinne for providing support and supervising the youth during the retreat.
- Challenged the Youths to discover the Names of Jesus and to present it to the youth group. Each participant chose 2 names, and 7 presentations were completed between January and June

Sunday School

9: 15 a.m. Sunday School:

- average Sunday School attendees – 8 to 12 children weekly
- Curriculum taken from Dig-In. We started a new curriculum, Digging into the Heart of God, in September, which encourages the students to discover a fresh approach to growing a life long relationship with God. Each week we explore God’s character throughout the Bible.

1:00 p.m. Chinese Sunday School

-Chinese Sunday School: Average Sunday School attendees – 4 to 6 students weekly ranging from all ages. Currently, we do not have a set curriculum due to lack of translated material; however, Alice and Grace have been working diligently to make the Bible come alive through means of reading the Scripture, critical and reflective discussions, media and arts and crafts.

3:00 p.m. Tamil Sunday School

-Curriculum taken from Dig-In. Jenifer and Marina. We started a new curriculum, Digging into the Heart of God, which encourages the students to discover a fresh approach to growing a life long relationship with God. Each week we explore God's character throughout the Bible.

*Easter Sunday April 22, 2025 – Annual Easter Egg Hunt – over 40 children in attendance – our biggest Easter Egg Hunt to date! We also collected more eggs than the previous years! All the eggs were gone in a matter of minutes!

*June 29, 2025 – Grad Sunday: Children received certification of appreciation and all Sunday School Teachers, Youth leaders and Junior leaders were honoured.

*Resumption of Sunday School on September 14th, 2025

*Welcome Back to Church Sunday took place on September 21st, 2025 with a blessing from Fr. Dean for all children and teachers.

*Preparation for Christmas Pageant – November 9th – December 24th. The pageant, New Star, was a resounding success. Many thanks to the teachers, youth leaders, parents and children for their contributions and participation.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

by Michael Gregory, Chair

As the financial reports show, St Paul's is financially sound. The Stewardship Committee wishes to express their thanks to the membership for their generous giving which resulted in our exceeding the target for envelope giving in 2025 so that there can be a continuation and possible expansion of the various social and spiritual programs the church undertakes.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND BERTHEBELL MOO BURSARY PROGRAM

by George Coomarasamy

The Bursary Program was initially designed to grant bursaries to students who are pursuing post-secondary education at a university, a community college or in an apprenticeship program. We have now opened the doors also to students who have already enrolled in the university, college or in an apprenticeship program.

This year we awarded two bursaries of \$700.00 each to Timothy Simon Rasiah, McGill University, Montreal, Bachelor of Arts & Science program, Cayden Rajasingam, University of Waterloo Bio Chemistry Honours Co-operative program. Timothy was also awarded \$700.00 from the St. Paul's Memorial Music Bursary.

The Bursary committee for the year 2025 comprised of Rev Dean Mercer, Ms Kathy Barnes and Keith Morris.

There are two funds from which bursaries will be awarded. The Berthebell Moo Bursary and the St. Paul's Memorial Bursary funds.

Berthebell Moo Bursary Fund - support for this fund is totally from the Moo family. Available monies are invested in a GIC the resulting interest provides the funding for the Moo Bursary each year.

St. Paul's Memorial Bursary Fund - input to this fund is by designated gifts from the congregation in memory of deceased parishioners. Available monies are invested in a GIC and resulting interest plus donations provides the funding for this bursary.

The Bursary program which originated in the year of 2005, have so far given fifty- seven bursaries as at the end of the year 2025. As we move into the year 2026 with so many uncertainties and economic downturn, we must step up to help many more students in the year 2026 and beyond. All of you are aware of the spiraling costs of post-secondary education and I urge the congregation to support the St. Pauls Bursary Program by making donations at least once a year. I strongly encourage that with the known generosity of St. Paul's congregation , we will get through tough times.

That's my hope and prayers.

MUSIC MINISTRY
by David McCartney

I am pleased to report that by the end of 2025 a very full music program is being offered at St. Paul's.

Thanks to the mentorship of Fr. Dean we have the Youth Choir under Cathy's direction, the Steel Pans under André's direction, the wind Ensemble with Owen, the string Ensemble with Regina and, not to forget, the wonderful Idara Abasi Dancers with Sarah.

The senior choir has expanded its ranks - many thanks to our new members, Carmela, Maureen, Piriyani and Shiree.

We all dearly miss our "Aunty" Joyce Walton (obiit June 5).

Let us look forward to a rich and rewarding 2026.

Respectfully submitted by Dave McCartney.

ST. PAUL'S STEEL ORCHESTRA
by Sylbert Greaves and Keith Morris

St. Paul's Steel Orchestra continues to commit true to its objective: To be an intricate part of the St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican Church Music program, a community church program, where youths are encouraged to learn, a program of which its parishioners can be proud.

April 10, 2010 seemed to present an insurmountable task for those who had doubts that a group of this nature could be successful in an environment barely familiar with the steelpan, created in Trinidad as a unique, chromatically-tuned percussion instrument crafted from repurposed oil drums, known for its bright, melodic sound, symbolizing Caribbean culture.

As generally known, the scale of support for change and intentions is never at its finite balance, and in many cases, those of us who chose to demonstrate our intentions to organize the steelband heard the negative reactions. Thankfully, we are blessed with a rector, whose unwavering support for the venture seemed all that was needed as the stamp of approval.

Carefully selected professional talent and leadership were on board with the project. A financial plan was laid out to acquire the instruments, via in-house concerts, annually in June and Christmas, in collaboration with Gemini Pan Groove and performances at community events in particular the GTA Gospel Praise on Steel alongside several other bands.

Along the way our original Director, Elton Jones, decided to relinquish his directorship duties from both Gemini Pan Groove and St. Paul's Steel Orchestra in 2023. God has blessed us with a very accomplished musician educator, André Rouse, who has been doing a very fine job as Music Director only with one weekly practice on Saturdays.

In 2025 we acquired two sets of six-bass and a set of four-pans. Four new teenage students joined the steelband, and are very excited for the opportunity to learn to play the instrument. This was clearly evident at the recently concluded 2025 Christmas concert. The music was described by the audience as electrifying. Thanks to André Rouse, our Director for his arrangements, particularly, "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik."

In February 2025, disappointment overcame our excitement having to cancel our performance at the Black History Service at Christ Church, Brampton on invitation from Fr. Arthur Boers, who was the Interim Priest-in-Charge at that time.

However, February 23 marked our initial performance at the Anglican Diocese, Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto in celebration of the 30th Anniversary of its first Black History Service. Photo of the steelband, in André's absence, under the leadership of Gemini's Director, Andy Phillips with the Diocesan Bishop, Andrew and Mrs. Asbil is located in the narthex.

We thank our patrons and well-wishers, and hope for their continued support in 2026 and in the years ahead. Our Rector is blessed with the virtue of great humility. However, it will be very difficult not to express our gratitude and appreciation for Fr. Dean's sincere support from the inception of the Steelband at St. Paul's. As mentioned previously, his account of the road to the St. Paul's Steel band from 2010 is carefully documented in his book *The Pans of St. Paul's: A Brief and Affectionate History*.

Thank God for all His blessings and for all that we were allowed to do through Him.

AFRICAN OUTREACH by Terngu Adzua

A report on The Adzua Fellowship and New Immigrant Outreach @ St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Anglican Church.

We have had a successful year of activities at our church and around the world.

1. There was African Praise worship at St Paul L'Amoreaux on March 15, 2025. A monetary collection was taken in support of an ongoing project for the community (childcare center and skills training center) Adikpo, Nigeria.
2. May 3, 2025, I prepared a meal for newcomers and members of the church at St. Paul's L'Amoreaux.
3. In July a member of the church (Ms. Ukot Umezinne) launched a book during Evensong service which was well attended.
4. With gratitude to Sarah Mair, she completed an Information package for newcomers. The package is given to a new immigrant seeking directions and services in the GTAA. We enlighten them how to complete the forms and provide advice.

5. The Adzua Center in Adikpo, Nigeria, is in the second year. It is now called Terver Sevav Nursery and Primary school. The change is necessary to accommodate the community's eagerness for a very good school to provide a sound education to their young kids at an early age from 18 months and upwards.

-There are five classes with over 250 learners.

-The borehole supplies clear water to the community and the school.

6. The center in Tanzania that our parish supports is also thriving.

7. St Paul L'Amoureux continues to be involved with other churches in Scarborough, for example - St Margaret's and Church of the Nativity. Church of the Nativity held their second African Praise worship on 29th November 2025.

CEMETERY REPORT
Joe Sue-Ho & Clive Esty

- 1) For the year under review, we have had 3 burials – (2 full burials and 1 in-ground cremation)
- 2) There are no burial plots available for sale, as there were no returns. The burial plot remaining as at last year, was sold this year. We have a waiting list totalling 5 for future returns.
- 3) During summer, we allowed the St. Paul’s Seniors Centre to park some of their vehicles overnight as there were ongoing construction to the exterior walls to their building.
- 4) If the cemetery’s cash flow permits, we will attempt to have the large trees pruned by an arborist. Donations (viz Heritage Sunday), income from interments, and returns from investment income are sufficient to provide the cemetery’s maintenance of grass cutting, and lawn watering. We will need to sell at least 2 Columbarium niches to offset the cost of pruning of trees.

Once again, we have to thank Fr. Dean Mercer, Bernie Bellis and the Church Wardens for their support for this Ministry.

Balance Sheet as at December 21, 2025

Credits

Donations	\$2,525.00
Perpetual Care Investment Income	\$2,578.12
Interment Fees	\$1,000.00
Sale of Burial Plot	\$1,400.00
Sale of Columbarium Niche	\$2,205.00
Lawn Maintenance recovered	<u>\$1,045.25</u>
Sub-total	\$10,753.37

Debits

Cemetery Maintenance	\$7,403.65
Anglican Diocese – Perpetual C & M	655.00
Postage Stamps & repairs to Gate	<u>176.12</u>
Sub-total	\$8,234.77 ---Net Income (Positive) \$2,518.60

Net Income from operations	\$2,518.60
Bank Balance – January 1, 2025	<u>\$49,172.70</u>
Bank Balance – December 31, 2025	<u>\$51,691.30</u>

ASSETS

Bank Account Balance as at December 31, 2025	\$11,691.30
Investment – 5 year escalating GIC maturing July 7, 2026	<u>\$40,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u> at December 31, 2025	<u>\$51,691.30</u>

FAITHWORKS
by Jennifer Bellis, Faithworks contact

The caring and supportive congregation of St. Paul L'Amoreaux have continued to provide valuable support to the Diocesan Faithworks campaign by donating a generous amount once again this year – marginally higher than last year, despite all the many other competing requests for financial support.

If you wish to donate to specific organizations, please check the list on the Outreach/Faithworks board which specifies the names of Faithworks Ministry Partners. Please do not specify anything other than these, such as Hospitals or other organizations, as the church cannot donate to these – you must donate directly. Such donation amounts will be sent to Faithworks and will be directed at their discretion.

The Faithworks Campaign continues to be a very worthy part of the diocese, and supports people in all areas, places, and situations who are often in desperate need. So many passages in the bible direct us to share our blessings with people less fortunate. I truly believe our congregation are making a sincere effort to follow the call repeated by our Lord throughout the inspiring chapters of the Old and New Testament.

2025 Faithworks report to Vestry

Faithworks starting balance Jan 1st 2025	\$5,882.78
Input from collection	\$9,698.00
Input from PAP	\$660.00
Transfer to Outreach	\$1,484.55
Remittance to diocese	\$10,564.70
Faithworks balance as of Dec 31 2025	<u>\$4,191.53</u>
Total Inflows (Money going OUT)	\$12,049.25
Total Outflows (Money coming IN)	\$10,358.00

OUTREACH REPORT

Kathy Barnes

As the Parish continues to rebuild our programmes, we must continue to thank the extraordinary work of Father Dean and his elves. The Outreach programme is back to full strength plus, with thanks to all, both committee and congregation.

Maytime Melodies as always provided a time when our musicians could shine yet again. The program showcased all of the amazing musical outlets the church provides both young and young at heart and through the concert Outreach received \$1500.

It was great to see the Food Fair in full swing in July, thanks to Anne Burnette and Keith Morris. Outreach was the recipient of over \$7000.00. WOW!

We had a smaller youth turnout for the Walk -a-thon in September as they were away on a retreat. Many thanks to the Walkers, both present on the day and those who did the walk on their own, and their sponsors for raising \$13,760.00. We are so blessed at St. Paul's to have so many wonderful volunteers and generous donors.

This year we had an added adventure to the Outreach Programme. Canon Kim generously sought sponsors for his Camino Pilgrimage Walk and Outreach received almost \$3000.00. Thank you, Canon Kim and your sponsors. Thanks to all who participated, what an amazing effort. Your donations and effort are so gratefully received.

Through Jennifer's awesome bookkeeping and fiscal care, we were able to increase our regular donations to the various groups we support. In the face of the Jamaican Hurricane devastation, through your generosity, we were able to provide funds to assist those in desperate need. The financial report, from Jennifer, says it all.

This year's Hamper program saw 14 seniors and families assisted. The Centre did not provide an updated list this year. In this time of great need for some, we were blessed with the ability to be able to provide financial aid. My thanks to my husband, John, for his continued assistance in reaching out to the centre, Fr. Milton, Pastor Andrew and Fr. Dean for their input of people in need.

As always, my gratitude goes to the wonderful Outreach team. Thanks to Father Dean, Winsome Malcome, Debbie and Ken Preston, Anne Burnette, Jennifer Bellis our financial whiz, along with the entire Congregation without whom this programme would not exist.

St. Paul's, even in times of rebuilding, your kind hearts and generosity are overwhelming and I thank God that I am a part of such a wonderful Church family. God Bless us One and All.

ST. PAUL'S OUTREACH COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL REPORT to Dec 31 2025

Starting Balance from 2024		\$15,227.48
	OUTREACH FUND	
INPUTS - Dec 31 2025		
Faithworks Transfer	March	\$1,484.55
FW from Diocese	March	\$25.50
ACSA		\$2,125.00
Maytime Melodies		\$1,496.25
Chester Le Breakfast		\$100.00
Christmas Hampers		\$845.00
International Food Fair		\$7,056.50
Miscellaneous		\$1,217.05
Camino Trail		\$2,848.00
Walk-a-thon		\$13,805.00
Calendars		\$488.00
Haiti Donations - PAP		\$600.00
St. Monica		\$1,443.75
Jamaican Hurricane Relief		\$3,522.25
TOTAL IN		<u>\$37,056.85</u>
OUT - Dec 31 2025		
ACSA		\$8,000.00
AURA		\$1,000.00
Calendars		\$496.65
Canadian Friends		\$500.00
Chester Le Public School		\$500.00
Chosen Children		\$1,000.00
Christmas Hampers		\$2,750.00
Dr. Roz Healing place		\$1,000.00
Emergency Fund		\$300.00
Giant Steps Toronto		\$1,000.00
Help the Aged		\$500.00
Hope and Healing		\$1,000.00
International Food Fair		\$205.23
Langham Partnership		\$1,000.00
Moorelands Kids		\$500.00
Retreat - Muskoka Woods		\$1,000.00
Sri Lanka		\$1,500.00
The Scott Mission		\$500.00
The Salvation Army		\$2,000.00
St. Monica (Reg + Hurricane)		\$3,118.24
The Anglican Foundation		\$150.00
Tobago church (Glenda)		\$530.00
Walk-a-thon		\$67.12
Wycliffe College		\$1,000.00
Youth Unlimited		\$500.00
Missions in Tanzania		\$1,500.00
Jamaica Hurrican Relief Fund		\$5,807.60
TOTAL OUT		\$37,424.84
OUTREACH BALANCE AS OF Dec 31 2025		\$14,859.49

SUNDAY MORNING RECEPTIONS
by Carol Lam, Sonia Mongford, Kathy Barnes

Sunday morning Coffee fellowship is back.

This year we have 2 volunteers to set up for Coffee Fellowship under the dedication and loving care of Carol Lam. We are hopefully back to our regularly scheduled service of coffee and goodies after Church, enabling a chance for fellowship.

We continue to receive donations of coffee, tea and sugar on a regular basis and for this we are most grateful. A heartfelt thankyou to Carol Lam and Sonya Mongford for their assistance in keeping the kitchen as tidy as humanly possible considering the number of groups that use the facility.

A wonderful reception was had for our Anniversary Sunday and dedication of the stained-glass window in memory of Canon Don Bone in November. A faithful group of volunteers prepared, displayed and tidied after the event led by Carol Lam and Sonya Mongford.

As in all things we could use more volunteers for Sunday Morning Coffee Fellowship. At the moment Carol is carrying the load of setting up the coffee three Sundays a month. It would be helpful to have two more teams or people willing to set up the coffee for 9:15 and put everything away after the 11:15 service.

PASTORAL CARE AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH 2024
by Sonia Mongford and Fr. Dean

Pastoral care is a vital ministry at St. Paul's and an important part of our vision, to Grow in Jesus and Reach out in his His Name.

Why is Pastoral Care important? Members of the Pastoral Team reach out in several ways by telephoning or visiting members of the congregation before Covid who are unable to join us in worship for various reasons. We do not wish to forget those who were so active in our church and now are cared for in nursing homes, or those who are house bound. Every member of the congregation is important to us and the clergy rely on the congregation to report situations where there is a need.

When an emergency call is received, we do our very best to follow it up immediately (a visit may be later, depending on circumstances). We look to members, family and friends to contact the clergy and pastoral visitors. The clergy can be contacted directly or through the church office.

Who are the members of the Pastoral Team, and what do they do? Pastoral Care Team are volunteers who who visits, telephones, are Home Communion Administrators, and Lay Anointer's. We are planning on a meeting of present visitors and of new recruits early in the new year. If you are interested in joining, please speak to one of the clergy or present visitors.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a Pastoral Visitor or Home Communion, kindly seek their permission first, then speak with any member of the clergy, Sonia Mongford, Jennifer Sue-Ho, Beverley Gardner, John Theogarajah, or call the church office.

We are here to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind, and our neighbours as ourselves. God bless us all.

CHURCH & SPLC SPIRITUAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Jan. – Dec. 2025

A. SPLC and St. Paul's Terrace:

This year, we continue to have Cantonese Bible study every Wednesday.

We used both in-person & zoom/phone to conduct our Bible study.

The total attendance we served in 2025 is 1337.

We moved our venue from Church Hall to Chapel in mid-October.

The average attendance at Church Hall is 26 (in person 16, zoom/phone 10).

The average attendance at Chapel is 31 (in person 21, zoom/phone 10)

We missed 10 active participants in the past 18 months due to moving out, frailty or death.

We also lost 2 active serving volunteers due to brain stroke & cancer.

On top of the regular Bible messages sharing, we aimed to include more outreaching elements on the 1st & 3rd week of each month:

1st week: Tour Holy Land online

2nd week: Knowing God from Genesis

3rd week: Discovering God in our daily life- His creation, festivals, news etc.

4th week: Christian life & discipleship.

5th week: Testimony sharing & prayer meeting.

This Christmas, we distributed 70 Christmas gifts to seniors at SPLC, Terrace & Wishing Well Manor.

The total attendance of the Christmas Program is 58.

This year, we used AI to produce a Christmas gospel video. On top of showing it on our Christmas Program, we also uploaded the video on YouTube.

B. Wishing Well Manor: (2008 Pharmacy Ave.)

We continued to use zoom for the Mandarin Bible study on alternative Thursdays.

The seniors themselves organized in-person hymn singing on alternative Thursdays.

There were about 8 to 13 participants joining the Mandarin Bible Study/Hymn singing each week.

C. YouTube Channel Gospel Outreach

The YouTube channel on Gospel & Bible study resources for Seniors are expanding with more short hymns & Bible study messages uploaded periodically.

So far, the Channel has over 1540 subscribers.

78 videos were posted with around **444,826 views**.

The Christmas video 2025

"Savior's Birth - My Christmas" has over 900 views in a week.

<https://youtu.be/MOurl11Tj-c?si=gOg50lvqhfpTPWhB>

The Christmas video 2023 "The love of Jesus resolved conflicts" has over 7200 views so far.

<https://youtu.be/yArc8nGvXzc?si=2TRZ97vUAjtc-zJ4>

Prepared by Carol Wong, Jan. 1, 2026

Cash flow report for 2025 compiled by Calisa Li

Balance on 31 Dec. 2024		\$1,063.00
Received offering from SPLC	1,120.00	
Received offering from WW	50.00	
Total received in 2025		<u>1,170.00</u>
		\$2,233.00
Payment:		
Sympathy Gifts – Marius Wong	(30.00)	
Sympathy Gifts - Shum Kam-Hing & Li Yuen-Yin	(60.00)	
Expenses on Easter Refreshment	(53.60)	
Expenses on Thanksgiving	(50.00)	
Purchase of Laptop stand and cable	(67.10)	
Expenses on Christmas Celebration	(144.10)	
Donation to St Paul Church- Walkathon	(500.00)	
Donation to Alliance Bible Seminary Centre of Canada	(200.00)	
Donation to Christian Witness Ministries Inc	(200.00)	
Donation to Worldwide Bible Society of Canada	(300.00)	
Total Expenses in 2025		<u>(1,604.80)</u>
Balance on 31 Dec. 2025		\$628.20

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS REPORT

Our Vision Statement: *Discipleship Groups at St Paul's exist in order to deepen faith and fellowship with God through meaningful engagement with scripture, growth in personal prayer, cultivation of authentic community and encouragement of spiritual gift development and ministry; so that participants may increase in faithfulness and more fully experience the abundant life Jesus Christ promises His followers.*

Discipleship Groups have been active at St Paul's since October 2013, thus now entering their 13th year of ministry. Their purpose is to develop and nurture small groups of approximately 6 to 10 people in the way of Christian discipleship. For group members this offers an opportunity to explore such questions as: what does a Christian believe, what does the Bible teach, how do I pray, how do I live as a Christian in everyday life. Discipleship Groups are open to everyone. In particular, they offer an opportunity for newcomers to St Paul's to enter into the of a Christian community.

Before Covid, the groups gathered in the church on Friday evenings at 7:00 pm for prayers and singing. Then they dispersed to their respective rooms to review the set Bible passage for the week and discuss how God's word can be applied in daily life. In addition, time is set aside for individual members to share openly with each other the joys and concerns of life and have these embraced in prayer. Experience has shown that Discipleship Groups can provide members a supportive network of pastoral concern. Group sessions generally finish around 8:30 pm. Also, when embarking on a new course of study, we usually invite an guest speaker to introduce the topic which is done in the context of an informal prayer, praise and worship session.

During the pandemic we met as a single group on Zoom. Attendance was been very good and regular and has remained so while restarting an in-person group at the church, led by The Rev'd Chris Miller. The groups now gather both in-person and online.

Since Covid, groups have met both online and in-person at the church. In 2025, the groups studied Job, using the study guide, *Genesis to Revelation Series: Job (Participant Guide)* by Robin M. Van L. Maas (Abingdon Press, 2017) and 1 Corinthians, using the study guide of Bishop Tom Wright. We continue to pray for growth in the number of participants and the number of groups.

CENTRE BOARD REPORT

by Michael Gregory

The Centre delegates continue to give direction to the management of St Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre which continues to be a viable operation providing affordable housing for seniors. We remain committed to being more involved in the provision of affordable housing for seniors and there has been a positive development in this regard. The Centre recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with St Michael's and the Diocese of Toronto which allows for access to the land needed and opens opportunities for attracting the financing required for a housing project similar to what exist at St Paul's Centre.

FLOWER GUILD REPORT

Among the activities restarting since Covid has been a more active flower guild. In 2025 there were regular dedications and floral arrangements, and the church was adorned beautifully at Easter and Christmas. Donations have kept pace with the cost of the special and regular floral arrangements.

The minimum donation for the flower memorials is \$40. The actual cost for each Sunday display is \$80, maintained for two weeks, with silk flower arrangements used when not enough memorial reservations have been made. We ask donors to mark the annual flower calendar posted near the entrance of the church. Donations are to be placed in a completed Flower Envelope and given in the Sunday Collection or left at the office by Thursdays for inclusion in the Sunday Leaflet.

Volunteers to arrange flowers are welcome. Sincere thanks to Sarah Mair, and to floral arrangers Winsome Malcolm, Audrey Fordjour and Audrey Fourdjour.

ARCHIVES REPORT

by Mary Lynn Watt

It has been my privilege to be our Church's Archivist. Unfortunately, I have been unable to fulfil my duties properly over the last year. This year I intend to pack and label our records to go to the Diocese, where they will be stored safely. I'm looking into the possibility of photographing some of our archival records, and pictures, enabling us to show them on the system in the Narthex.

SIDESPEOPLE

by George Millington

The last few years have been a struggle and the number of sides people members has declined. During this past year I must thank Joe Sue- Ho, George Millington, Rosie Tsoi and Peter Conliffe-Laine who stepped forward to assist multiple times when we had nobody available due to illness, vacations, etc. We have recruited a few new young people but need more. Join us to welcome more of our members back and make newcomers comfortable here. We have four sets of teams and we assist at usually one service once a month.

At the moment we have 16 volunteers covering 12+ services each month. It would be lovely to have at least 3 persons at each service to distribute Bulletins, assist with collection and communion. To enable that to happen we would require at least 12 new volunteers. It would involve a duty once a month. If this is something that you would consider please see Fr. Dean, George Millington or Kathy Barnes. Thank you in advance for your help.

BIRDS OF PRAY - BASEBALL TEAM

by The Rev'd Matthew Waterman

The St. Paul's Softball Team competed once again throughout the summer in the Scarborough Anglican church softball league. We had a few new players this year (including Rev. Carol Shih), and learned many lessons we can build on for next year.

We had a fun at the concluding tournament on September 13th though we were eliminated before the final and thus unable retain our trophy, which went to Wesley Chapel. We appreciate support from our home church and are always looking for new players as we rebuild - please consider joining us.

ALTAR GUILD

During the past year our members have continued to work in scheduled teams each week to set up the altar prior to Sunday, but for the services on Sunday, duties are covered by members that are available after each service. Our Annual General Meeting was held on November 22. The 2026 AGM will be on Saturday, November 21, 2026. Thanks to all our members for their continued commitment

LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S - 2025 by Jennifer Bellis for Felicity Leader

The Ladies of St. Paul's under the leadership of Felicity Leader and Sonia Mongford enjoyed some varied and interesting meetings during the year.

The group members number around 16, but other members of the congregation are welcome and often attend the meetings.

We began the year with a retreat day at the Convent of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, led by Sister Connie. Other events included a Lenten Prayer Breakfast, a Poetry afternoon, an Advent prayer breakfast, and finally a Christmas lunch & gift exchange at the Asian Dragon in December.

We are looking forward to another year of fellowship and sharing our faith in 2026.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP by Chris Miller

This year we met on the second Saturday of the month for a light breakfast (thanks to Chef Peter Conliffe-Lane), study and discussion, worship and prayer. Our studies included such themes as the Incarnation, wisdom, forgiveness, sharing the faith in the manner of Jesus, and hope. We also had a retreat day for reflection and prayer at the Anglican St. John the Divine Convent on the theme of "Cultivating A Personal Rule of Life."

We look forward in 2026 to a deepening of our fellowship with Jesus and one another.

EVENSONG & MORNING PRAYER

Evening Prayer according to the *Book of Common Prayer*, continues to be offered every Sunday evening at St. Paul's, one of the few churches in Scarborough who offer the 6:00 p.m. service. This is a beautiful service and the perfect alternative for those unable to attend the Sunday morning services.

Morning Prayer according to the *Book of Common Prayer*, is said Tuesday through Saturday mornings at 7:30 am.. Tuesday to Friday it is both in-person and online. On Saturday, it is online only. Since Covid, a large and faithful congregation have made this part of their habit of prayer. It is a great way to begin your day with the Lord. Thousands of parishes around the globe are offering up the same prayers as the earth rolls around and dawn breaks over those countries within the Anglican tradition.

PROPERTY REPORT

by Norm Abel, Sr.

The maintenance and repair of the church and adjacent properties (including also the off-site rectory) continued as normal, with all maintenance that was requested scheduled with Fr Dean or the church office, and usually completed within a reasonable time, dependent upon the availability of materials and labour. At various times through the year, the following was done:

- ✧ Installation of the stained-glass window that celebrates the physical transition of the church from the old location to the new.
- ✧ Replacement of the office refrigerator. The previous refrigerator “died” suddenly.
- ✧ The latch on one of the ladies’ washroom doors was repaired so that the door could be closed securely from the inside of the stall.
- ✧ Two auto-flush systems were replaced, one in the ladies’ washroom and one in the men’s, as well as the repair of a leak in the men’s auto-flush pipe.
- ✧ Roof lights in both the Boundy room and church were replaced.
- ✧ A ventilation fan in the church was operating noisily, and with the help of Remi, the Maintenance Manager of the St Paul’s Centre, it was discovered that a motor was burnt out. This was subsequently fixed as part of the HVAC installation and replacement.
- ✧ The circuit breakers that control the baseboard heaters in Byce Hall were reset so that when turned on, heat would once again radiate from them. Apparently, they were turned off and left in the off position when the electric panel was inspected. This was done with the assistance of Remi.
- ✧ One of the Byce Hall door latches was re-aligned so that the door could once again be closed securely.
- ✧ One of the Byce Hall light switches was replaced.
- ✧ Lights were hung in Byce Hall for the church anniversary commemoration.
- ✧ Maintenance check on the main office heaters were conducted. Special attention was given to the middle heater in the office. Both the heater in Fr Dean’s study and the one in the middle room need vigilance as they are older units – we continue to monitor the middle one especially, as the temperature switch cannot be reset.
- ✧ In the church balcony, faulty relays were disconnected in one baseboard heater as it was noisy, ceiling pot lights were replaced, and bulbs for general lighting were also replaced.
- ✧ At the rectory, maintenance and installation work around the fitting of a new, replacement clothes dryer was done – the old one was disconnected and the new one properly installed; minor repairs were done on the basement heater.

Pending Items

In the boundy Room, work on the door of the choir robe cabinet is incomplete, and the window blinds must be replaced and the mechanism for closing the blinds must be re-adjusted so that the blinds can be closed properly.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD

by Dee Miller, Sonia Mongford, Pauline Taylor Bloomfield

The 163rd Session of Synod for the Diocese of Toronto was held on November 7th and 8th at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto north hotel in Richmond Hill. As in the past, Synod members gathered to determine the priorities for the Synod Council and its committees, and to refocus the mission of the church throughout the Diocese.

Each day began with a time of worship, followed by a forum for presentations, asking questions, voting, and collectively affirming the work of the Church. The Right Reverend Andrew J. Asbil called and presided over the Synod. Archbishop Shane Parker, Primate of Canada was the keynote speaker.

Some highlights from Synod include the following:

*Cast the Net Vision that began after Covid 19. This encompasses 20 calls for spiritual renewal which each parish is encouraged to work on over several years. The guiding principles for Cast the Net are prayer, scripture, worship and evangelism. This involves “Sharing the Faith” online and elsewhere.

*Reconciliation Land Tithe will continue the Anglican Church’s repentance and restitution for its role in the Residential School tragedy. \$375,000 is allotted for the work of searching the sites of former Anglican schools to retrieve the remains of children who are still missing. The Church is considering permanent funding for this cause, as a part of our engagement with our history as a diocese.

*Constitution and Canons: Canon 43, 44 are suspended and are expected to be eliminated by Synod of 2027. This allows for the restructuring of the Church. Area Councils will be replaced with a new structure which aims to garner more participation and decision making at the local level. Local

*Deaneries will replace the Area Councils, with a focus of stressing cooperation and collaboration between Deaneries.

*Faithworks (30th anniversary in 2026) has raised over \$42 million over 29 years. This charity for the Diocese of Toronto demonstrates “Faith in Action” through its support for migrant workers, prison ministry, AIDS patients, helping the vulnerable with food, housing, and clothing. Some of its work includes advocacy with all levels of government for the betterment of society. The Diocese will be working with Jamaica on hurricane relief.

*A proposal for a Diocesan “Major Gift Fundraiser” requiring the participation of all parishes was debated and voted on. As there was much disagreement on this project (e.g. many churches are just recovering from covid and will need to use their funds raised for parish needs/outreach), delegates voted to revisit the proposal at Synod in 2027.

Here are some ministries that are happening across the Diocese:

*“Good Food Market” at Little Trinity Church. Prepared meal boxes needing no refrigeration and only need water to prepare are given out in their community to those in need. Cost for meals is \$10,000 per year. Four thousand meals given. We learned that many churches are similarly serving the needs of their community and are reminded that even those who are working sometimes need help.

Partnership: the Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian churches are working collaboratively to strengthen ministry. They have two Zoom events upcoming on February 12th and 26th/2026 to which all are invited. You can find the details on the Diocesan website.

Internationally there is partnership with the church in Brasilia, as was shown through a video presentation at Synod.

*Youth Ministry Apprenticeship Program (YMAP) aims to revive, deepen, and create interest and excitement in youth ministry. Candidates for youth ministry in each parish will be mentored by the program leaders and funds can be provided to support the work of youth in each parish. Help is available for those getting started in this ministry.

Delegates Questions and Suggestions

*Climate Change: Faith as it relates to climate change. It was suggested that the Church intensifies its advocacy work around climate change. I

*There was a call for an arms embargo on Israel and reference to war damaging the environment. Of note was that Bill C233 stops Canadian arms going through to the USA. This was a call to help Palestine. This request was

followed by a call to learn about the decades long conflict between Israel and Palestine, in order to get the facts correct.

*There was concern about youth being influenced by the media and the part the Church can play in countering its negative effects.

*There was a call for the Church to continue to support newcomers, especially the LGBT community.

*There was a call for more reverence at communion time. Many treat it as a social hour.

*There were many questions/suggestions about 2025-2027 “Priorities and Plans Budget”.

Eventually the budget was passed.

Other: Workshops/Breakout Sessions

In smaller groups delegates had the chance to attend focus groups on topics such as:

*Using technology resources to enhance worship

*Diversity and DEI initiatives within the Church

*God Cares for All People (ministry that is focused outward like several of our ministries at St. Paul’s). This is in response to calls # 4, 5, and 13 of the 20 calls). Challenges abound, but we must carry on and live out our beliefs.

This was the business of the 163rd Synod of the Diocese of Toronto. It closed with prayer and new energy to carry on with the work of the Church.

PARISH STATISTICS 2025

Baptisms

Grace Feng
Stone Shi
Kara Flynn
Precia Devananth
Shiranthy Jesuthasan
Victor Devananth
Isaiah Lennox Alijah Murray
Qian Wang
Wenna Wu
Shi Cui Wong
Yu Chen
Zihan Bian
Shannon MacDonald
Thandine Savannah Tapambwa
Zephan Shreyan Xavier-Vaasan
Gang Zuo
Liang (Charlie) Chen

Marriages

Carol Shih & Matthew Waterman
(at the Cathedral of St. James)

Deaths:

Marita Nirmala Anantha
Desmond McCartney
Edith Bynoe
Shirley Francis
Jason Larose
Donald Mullett
Glynn Surdivall
Joyce Walton
Joan Tang
Jin Mei Zhang