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St. Wilfrid of York
Annual Parish Meeting
January 25, 2026
11:00 a.m.

- Opening Prayer
- Welcome
- Nominations and Elections
 - Vestry (4 open positions)
 - Debbi Campana
 - Bruce Groth
 - Lou Podesta
 - Edwin Vazquez
 - Delegates to Convention (2 open positions)
 - *a third delegate is selected from the Vestry
- Senior Warden Report
- Preschool Report
- Treasurer's Report
 - 2025 Finance Review
 - 2026 Budget
- Rector's Report
- Questions and Answers

In addition to the oral presentations and elections, please read the complete annual report which contains reports from our Vestry Commissions and ministries.

Thanks to all of our volunteers and staff ...

Bios for Vestry Candidates

The following parishioners have been nominated to serve on the Vestry and are presented as a slate for election at the Annual Parish Meeting. Together, they offer a breadth of experience, thoughtful leadership, and a shared dedication to the life and work of our parish. We encourage you to read their bios and hold them in prayer as we prepare to vote.

Debbi Campana: Hi! I am Debbi Campana. My husband, Jeff, and I have been members of St. Wilfrid's since we moved here from the East Coast in 1997. We have two sons, who are now married with children of their own. We love spoiling our four grandchildren!

Professionally, I had two careers. First, I designed and managed corporate and secure voice communications systems. Second, I taught in the HB City School District before joining St. Wilfrid's as the kindergarten teacher (retired in 2019). I continue to volunteer and actively support the various programs.

For nearly 30 years, I volunteered with Boy Scouts in various roles: Unit Institution Head, merit badge counselor, Council (county) Youth Protection trainer, and District Adult Recognition Chair. When our sons were in school, I was very active in their schools and sports teams, serving on several high school booster boards.

At St. Wilfrid's, I have been active in several areas: usher, lector, Godly Play, diocesan convention delegate, VBS chair, scheduler for readers and acolytes, associate priest search, discernment committees, and Vestry (Junior and acting Senior Warden). Jeff and I are part of St. Wilfrid's Legacy Circle endowment.

Currently, I am completing a partial term on Vestry and am standing for a full term. My Vestry commissions are: Junior Warden, Protocol Chair, Preschool Chair, Finance, and CYF (Godly Play for Everyone and Godly Play leads). I am excited to be part of the team that wrote and received a \$2500 diocesan grant for our intergenerational Godly Play for Everyone.

In my spare time, I love to read, travel with Jeff, volunteer in the HBPL Makerspace (coach laser engraving and sewing), and spoil our grandchildren.

After regularly attending Episcopal service for over 30 years, in 2018, I was received into the Episcopal Church (born and raised Catholic). The Episcopal tradition really resonates with me: open to everyone, thinking encouraged, and spiritual instead of following a rigid belief system out of obligation.

St. Wilfrid's is my church family and I am honored to be considered for the vestry.

Bruce Groth: I grew up in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and while living in Whittier we attended Hope Lutheran Church. When we moved to Western Massachusetts, the closest Lutheran Church was about 45 minutes' drive and to be active in the church would require a lot of driving, so we decided to try out the Episcopal Church in Williamstown. The liturgy of Episcopal Church was very similar to what we were used to, and the congregation was very friendly. While at St. John's we both sang in choir, and I served on the Vestry. While living in Mississippi, we attended Church of the Redeemer where we both sang in the choir. Upon returning to California, we settled in Huntington Beach and visited St. Wilfrid's. We loved the friendly members and church staff, and we quickly became active members of the church. Since joining the Church I have served on the Church Vestry and the Preschool Commission. I am currently serving on the Children Youth and Families Commission.

I received my undergraduate degree from UCSB with a BS in Chemical Engineering and earned an MBA from the University of Massachusetts. I retired 11 years ago after working for 25 years at Minerals Technologies Inc and serving the last 5 years as the North American Operations Manager. Following retirement, I took on a second career in childcare, taking care of our 2 grandchildren, Logan and Julianna. Recently we have taken on caring for our latest grandchild, Isabella. I volunteer at Moffett Elementary School in the Best Foot Forward reading program. I am also on the board of the Costa Mesa Golf Club.

I am excited by the new energy and enthusiasm I see in our church and eager to put my talents and efforts to work on the Vestry. Thank you for your consideration.

Lou Podesta: My name is Lou Podesta. I have been a member of St. Wilfrid's for three years now. I find this parish, this community of believers to be a people striving to love both God and neighbor in a most profound way.

I've been involved in the Buildings and Grounds Commission and, formerly, the Children, Youth and Families Commission this past year. I'm a member of the parish's Episcopal Pride group. I also sing in the choir for special occasions.

I have been a member of the Vestry for the past year and would be honored to do so for the next three. Thank you for considering me as a candidate.

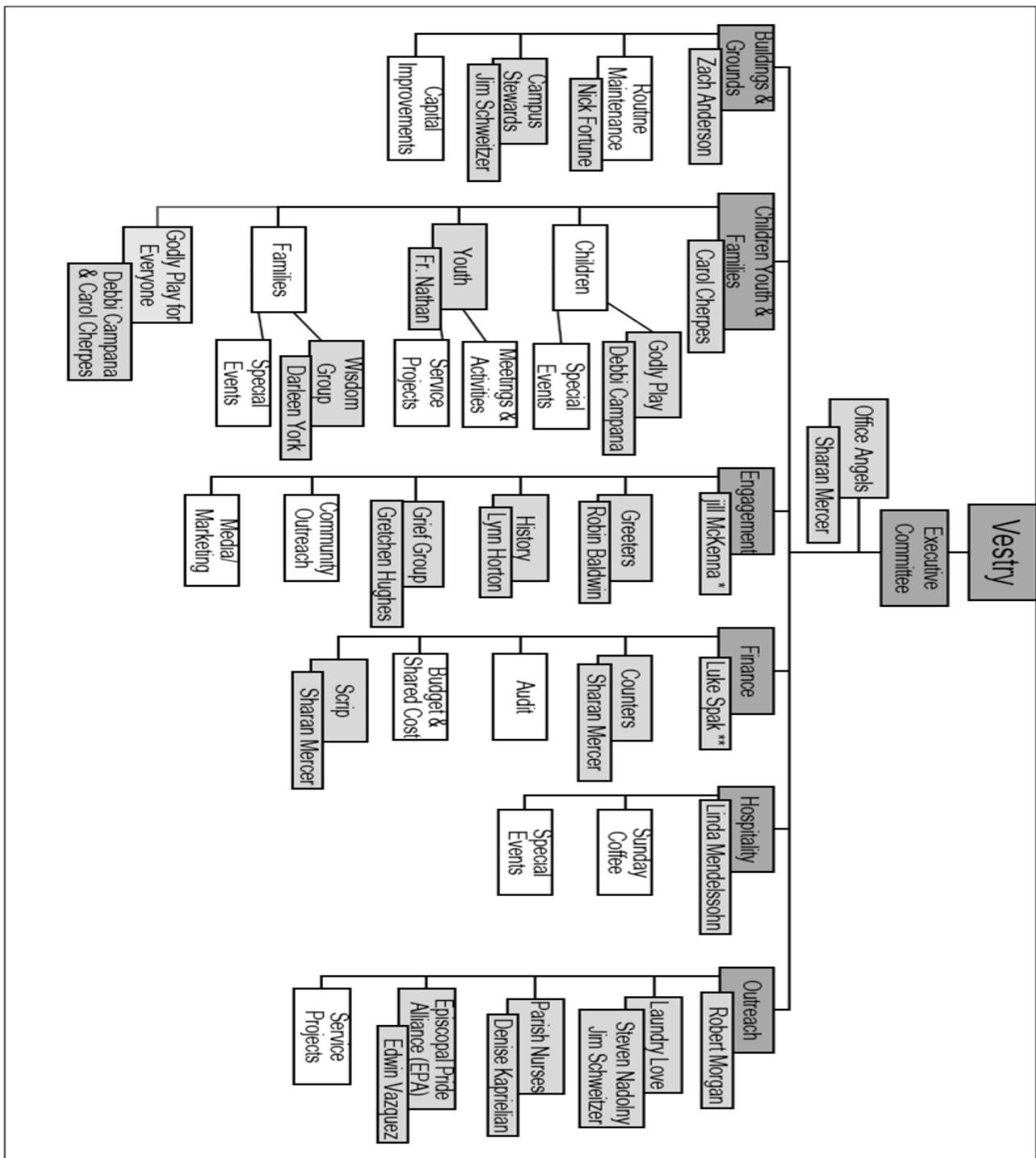
Edwin Vazquez: I'm Edwin J. Vazquez. I was born and raised in Mexico and came to the U.S. at age 15 to "learn English" for one year—nearly two decades later, I'm still here, grateful for the winding path that led me home to the Episcopal Church. I earned bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychology in Northern California and later worked in university research in Arizona, where I experienced a life-changing spiritual awakening and began pursuing a deeper life with God.

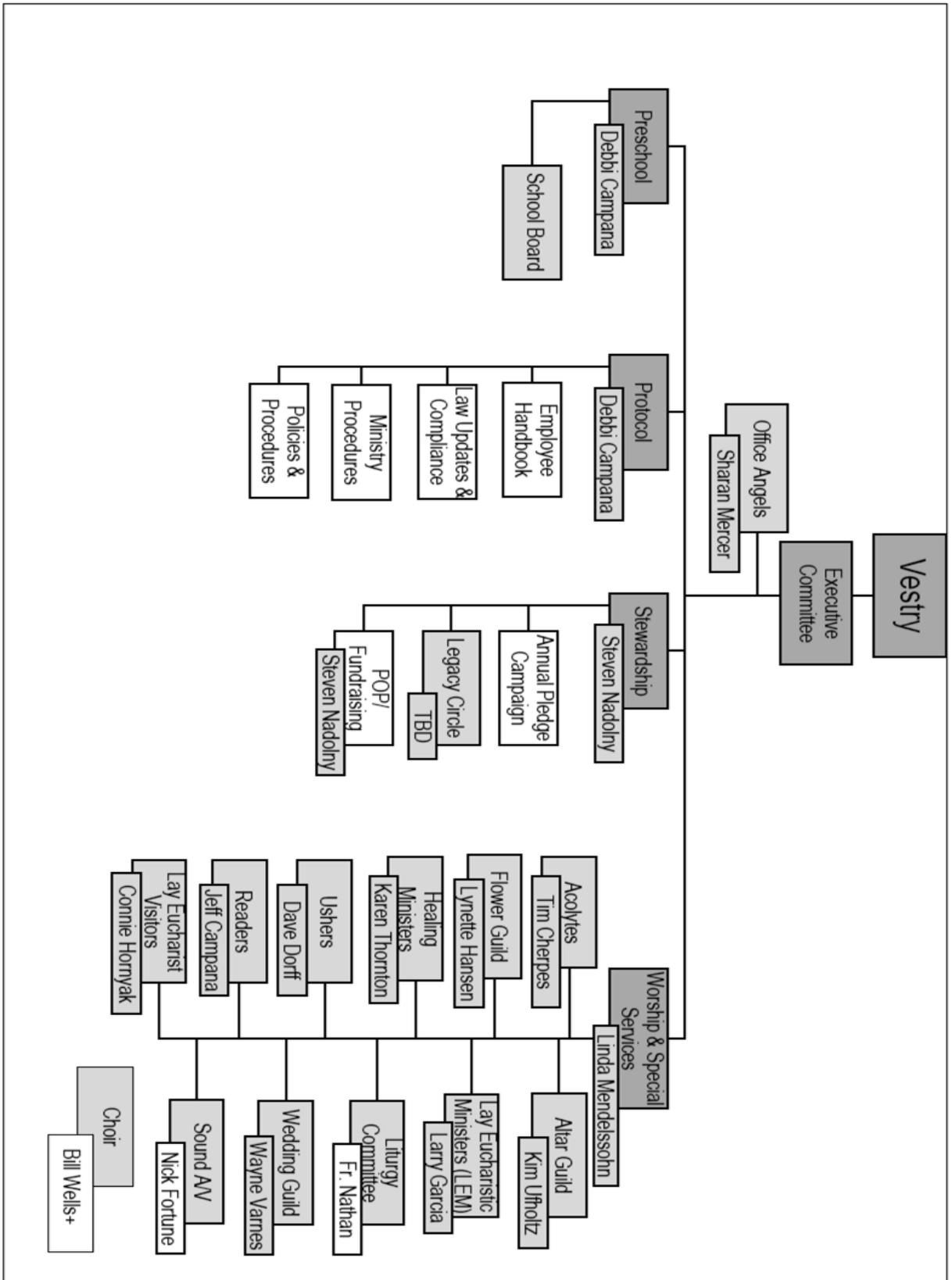
At St. Wilfrid's, I currently serve as Chair of the Episcopal Pride Alliance (EPA). Our ministry gathers monthly to offer a welcoming, Christ-centered space for LGBTQIA+ people, their loved ones, and allies—and to keep asking what genuine, expansive welcome looks like in practice. I believe "there is no such thing as a Christian in isolation," and that communion with God draws us into communion with one another. I'm honored to be considered for Vestry and eager to serve the parish's shared life with prayerful attention and steady follow-through.

VESTRY COMMISSIONS

Vestry Commissions often encompass multiple ministries or committees. This organization chart (two pages) defines which ministries are included in each commission. After the organization charts are reports from each Vestry Commission and the Committees and Ministries for which they are responsible.

After hearing the Annual Meeting presentations and reading this packet, are there any ministries to which you feel a calling or want more information? If so, check out the Ministry Board in the narthex, see any Vestry member, or contact the Church Office.





Executive Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Vestry Clerk. We work with Father Nathan on a wide variety of issues and provide him with a sounding board. We complete special projects and prepare for the Vestry meetings. We meet at least once a month, with the Senior Warden meeting with Father Nathan more frequently.

Office Angels: The Office Angels are an integral part of our church office. These volunteers support Father Nathan and his staff in so many ways. They answer the phones, schedule events, file documents, print/staple/fold service sheets and inserts, and assist the staff with a multitude of other administrative tasks. Laurie Hamilton coordinates their activities with her right hand, Sharan Mercer. Our active Office Angels are: Sharan Mercer (lead), Lois Borutzki, Rev. Tammy Green, Becky Smitha, Emmy Lou Swanson, Elsie Rhoads, Jane Pape, Anita Rustad, Steven Nadolny, plus some on call.

The office always needs more hands to lighten the load. Please contact Sharan or Laurie for more information.

Buildings and Grounds Commission

The Buildings and Grounds Commission is responsible for maintaining the infrastructure and beauty of our church campus. Throughout the year, we assist with repairs, improvements, and landscaping.

2025 has been a great year for Buildings and Grounds. Here is a list of all of the projects that have been completed by our wonderful team:

1. In March, Zach Anderson donated a park bench that he had won in a raffle. After hearing how much people loved it, the Vestry ordered 4 more for parishioners
2. Palm tree trimming. In April, Jim Schweitzer, Steven Nadolny, Stewart Lumb, and Zach Anderson trimmed the palm trees in the front of the church
3. Fire Alarm Monitoring replacement. In May, Lou Podesta led the charge on changing our vendor for our fire alarm monitoring company. In May, we changed vendors from PyroComm to Fire Safety First, which provided better service at a better price
4. Family Room audio fixing. In June, Nick Fortune helped fix the audio in the family room
5. Parking Lot Repainting. In July, Jim Schweitzer and Zach Anderson power-washed the church parking lot, and then Fr. Nathan, Erol Woo, Lou Podesta, and Zach Anderson repainted the handicapped section in the parking lot
6. Exposed Outlet Securing. In August, Lou Podesta found some small luggage locks that were perfect for locking up the outlets behind Sacquety Hall, preventing unauthorized use
7. Fixing the Preschool's AC. In August, Lou Podesta and Zach Anderson investigated a broken AC unit, with Lou leading the charge to get a new vendor, Thompson AC, to maintain our units
8. Sidewalk Paving. In September, Lou Podesta found us a vendor that could pave the sidewalk next to the preschool for cheap, making it safer for parents and children

9. Gas Leaks. In October and November, Zach Anderson oversaw two large gas leak repairs: one in the youth building, and another in the church offices

10. Listen System. Nick Fortune helped roll out the listen system, making service more accessible for people that are hard-of-hearing

11. Backflow Testing and Replacement. In November, Zach Anderson coordinated testing of our backflow device. After it failed, he helped schedule a day to replace the device in December, and he and Lou oversaw the replacement

None of these projects would be possible without Jim Schweitzer, Nick Fortune, and Lou Podesta. Their work has been invaluable in making our church campus a safer and better place.

We have many more goals and projects planned for 2026. This work is never truly done and the B&G commission will always appreciate the patience and input of St. Wilfrid's members. Thank you for noticing when things need fixing and letting us know.

Respectfully submitted, Zach Anderson
Head of St. Wilfrid's Buildings and Grounds Commission

Campus Stewards: This ministry meets as needed on Saturdays to assist our buildings and grounds team with campus maintenance and groundskeeping. No experience necessary, but any experience/advice is always welcomed. Before the work begins, we gather for light refreshments and coffee. Some projects in 2025 were: tree trimming and weeding the Memorial Garden and cleaning the pews and narthex. Keep an eye out in the Sunday Times and Constant Contact weekly email blast for upcoming opportunities to join in the fun. To offer your skills and services, please contact Stewart Lumb or Jim Schweitzer.

Children, Youth, and Families (CYF) Commission

We are excited to see new families, youth, and children at church services and events. We invite all to participate in the activities we offer. Our hope is to make everyone feel welcome and to continue to grow our church membership. Our commission members are Carol Cherpes (chair), Zach Anderson, Bruce Groth, Diana Spak, Stephanie Stiles, and Fr. Nathan Bjornstad.

Children: Godly Play (designed for ages 4 to 5th grade) is offered at 8:30 AM on the 1st Sundays of the month, and at 10:30 AM on 3rd Sundays. New to our program is Godly Play for Everyone. This is an intergenerational program offered to ALL ages (0-100+ years old). We meet in the Hall on 2nd Sundays at 9:30 AM. Come join us as we ALL explore our faith through Bible storytelling, wondering time, creative response, prayer, and snacks. This new program is made possible through an "Immersed in Worship" Grant from the diocese. All Godly Play is led by our trained storytellers.

CYF plans and organizes our annual Easter Egg Hunt for all children attending Easter Day services. We include our youth as they stuff the eggs and help in hiding them. CYF also organizes our Christmas Eve Children's Pageant. We had a great turn-out this past year with 30 children and youth dressed in our pageant costumes including shepherds, angels, Magi, and manger animals. Youth took on the main characters of the Nativity.

Youth: Youth Group has scheduled meetings on the first and third Sundays of the month from 4:30 – 6 PM. Our youth provide service to the church and preschool with their

participation in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, our Easter Egg Hunt, the school Spring Fling, and Trunk or Treat. Working at events serving food helps them earn funds for their fun time events. This year they went miniature golfing, had several movie nights, attended HB Blessing of the Waves with ice cream afterwards, roasted hot dogs and s'mores together, and enjoyed making gingerbread houses in Dec.

The commission formatted a Youth Director Job Description, which has been posted to several employment networking websites. We are hoping to find and hire a Youth Director in the near future.

Families: For the fourth year, CYF organized the collection of supplies and filling of Kindness Bags to give out to our homeless community. All ages participated in the bag filling. Thank you to the parishioners who donated the items needed to fill these bags. CYF continues to host Bunco for adult time together, and Bingo with participation of all ages. (Children love being the callers for the evening!)

Respectfully submitted by, Carol Cherpes – CYF Chair

Celebration of Wisdom Group: This is a monthly fellowship for all who are 55 or older (all ages are welcomed), with guest speakers, musical programs, and active participation of the members in discussions and programs. Wisdom is a multi-diverse group who likes to enjoy simple things, each other, and good food. We meet September through June on the third Saturday of the month at 11:30 am for lunch. This is some of what we did in 2025: 8 luncheon meetings, New Year's Eve Game Day, made root beer floats for the Family BBQ Sunday, donated a gift basket for the Italian Supper fundraiser, hand painted t-shirts for Halloween, enjoyed a potluck dinner with speaker Bill Yarkin that was open to the congregation, and played Bingo games after some luncheons. Come join us in 2026! See Darleen York for more information.

Engagement Commission

The Engagement Commission's goal is to make our church more visible to the community, provide a warm welcome, encourage ways to get involved, and seek feedback to improve. St. Wilfrid's has many events throughout the year which help us engage with each other and create social opportunities that are fun and community building. In 2025, we started St. Wilfrid's Shares, had BYO picnic lunches in Helme Park (next door), attended Huntington Beach Concerts in the Park, Huntington Beach Interfaith vigil, Welcome Back BBQ, and several other fellowship opportunities.

Additionally, we: created the Ministry Board in the narthex, enhanced partnerships with other ministries, published several St. Wilfrid's Chronicles, publicized significant events on Facebook and Instagram accounts, and increased participation using the Invite, Welcome, Connect program.

Our active members are: Dave Dorff (chair), Jeff Eichinger, Jay Smith, Steven Nadolny, Carole Heidary, Fred Whipple, and Jill McKenna.

Of course, we are always looking for more volunteers.

Greeters: The Greeters' Ministry has seven volunteers who warmly welcome church members and new parishioners to St. Wilfrid's before all Sunday services, each week of the year (104 services). We also support additional services during Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter.

Our main goals are to make everyone feel welcome to our “home,” identify new visitors, and ask them to sign the guest book (and chat with them), and pass out the church bulletins.

The team includes the following greeters: Robin Baldwin, Leith George, Jane Hyde, Alice James, Jay Smith, Kirt Smoot, and Barb Van Dine.

Greeters sign up for one to two services each month. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet new people!

If you're interested in joining this beautiful ministry, please contact Robin Baldwin at 714-909-6443 or rbaldwin0204@gmail.com.

History Committee: This year St. Wilfrid's celebrated our 65th anniversary as a parish. On June 8th, we gathered in the Hall to mark this special occasion. The History Committee worked hard to gather photos, documents, and memorabilia. There were albums, tee shirts, mugs, blueprints, and memory boards throughout the whole hall. Of course there was food, laughter, and some tears. Many former parishioners came back to join in the fun. Lynn Horton's team included: Connie Hornyak, Elsie Rhodes, Nancy Claxton, Carole Heidary, Don Sinclair, Mary Hiber, and Linda Mendelssohn.

Grief Group: After 10 plus years, we are a small, but strong group of “grief travelers,” and are faithful to our process. We meet on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 9:30 am in the Church Office. We currently have four people who come faithfully, with two more starting soon. We may “fly under the radar” as we respect the privacy of the grieving process, but all those who feel the call to come, gain support, and reflect on their grief process are always welcomed. For more information, please contact Gretchen Hughes.

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission is the only commission included in our Articles of Incorporation. The Finance Commission creates and manages the church and school budgets and has the legal and ethical obligation to act in the best interest of the church. Finance monitors income and expenses to ensure responsible stewardship of our church resources. St. Wilfrid's has an external CPA and investments are managed by RBC Financial Advisors. Finance members are: Luke Spak (Treasurer), Robin Baldwin, Debbi Campana, Jeff Eichinger, Leith George, and Joe Lim. Ex officio members are: Fr. Nathan and Nancy Davies (Senior Warden). Martha Cruz, our bookkeeper also participates in all meetings and is instrumental in reporting.

Counters: Every Monday, our dedicated team meets to count and record the prior week's plate and pledge income. Strict internal controls are employed. They always work with utmost confidentiality, always seeking accuracy and accountability, and streamlining our accounting so that we are assisting our bookkeeper to clearly see our weekly work and financial outcome. Sharan Mercer supervises and backs-up the team of: Gretchen Hughes, Emmy Lou Swanson, and Linda Eide.

Scrip: Scrip is our gift card program managed by Sharan Mercer. In 2025, we started moving away from maintaining an inventory of cards to ordering only what people have preordered. We continue to sell all of the cards we have in stock, so stop by the scrip table to see what we have. Did you know that scrip has a huge ecard list? Many ecards are delivered instantly.

To buy and give electronic gift cards, download the RaiseRight app. St. Wilfrid's incurs no cost when ecards are purchased as there are no shipping fees. For assistance with the virtual card program, please see Luke Spak.

Hospitality Commission

The past year was busy continuing the work of helping to make everyone feel welcome and comfortable and to help facilitate opportunities and gatherings to enable that to happen. Our goal is to help all feel a part of this community.

In addition to setting up and helping to provide the weekly coffee times on Sunday mornings, hospitality was busy with many other activities. This included the Lenten soup suppers, the Maundy Thursday Agape meal, Easter breakfast and the Italian dinner. In addition, we helped with the Church anniversary celebrations, the Blessing of the Animals, welcome back Sunday and the Advent book study among other celebrations.

Another major function was providing reception assistance to families who were having a funeral service here. It was our hope that they were relieved of some of the stress of the day.

It has been my pleasure to be the commission head of Hospitality for the past 3 years. I valued the opportunity I have had to meet and talk with so many of you. I am so appreciative of those of you who have stepped up and helped with the activities, supplied food, did dishes or answered a last-minute call for help.

I could not have done it without you. Respectfully submitted, Linda Mendelssohn

Outreach Commission

Outreach is part of evangelization and our call as Christians. Trusting God and through prayer, we share what we have with our neighbors, even in times of deficit budgets. We have three ministries under our ministry umbrella: Lay Eucharistic Visitors, Episcopal Pride Alliance, and Laundry Love. In 2025, we primarily supported two local charities: BCIS and Robyne's Nest.

Beach Cities Interfaith Services (BCIS) has always been near and dear to the hearts of St. Wilfrid's. In 2025, BCIS provided deposits for 45 people, primarily single parent mothers, children and veterans. A new project, Oasis, has helped BCIS keep people in their homes. BCIS was a beneficiary of our December bake sale and is reflected in the 2026 budget with a line item of support of \$2,500. Please contact our BCIS liaison Linda Rose for more information.

Robyne's Nest started in 2015 with a mission to support at-risk and homeless students in the Huntington Beach and Newport-Mesa unified school districts by providing funds, resources, and unwavering encouragement so they could stay in school, graduate, and build brighter futures. In 2025, St. Wilfrid's supported Robyne's Nest with bake sales, school supplies and food drive donations. They are also reflected in the 2026 budget line item of support for them at \$2,500.

In 2026, we will continue raising awareness and support for various ministries, including the above mentioned and others through initiating monthly "First Sunday" Food drives of nonperishable food to support local need in Huntington Beach's Oak View neighborhood.

We are told in Isaiah 58:7 "Share your food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter" Additionally Matthew 25 tells us, "What you do for the least of these, you do for Jesus."

Respectfully submitted, Robert Morgan and Steven Nadolny

Episcopal Pride Alliance (EPA) supports St. Wilfrid's mission by offering a safe, faith-centered space for LGBTQIA+ people, families, and allies, while building connection across the parish and beyond it. In 2025, EPA hosted monthly gatherings averaging 8–12 participants, represented the Episcopal Church at the Orange County Pride Festival, and maintained a visible presence at the Diocesan Convention. EPA also supported the History Committee and separately co-sponsored the parish Halloween event. Looking ahead, EPA published a 2026 program and is exploring partnership with GLEAM-OC to expand outreach and welcome.

Members/volunteers: Fr. Nathan Biornstad; Erol Woo; James Switzer; Steven Nadolny; Colleen Montoya (and spouse); Ursola Zaher; Lily Tisu; Larry Garcia; Sharon Maka'ena; Dan Maka'ena; Gabi Gibson; Jason Lomheim; Angie Samaan; Wes Samaan; and Rev. Tamara Greene.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors: Dedicated volunteer teams go in pairs to visit parishioners or their family members who are in hospitals, nursing homes, or their own homes, and are unable to come to church. Eucharistic visitors undergo extensive training every three years and are licensed by the Diocese.

According to the LA Diocese, some characteristics of a Eucharistic Visitor are: a calming and friendly presence with those who might be infirm or distressed about their situation, able to listen to and value differing points of view on theology and spirituality, and a reconciling presence within the parish community and the capacity to listen beyond one's own experiences.

Our LEV team includes: Larry Garcia, Connie Hornyak (lead), Sharon Maka'ena, Steven Nadolny, Kirt Smoot, Barb Van Dine, and Connie Walton.

Laundry Love: This ministry helps the homeless and low-income families do their laundry. We meet at 6:00 pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the Huntington Coin Laundry (234 Adams Avenue, Huntington Beach). Laundry Love provides the detergent and funds for our clients. Laundry Love is funded by several sources: Church budget Outreach, grants, donations, and Small Change Sundays (bring your spare change and place it in the jar on the greeters table or scrip table).

In 2025, Laundry Love helped 291 people do 2,333 loads of laundry. Jim Schweitzer and Steven Nadolny lead this group whose loyal volunteers include Gail Morgan and Judith Philpot.

Prayer Chain: The email prayer ministry is simply praying for people who request prayer. We have 89 people on that list who pray for the requests. I would love to add more prayers. If you would like to added to the distribution list or would like more information, please contact me! Submitted by, Lynn Horton (Prayer Chain Lead)

Preschool Commission

What a great year this has been! Under director Peggy's Young leadership, we have had another successful year: academically, socially, financially, and spiritually. For the first time since Covid, we are fully staffed and the classrooms are bustling. During the Annual Meeting, you heard about all of the community building activities that make our school so successful. Families have grown close together, creating friendships and support systems which are especially challenging for dual-income and single parent families.

Some highlights of 2025 were: Blessing of the Teachers, Trunk-or-Treat, Christmas and Graduation shows, Trike-a-Thon, Blessing of the Animals, Grandparents Day, Spring Fling, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dad, summer camp, weekly chapel, Spanish, and the list goes on.

The School Board is responsible for the financial health and long-term strategic vision of the school. We work closely with the school's director and meet monthly. As an outreach ministry, the school is in a unique position as it generates substantial revenue through tuition and fundraising. In turn, the school incurs significant expenses for staff, operations, and program costs. The School Board, School Director and Finance Commission monitor the school's budget. We are thankful for such a dedicated team. The School Board members are: Father Nathan, Lin Callaghan, Debbi Campana, Michelle Eichinger, Sarah Stover (Parent Rep and incoming Chair), and Peggy Young.

Protocol Commission

The Protocol Commission was created this year to update and create policies and procedures to provide continuity and adhere to Diocesan rules and National and California laws. This year accomplishments include reviewing and updating several policies (Alcohol Use, Whistleblower Protection, Investment, Drug-Free Workplace, Memorial Garden, and Bequest/Giving). The Employee Handbook was updated for the first time since 2008. Updates to the Illness and Injury Prevention and Workplace Violence Prevention Plan are nearing completion. Documentation of ministry functions is continuing albeit slowly. Assistance with this team is always welcomed. Our members are: Robin Baldwin, Joanie Pashley-Baynes, and Debbi Campana.

Stewardship Commission

This commission educates and promotes the giftedness of all parishioners and the responsibility of disciples to steward all resources. The commission collaborates with Father Nathan and the Vestry to develop strategies and practices which invite all parishioners and the parish organization itself to share time, talent, and treasure.

St. Wilfrid's is a self-supporting church which means we do not receive funds from the diocese. We just wrapped up our annual stewardship campaigns to cover the costs of operation.

The annual stewardship campaign (aka pledge drive) is critical so that the Finance Commission can plan the church's budget for the next year. If you haven't made a pledge yet, it is not too late. Pledge forms are available in the narthex or church office.

Many thanks to our volunteers: Steven Nadolny (chair), Stewart Lumb, Nancy Davies and Jill McKenna. Of course, none of this would be possible without Sharan Mercer, our Office Angel extraordinaire.

Legacy Circle: St. Wilfrid's Legacy Circle endowment program, created by long time parishioner Tom Zajac, is comprised of individuals, couples, and families who have declared their intent to support the future mission of the church by naming St. Wilfrid's as a beneficiary in their estate planning. It is an opportunity for parishioners to help ensure that their participation in the mission, programs, and ministries of the church will continue for future generations by designating a legacy gift for the faith community. If you are interested in adding St. Wilfrid's to your estate giving plan, please contact our new chair, Stewart Lumb, or Fr. Nathan.

Philanthropic Opportunity Planners (POP): POP! is the group that plans our fundraisers to help balance our church's planned deficit budget. In 2025, we held several bake and crafts sales, dinners (Italian Night, Dinner in the Chapel), silent auctions, and trivia night.

POP Committee Volunteers are: Steven Nadolny (chair), Linda Eide, Carol Heidary, Debbi Campana, Linda Mendelsohn, Dave Dorff, Jill McKenna, Jeff Eichinger, and Wes and Angie Samaan. Without the support of our Hospitality chair, Linda Mendelsohn and her team, we would not be able to pull off so many of our events.

Interested? Have ideas? Volunteers are welcome! Please see or contact Steven Nadolny to lend your time and talents.

Worship and Special Services Commission

Worship & Special Services meets several times a year to plan and review the various services at St. Wilfrid's. The group includes the heads of various ministries who are involved with the services. This includes the Altar Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, Acolytes, Healing Ministry, Ushers, Flower Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Committee, and our staff: Fr. Nathan, Fr. Bill, and Laurie Hamilton.

The calendar is clearly defined for the coming months so that all the ministries are aware of what is being planned and can prepare accordingly and offer input. At review time, the group can share on the services and offer additional input on what might be improved or changed in the future. Working together, this group is what helps St. Wilfrid's to have meaningful and spiritual services.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Mendelsohn

Acolyte Ministry: The Acolyte Ministry serves at both Sunday services and also at special services all year round. You see us as crucifers, who carry the cross and assist the priest with setting the table for Holy Eucharist, torch bearers, who carry the Light of Christ, and thurifers, who swing the thurible of incense at special services. Our volunteers include Carol Cherpes (co-lead), Timothy Cherpes (co-lead and scheduler), Diana Campbell, Jack C., Maya C., Abigail S., Isabel S., Lydia Canbakal, Laura Collacott, Kayden Francis, Larry Garcia, Amanda Hay, Timothy Smitha, Wayne Varnes, and Edwin Vazquez. Thank you to these faithful acolytes!

Several of these volunteers just joined our team this past year, and we are always looking for more!

Flower Guild: We have four members at present and could use more volunteers! Our volunteers are: Lynette Hansen, Laura Groth, Natalie Dhing, and Lily Tisu.

We purchase flowers each week and arrange them for the altar and greeter's table. If someone sponsors the flowers for a remembrance we try to follow any requests as to colors and type of flowers. We also do all the preparation of flowers for Christmas and Easter and do the greens for Advent and "sticks and rocks" for Lent. We take down and dispose of old flowers to make way for the next week of flowers. We also purchase supplies as needed. It is a fun and rewarding Ministry. Thank you! Lynette Hansen

Healing Ministry: Healing Ministry is often called "Prayer Partners" as they pray for others at church services. On Sundays, they are available in the sanctuary to offer individual prayers and anointing with oil. The Healing Ministers also pray for those on the prayer board (located on the left side of the narthex), Quarterly the Healing Ministers conduct a Healing Service for all those who need healing or offer healing prayers to others. The Healing Ministry meets monthly. Our team includes: Joanie Pashley-Baynes, Robert Morgan, Nancy Caverly, Suzanna Byrne, Jill McKenna, Roger Leachman, and Karen Thornton (lead). For more information, contact Karen Thornton.

Ushers: The Ushers welcome people as they enter the sanctuary. We assist people to their seats, pass out service bulletins, pass the offering tray, and direct the communion procession, while being focused on creating a reverent and welcoming environment for worship. This ministry involves helping newcomers, ensuring smooth transitions during services, and supporting clergy with practical tasks, functioning as a vital extension of the church's welcome to all who enter.

Our ushers are: Eric Anderfaas, Debbi Campana, Jeff Campana, Dave Dorff (Senior Usher), Steven Nadolny, Jim Schweitzer, and Jay Smith.

If you are interested in helping out once a month or learning more, please contact Dave Dorff.

Lay Readers: Lectors and Intercessors enhance our Sunday worship services by proclaiming Scripture, the Creed or the Affirmation of Faith, and the Prayers of the People in a spirit of prayer and reverence. They also participate in special services during the year, such as Holy Week and Evensong.

We currently have 20 parishioners in this ministry, but have a need for additional volunteers for the 8:30 AM service. Training is always available.

Our volunteers are: Debbi Campana, Jeff Campana, Kayden Francis, Kelly Frankiewicz, Bruce Groth, Laura Groth, Lynette Hansen, Connie Hornyak, Jane Hyde, Martha Lumia, Sharon Maka'ena, Jill McKenna, Steven Nadolny, Patti Nunn, Jane Pape, Joanie Pashley-Baynes, Kirt Smoot, Claire Stoneman, David Stoneman, and A.J. Wilson.

Altar Guild: The Altar Guild is concerned with the care and placement of furnishings, appointments and ornaments used in worship. The overall goal of the Altar Guild is to see that the worship space is kept beautiful and in good order, both to glorify God and to provide a setting which enables the congregation to worship in a meaningful way. Realizing the privilege of serving as "God's Housekeepers," each member should dedicate themselves and their work as an offering to God, to whom nothing but the best can be given.

Current members are Veronica Fallon, Larry Garcia, Laura Groth, Debbie Hali, Martha Lockwood, Linda Mendelsohn, Denise Tenace, and Kimberly Ufholtz (lead).

Being a part of the Altar Guild offers joy in knowing you have prepared and cared for God's most precious gifts.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: The LEMs assist in the central act of the Christian liturgy, feeding the faithful with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Typically, on Sundays you see us on the altar distributing the consecrated bread and wine. As with the Lay Eucharistic Visitors, LEMs undergo extensive training (Safe Church, Anti-Racism, and Episcopal Identity, pastoral education) and renew our licenses every three years.

Our LEMs are: Larry Garcia (lead), Darleen York, Nimusha Jacob, Wayne Varnes, Connie Hornyak, A.J. Wilson, Carol Cherpes, Michelle Eichinger, Gretchen Hughes, and Sharon Maka'ena.

Liturgy Committee: Under the leadership of Fr. Nathan, the Liturgy Committee works on the structure and content of our 8:30 Sunday morning service. As it is not our primary service, we have some liturgical flexibility. The Liturgy Committee discusses permitted options and considers change when appropriate. Our team includes: Roger Leachman, Jane Pape, Patti Nunn, and Veronica Fallon.

Wedding Guild: The Wedding Guild, led by Wayne and Stacy Varnes, is a dedicated volunteer ministry that provides logistical and practical support for couples getting married in the church, acting as coordinators to help with planning, rehearsals, processions, family seating, music, flowers, and general guidance from booking until the wedding day, ensuring the ceremony runs smoothly according to church customs.

Sound Ministry: It just doesn't "happen"... Behind the scenes at every service, members of the Sound team are there. They are the reason we can hear every word spoken and every song sung ... and we can stream and record each Sunday service and special services with beautiful balance.

Our volunteers, Jeff Eichinger and Chuck Potempa "run the sound booth" for the 8:30 Sunday service. Nick Fortune is our staff member managing sound, video, and streaming for services, ensuring clear audio for in-person and online worship, handling microphones, streaming to platforms, and maintaining equipment.

A major sound project in 2025 was selecting and installing a new audio assistance system. Jim Schweitzer, Dave Dorff, Nick Fortune, and our IT vendor are fine tuning it. Thanks to our "beta-testers" in the pews for helping us get it up and running.

Music Ministry: The Music Ministry's mission is to lead and support the congregation in worship. Its goals are to develop the gifts and talents of parishioners through participation in music and to build relationships by giving opportunities to work together on music for worship and concerts.

Jamond McCoy leads the contemporary music program, with services on Sundays at 8:30 and special services throughout the year. Mark Ontkewan accompanies on the guitar.

Father Bill is our organist, choirmaster, and Associate Priest. He leads the traditional choir and organ service at 10:30 on Sundays as well as special services and concerts throughout the year.

Choir: The St. Wilfrid's Choir is a traditional choir that assists in leading the music at the 10:30 am service from September through June. Our volunteer choir members are: Jon Andreas, Wendell Ballantyne, Tammie Bavel, Carol Tsai Bocklov, Kelly Frankiewicz, Laura Groth, Stewart Lumb, Jeanette Moon, Jane Pape, George Ranney, Elsie Rhoads, Claire Stoneman, Shirlee Wallingford, Shiela Williams, and. They are complemented by our professional staff singers: Stacy Oh, Michael Searing, Laurie Hamilton, David Stoneman, and Evan Richards.

Original PUSH Prayer (Pray Until Something Happens)

Gracious God, throughout human history, you have encountered humanity time and time again. Pour out your spirit upon us, so that we can be refreshed. Give us strength and courage as we share your message of hope, healing, and reconciliation. May your spirit work through us so that our parish will increase in size with five new members between now and the end of the year; may fifty hearts be touched by your spirit and join us soon. We also pray for fifteen more volunteers so that we are well-equipped to share your ministry of love with others. We also pray that you provide us with a rectory so that our future clergy might have permanent residency near-by.

New PUSH Prayer (Pray Until Something Happens)

As our prayer for five new members has been answered, our PUSH prayer has been updated.

Please join us in praying our PUSH prayer, trusting that God is moving and working through our community.

Gracious God, throughout human history, you have encountered humanity time and time again. Pour out your spirit upon us, so that we can be refreshed. Give us strength and courage as we share your message of hope, healing, and reconciliation. We give thanks to you for answering our prayers for five new members; may your good work continue in them and us. May fifty hearts be touched by your spirit and join us soon. We also pray for fifteen more volunteers so that we are well-equipped to share your ministry of love with others. We also pray that you provide us with a rectory so that our future clergy might have permanent residency near-by.



2026 Church Budget

Income

<u>Operating Income</u>	
Open Plate Income	13,000.00
Pledge Income	450,000.00
Preschool Shared Expense	93,600.00
Rental/Facilities Use Income	43,000.00
Total Operating Income	599,600.00
<u>Special Income Items</u>	
Flowers	3,000.00
Rector's Discretionary Account	3,000.00
Laundry Love	1,500.00
Scrip Cards Sales	35,000.00
RaiseRight sales	500.00
Music Guild	5,000.00
Derek Wimmer Fund	10,000.00
Fellowship/Celebrations	5,000.00
Special Donations	5,000.00
Youth Ministry	800.00
Special Services Income	4,000.00
Fundraising	9,000.00
Total Special Income Items	81,800.00
Total Income	681,400.00

Expenses

<u>Operations</u>	
Altar Guild Expense	2,500.00
Convention/Conf. Expense	3,200.00
Copier	3,100.00
Fellowship/Celebrations	2,500.00
IT Support/Email Host	7,250.00
Office Supplies and Expenses	5,200.00
Property & Casualty Ins.	24,000.00
Property Taxes	2,400.00
Repairs and Maintenance	30,000.00
Utilities	59,000.00
Clover/Bank Fees	3,000.00
Flowers	1,000.00
Rector's Discretionary Exp.	4,000.00
Scrip Cards Expense	34,000.00
Memorial Garden Expense	500.00
Fundraising Expense	3,000.00
Special Services Expense	2,500.00
Total Operations	187,150.00

<u>Outreach</u>	
Mission Share	66,953.64
Outreach	5,000.00
Episcopal Pride Alliance	500.00
Laundry Love	5,000.00
Total Outreach	77,453.64

<u>Personnel Costs</u>	
Payroll Taxes	13,000.00
Accounting Services	3,600.00
Health Insurance	40,000.00
Payroll Service	5,000.00
Pension Contributions	46,000.00
Salaries	360,160.00
Choir Staff Singers	15,000.00
Workers Compensation Ins.	2,100.00
Salary Pool Expense	3,000.00
Clergy Education	3,000.00
Clergy Expense	4,700.00
Guest Preachers	2,500.00
Total Personnel Costs	498,060.00

<u>Program Expenses</u>	
<u>Adult Programs</u>	
Adult Education	1,000.00
Total Adult Programs	1,000.00
<u>Children / Youth Programs</u>	
Children's Ministry	350.00
Youth Ministry	1,000.00
Godly Play for Everyone	1,800.00
Total Children/Youth Programs	3,150.00

<u>Music Programs</u>	
Choir Supplies/Music Library	600.00
Copyright Licenses	1,200.00
Special Musicians/Guest Organist	4,000.00
Organ / Piano Maintenance	700.00
Music Guild Expenses	5,000.00
Total Music Programs	11,500.00
Total Program Expenses	15,650.00
Total Expenses	778,313.64
Net Operating Income	(96,913.64)

2025 Church Budget vs. Actual

	Actual	Budget
Income		
<u>Operating Income</u>		
Open Plate Income	14,909.89	15,000.00
Pledge Income	502,466.55	435,000.00
Preschool Shared Expense	93,800.00	93,600.00
Rental/Facilities Use Income	44,232.00	47,500.00
Total Operating Income	655,408.44	591,100.00
 <u>Special Income Items</u>		
Flowers	3,705.00	3,000.00
Godly Play	2,500.00	2,500.00
Rector's Discretionary Account	3,885.00	2,500.00
Laundry Love	4,706.29	1,000.00
Capital Campaign	3,145.00	2,000.00
Scrip Card Sales	55,851.87	50,000.00
Memorial Garden	400.00	1,600.00
Music Guild	12,206.58	10,000.00
Wimmer Fund	8,600.00	0.00
Fellowship/Celebrations	4,671.13	5,000.00
Special Donations	7,723.46	3,000.00
Youth Ministry	2,610.00	800.00
Special Service Income	6,125.00	4,000.00
Fundraising	12,992.01	30,000.00
Total Special Income Items	129,121.34	115,400.00
Total Income	784,529.78	706,500.00
 Expenses		
<u>Operations</u>		
Alarm Monitoring Service	3,241.98	2,200.00
Altar Guild Expense	2,676.88	2,500.00
Convention/Conference/Vestry		
Retreat Expense	2,348.79	2,750.00
Copier	3,482.55	3,100.00
Fellowship/Celebrations	1,653.86	3,000.00
IT Support/Email Host	10,023.34	7,500.00
New Member Marketing	508.00	1,000.00
Office Supplies and Expenses	4,108.38	4,000.00
Postage	1,106.95	1,000.00
Property & Casualty Ins.	21,891.12	24,000.00
Property Taxes	2,253.75	2,200.00
Repairs and Maintenance	62,636.19	30,000.00
Utilities	48,871.43	59,000.00
Vestry Retreat	0.00	200.00
Clover/Bank Fees	2,912.77	4,000.00
Flowers	2,381.32	1,000.00
Rector's Discretionary Expense	3,672.70	2,500.00
Scrip Cards Expense	56,282.99	42,000.00

Memorial Garden Expense	2,387.06	500.00
Fundraising Expense	3,677.82	7,000.00
Special Service Expense	2,224.27	3,000.00
Total Operations	238,342.15	202,450.00

<u>Outreach</u>		
Mission Share	58,779.60	58,780.00
Outreach	1,500.00	1,000.00
Laundry Love	2,626.71	1,000.00
Total Outreach	62,906.31	60,780.00

<u>Personnel Costs</u>		
Payroll Taxes	13,639.58	12,000.00
Accounting Services	3,600.00	3,600.00
Health, Dental, Life, DI and UE Insurance	46,370.07	36,000.00
Payroll Service	13,064.84	17,000.00
Pension Contributions	34,665.44	46,000.00
Salaries	322,054.28	326,339.00
Choir Staff Singers	26,140.80	23,481.00
Workers Compensation Ins.	1,699.84	2,000.00
Salary Pool Expense	0.00	3,000.00
Clergy Education	4,121.52	3,400.00
Clergy Expense	4,279.78	4,500.00
Guest Preachers	2,058.20	2,500.00
Total Personnel Costs	471,694.34	479,820.00

<u>Program Expenses</u>		
Adult Programs		
Adult Education	1,564.24	750.00
Episcopal Pride Alliance	219.10	1,000.00
Total Adult Programs	1,783.34	1,750.00

<u>Children / Youth Programs</u>		
Children's Ministry	133.97	350.00
Youth Ministry	548.52	500.00
Godly Play for Everyone	847.68	2,500.00
Total Children / Youth Programs	1,530.17	3,350.00

<u>Music Programs</u>		
Choir Supplies/Music Library	1,493.87	600.00
Copyright Licenses	1,103.00	1,200.00
Special Musicians/Guest Organist	4,685.00	4,500.00
Organ / Piano Maintenance	1,939.00	700.00
Music Guild Expenses	7,236.26	10,000.00
Derek Wimmer Fund Expense	250.00	0.00
Total Music Programs	16,707.13	17,000.00

Total Program Expenses	20,020.64	22,100.00
Total Expenses	792,963.45	765,150.00
Net Operating Income	(8,433.66)	(58,650.00)

