ST LAURENCE
ANGLICAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



Annual Meeting of Parishioners

February 22, 2026

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ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

Agenda – February 22, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer – Jane Rowland
3. Appointment of Corinne MacLean as secretary for the Meeting
4. A motion to approve the Agenda
5. A motion to approve Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting.
6. Rector's Comments
7. Upcoming Roof replacements

Introduction: Jane

A motion to strike a fundraising committee for roof replacements

8. Revisioning leadership

Introduction: Tinu Ruparell

A motion to change numbers required for the Wardens and Parish Council Members

9. Nominations

Wardens

Helen Barry is appointed as Incumbent's Warden for a one-year term by the Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Janet Lennox is appointed People's Warden for a term of two more years by the Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

We are grateful to Tinu Ruparell on completion of his role as Warden.

Treasurer

Richard Hooper will be appointed as Treasurer by the Parish Council at our next meeting.

Parish Council

Motion that serve for three years on parish council.

Motion that **Emily Buck, Beckie Grant, Oliver Jull** serve two more years on parish council.

We are grateful to **Ben Vandervies** for his role on parish council.

Lay Members of Synod

Motion that Oliver Jull and Ross Lennox serve as lay delegates

Treasurer's Remarks

10. A **motion** to accept the 2025 financial report

11. A **motion** to adopt the 2026 budget as approved by Parish Council

12. A **motion** for Malcolm MacKay be Parish Accounts Examiner for 2026

13. A **motion** to accept the remaining reports as published in the Annual Report

14. Other Business

15. A **motion** to adjourn

St. Laurence Anglican Church Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Minutes — February 23rd, 2025

1. Helen Barry, People's Warden, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:25 a.m. Helen welcomed the 35 parishioners in attendance. There was a quorum allowing the meeting to proceed.

2. The Reverend Dr. Jane Rowland opened in prayer.

3. Moved by Carolyn Herold and seconded by Barb Bridges that Suzanne Cabel be appointed as Secretary for the meeting. All in favour. Motion carried.

4. Moved by Emily Buck and seconded by Ben Vandervies that the Agenda for the meeting be approved. All in favour. Motion carried.

5. Moved by Elizabeth McLennan and seconded by Carolyn Herold that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on February 25, 2024, be approved, as amended. The amendments clarified the names, positions and terms for each warden, and corrected the start and finish time for the 2024 AGM. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. Nominations

Wardens

- Tinu Ruparell is appointed Incumbent's Warden for one more year by the Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland. Spencer Stevens will serve in this position until Tinu regains his health.

- Helen Barry is appointed People's Warden for a two year term by the Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland.

- Janet Lennox is appointed to serve as the Assistant People's Warden for a term of three years by the Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland.

Parish Council

- Moved by Donna Ruparell and seconded by Keith Leewis that Ben Vandervies, Emily Buck, Oliver Jull and Becky Grant each serve for a three year term on Parish Council. All in Favour. Motion carried.

- Parish Council information – Linda Hames will serve two more years on Parish Council and Corinne McLean will serve for one additional year. We are grateful to Denise Lawson, Rosemonde McKay and Suzanne Cabel who have completed their terms.

Lay Members of Synod

Moved by Andy Bell and seconded by Carolyn Herold that Elizabeth McLennan and Ross Lennox serve as Lay Delegates to Synod.

7. 2025 Financial Report

Joyce Coleman moved and Richard Hooper seconded a motion to accept the 2025 Financial Report. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. 2025 Budget

- Moved by Joyce Coleman and seconded by Keith Leewis to ratify the 2025 budget as approved by Parish Council. All in favour. Motion carried.

9. Financial Statement Reviewer

- Moved by Oliver Jull and seconded by Marg McKay that Malcom McKay be appointed Parish Accounts Examiner to examine the Financial Statements in the year 2025. All in favour. Motion carried.

10. Annual Reports

Moved by Denis Gardiner and seconded by Rosemonde McKay to accept the remaining reports as published in the Annual Report. All in favour. Motion carried.

11. New Business

Jane announced that Joyce Coleman will continue in her position of Treasurer for the coming year.

12. Moved by Elizabeth McLennan to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 am

St. Laurence is a vibrant, creative and welcoming Anglican community.

We practice an inclusive and compassionate Christianity.

We actively work to bring about social justice, reconciliation,

and to protect and care for God's creation.

We are sustained by shared worship, spiritual practices, and intellectual curiosity.

Rector's Report for 2025

I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve you as Rector of St Laurence. I am grateful for your faithfulness, your compassion for one another and for the we world live in, and for your passion to know and understand and live out Divine love and grace. And I am grateful for your joy, your curiosity, your ability to adapt and try new things. I give thanks for your hospitality, and your practical love for one another. St Laurence is small but mighty in what matters!

This has been a good, yet challenging year for our community. Among the highlights of the past year:

In the summer of 2024, we committed to praying and working towards better relations with our neighbourhood. Over the past year, that has born fruit in improved relationship with our near neighbours, and in new initiatives. We have advertised our programs and services through semi-regular articles in the Lakeview News and through sign boards. In the fall we did a maildrop to our immediate area, advertising a Blessing of the Animals service and Taizé. As well, we took part in the Halloween festivities on Lakeview Drive (thanks to Emily for initiating this!) Our hope is that as we continue to reach out, we will build connections with the community and learn ways to better serve our neighbours.

We continued to offer study evenings for the congregation. We began 2024 with an Epiphany series of Lectio / Visio Divina. We followed up with a well-received Lenten study on Passion week, drawing on the work of Jewish scholar Amy Jill Levine. In the fall, Ross Lennox led us through Richard Rohr's book on the prophets *The Tears of Things*. We continued with the theme of the call to justice with an advent worship series on prophetic imagination, complete with visits from prophetic figures! Thanks to everyone who took part in making this happen.

This year has also brought us the gift of a new deacon, the Rev. Deacon Elinor (Lynne) Smith. Lynne, who has been on this journey for several years, was ordained at the Cathedral on June 15. She brings strong pastoral and liturgical gifts to her new role, and we are grateful for her compassion and wisdom.

This has also been a year of new growth. We welcomed a number of new people to our community and we celebrated five baptisms. To those who work hard to make St Laurence a hospitable and welcoming space, thank you for helping others find a place to belong. If you are a recent participant, we are delighted to have you as part of our community!

Of course, there have also been challenges in 2025 that we have faced together. Many of us are mourning the loss of dear church friends and family members who passed on to glory over the past months. Thank you to all who have offered comfort, helped with funerals, and continue to walk alongside the grieving.

One of our ongoing challenges is that our pool of volunteers is small, and a small number of members do much of the behind-the-scenes work. In particular, this is affecting membership of the Parish Council. A question that we will address at our Annual Meeting is whether the current expectation of 3 wardens, and six council members, set in place when St Laurence was a larger community, is currently needed. The canonical requirement is for two wardens, and a minimum of 2 council members.

We also faced financial challenges in 2025. Yet despite early indications that we would have a significant end-of-year shortfall, we ended the year with a small surplus! Thank you to everyone—including those who have recently joined—who have given generously. As you will see in the financial report, pledges for 2026 show growth, for which we are grateful.

We also learned this year that our roofs are coming to the end of their lifespan. After many quotes, and some confusion, we settled on doing immediate remediation, and a plan to redo the roofs in two stages. This gives us a few years to build the necessary resources. You will be hearing more about our plans and how you can support this project in the coming weeks.

Thank You's

There are far too many thank you's to put in a few short paragraphs! The following are but a few.

Thanks to Joyce Coleman, for her many years of faithful attention to our finances. Joyce is stepping down from her position as treasurer. Thanks also to Richard Hooper who is taking on the role of treasurer. Thank you also to Melanie Jantzie for recording pledges, maintaining our donors list and providing receipts.

Thanks to those who care for the altar, who prepare our worship space for seasonal celebration, and who serve in the liturgy each week. We reconfigured this work in early 2025 and are grateful for the work of Janet and Trish in giving oversight, to Marg for providing creativity and an artist's eye, to Lynne for adding a Deacon's touch, to Kelly for doing preliminary setup, and to Corinne for overseeing the server roster.

Thanks to Susan Himann for her leadership of the Social Justice team, and for the team's consistent work in this area.

A special thanks goes to Leslie, who oversees the kitchen, takes care of dishwashers and supplies, encourages hospitality through lunches and other events, and pays attention to what is needful.

Phil and Spencer: thanks for taking care of the building, lights, elevators, estimates, and so much more.

Thanks also go to outgoing Warden Tinu Ruparell and Parish Council member Corinne MacLean, and to Ben Vandervies, who has moved to Lloydminster but hopes to stay connected.

Jane +

St. Laurence Anglican Church Music Director's Report, 2025

It's been another full year of activity and changes in the music department! With the health and scheduling issues that affect us all, and notably, the choir, I decided to adjust the weekly music schedule. Instead of having a Thursday choir practice every week of the year, with breaks in the summer and a few weeks after Christmas, I decided to try out having 2 'choir seasons' (of about 8 weeks each) throughout the church year - Advent and Lent. During choir season, the choir meets on Thursday nights as usual in preparation for the extra services around Christmas and Passion week. The rest of the year, those who would like to help lead worship continue to meet at 9:00 each Sunday morning and prepare for the service at 10:00. The time commitment required of choristers is reduced and there is less pressure felt to be present at every service. I have been very aware of the incredible time and energy commitment that being in the St. Laurence choir has been for these amazing folks. And some of them have been faithful members of the choir for several decades! Most Sundays we still have 6-8 singers leading us in worship. Kudos to you all! There was another exciting change made in 2025. After some mulling and a few comments that the instruments could not be heard clearly during Taizé services, I decided (with some consultation with Jane) to try moving the choir and piano to the other side of the church - to the right side of the altar. It took a li ttle adjustment and some shuffling of chairs and instruments, but the move has been given a strong thumbs up by all involved. The sound that the choir and instruments are able to produce is much enhanced due to the better acoustics on that side of the church. I have heard it commented many times that 'it sounds like there are many more of you than there are!' We have a wonderful acoustic in our building, and up until this year, we have not been using it to its best potential. The other advantage to having the music situated on the other side of the altar is that the music team is more visible and better able to lead the congregation. Also, now we have space on left side of the church for a chapel, something Jane has been wanting for a good while now. Services have otherwise been much like years past with weekly Sunday services, Christmas, Maundy Thursday, Easter (Good Friday service was at the United church this year) and 3 Taizé services spread throughout the year (Advent, Lent and first thing in the Autumn). The Christmas Taizé/Nativity service was again, well attended with over 100 people in attendance. We have a fairly committed group of folks from across the city that come to most Taizé services now. We would still like to see more growth at least in knowledge across that city that these services exist. I am not gifted in the area of marketing. If there is someone out there who is and would like to help out with getting the word out, do come and speak with me! Once again, I would like to thank those wonderful people who come faithfully most weeks to sing on Sunday mornings and provide the invaluable service of leading us in worship: Denise Lawson, Helen Barry, Phyllis Hawley, Beckie Grant, John Warkentin, Richard Hooper, Barabara Brydges, Jeff Stoesz and Spencer Stevens (and let's hear it for our new member, Brian Grier!) for their years of committed service to our community here at St. Laurence. We really couldn't do what we do without each one of you. Others that regularly joined us for the bigger or evening services this year are also so very appreciated, singers, players, light and sound people and readers: Corinne and Jensen McLean, Elizabeth and Heather Lietz-Salomons, Adam Brown, Tinu, Kiran, Sacha and Anya Ruparell, Marg and Malcolm McKay, Mathias Tita, Lucy Martin, Marla Maloy, Lynne and Ross Smith, Anne Heinemeyer, Norma Farquharson, Joyce Coleman, Emily Buck, Ben Vandervies, Trish Peebles, Suzanne Cable and Keith Leewis. There is no way to offer services like this without a large group of people being willing to 'play a part'. Once again, I want to thank the St. Laurence community for their undying support for this ministry. In sending emails of support and thanks,

giving in-person feedback and encouragement and in singing with gusto on Sunday mornings you let me and all the music leaders in our community know how much you care and appreciate what we do. You are also almost always willing to step in when your 'shoulder is tapped' to read for Taizé or other extra services and to lend your lovely singing voices as 'choir ringers' at those times of year that call for increased numbers. Thank you, thank you, thank you. You make this community better and my job a joy.

Donna Ruparell, Music director

Warden's Report, 22 February 2026

2025 was another active and successful year in our parish life together. We continue to be a welcoming, open, curious, and hospitable community working together to serve our communities, seek justice, and grow in wisdom, love and kindness.

While this year has been a challenging one in world and local events, there is also much for which we are grateful and celebrate. Just some of these include: continuing growth and welcoming new people to our congregation, growing Taizé services and a lovely service of Blessing of the animals; a strong and important series of Wisdom Centre events; beautiful Christmas and Easter services with wonderful music from our gifted musicians and choir; and a host of special services, speakers, baptisms and social events we share together. We also particularly give thanks for those among us who have passed away over this year. We continue to pray for all in our community, our city and country, and for the wider world.

This last year, along with the Rector and others, the wardens embarked on a review and visioning process regarding the ways in which all of us can contribute to the life and growth of our church and its mission. The goal is to allow all of us to be more effective in our roles and contributions to the body of the church. Understanding that we all come to discern our gifts and roles in unique ways and at our own pace, this is an ongoing process and we look forward to developing it further towards a shared vision of our community life and activity together.

The Wardens offer our thanks especially to:

- Jane, MJ, Carolyn and Lynn for their wonderful guidance, wisdom, and leadership. We thank them for their committed service to and care for each member of our community.
- Donna Ruparell for her tireless work to ensure that beautiful music forms the heartbeat of our worship services, and for her leadership of our wonderful choir and musicians who graciously share with us their musical gifts.
- Kelly Kawohl for her continuing excellent administrative work in the church office.
- Joyce Coleman for essential role she fills as our treasurer, ensuring the careful stewardship of our finances and advising Jane and the wardens.
- Spencer Stevens for his tireless devotion to St Laurence and its people in so many ways, including looking after the building, responding to issues big and small,
- Corinne McLean for her tremendous energy and talents which she generously offers to ensure that our events, gatherings, services and activities run smoothly and effectively
- Janet Lennox, Trish Peebles, Patricia Jean, Phil Crowe, Wayne Stewart and all who serve weekly for their devotion to the Altar Guild duties.

- Tinu Ruparell, Keith Leewis, Malcolm McKay and Ben Vandervies for their very gracious and capable handling of the audio-visual and live stream services
- Leslie McLennan and Carol Gardiner for keeping the church kitchen well stocked and operating efficiently during Sunday morning coffee time as well as special events at St. Laurence.
- Phil Crowe for his devotion to maintaining the physical building year after year.
- Marg McKay for ensuring the beauty of our shared space for its many services and events, especially at Christmas and Easter.
  Members of the Parish Council, who work so very well with Jane, Joyce and the Wardens. Special thanks to the members who are leaving their positions on Council this year: (Tinu Ruparell, Joyce Colman, and Corinne MacLean)

We are very grateful to all of you who have given of your time, talents, resources, presence, care, and commitment to the activities and gatherings which are the sinews holding our church body together.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Wardens:
Tinu Ruparell
Helen Barry
Janet Lennox

2025 Social Justice at St. Laurence Anglican Church

Social justice work is an important mission at St. Laurence, especially as three of the five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion speak about social justice:

- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

2025 has been a year of considerable change and uncertainty in our society. Considering that climate, we have tried to learn about those changes and support those affected. Following are some actions our church and our social justice team have undertaken this year.

Conversations:

After-church Conversations sessions this year featured several areas of current social justice importance. In January, Ross and Janet Lennox spoke about effective advocacy through letters or emails. In March, Susan Himann and Elizabeth McLennan led a follow-up session. In April, Rev MJ Leewis-Kirk presented a slide show and talked about her time at St. Jude's Mission Church in Hawaii. In May, Dr. Lori Williams of Mount Royal University gave a very informative talk about the current political situation including what has changed in the political spectrum. Also, in May, Rev. Adam Bedford spoke about what we can learn from the life and mission of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in unsettling political times. In October, Mike Gray, a Calgary teacher, spoke about current classroom situations that are important issues in the teachers' strike in Alberta.

Actions:

- Laura Karlsson continued her volunteer work with Medical Mercy Canada. Led by Suzanne Cabel, ten St. Laurence volunteers regularly sorted the medical supplies and packed boxes to be sent to needy countries.
- Rev. MJ Leewis-Kirk took boxes of grooming supplies donated by parishioners to St. Jude's Mission Church in Hawaii.
- At Christmas time, Helen Barry and Phyllis Hawley collected 143 pairs of socks and delivered them to The Doorway, an organization empowering young people to transition off the streets.
- Special offerings collected at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas were directed to St. Jude's Mission Church, the Food Bank, and Brown Bags for Calgary Kids
- In October, the Venerable Jacqui Durrand, Archdeacon of Indigenous Ministries for the Diocese of Calgary, spoke to our congregation about Indigenous spirituality,
- Many parishioners advocated in support of the Alberta teachers during the province-wide strike and in support of AISH recipients when the province announced a change in AISH financial support, an issue which is ongoing.
- Seven Christmas baskets were created and distributed during Advent.
- Parishioners Spencer Stevens, Joyce Coleman, and Denise Lawson and her family regularly volunteer at the Calgary Food Bank.
- Books studied or suggested: books about Bonhoeffer; The Tears of Things by Richard Rohr; Hope and Healing in a Divided World by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (a Wisdom Centre speaker).

Participation in the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG):

This past year, Elizabeth McLennan from St Laurence served as President and Co-chair of Calgary Alliance's Board of Directors. She has since left that position. Thank you, Elizabeth, for your many years of dedicated leadership for social justice in Calgary.

This year, our involvement in the Calgary Alliance included the following:

- Members of our congregation attended and volunteered for the following CACG events: the February Delegates Assembly, the April 6th Gala Fundraiser, the June session on interviewing City of Calgary councillor candidates, the Mayoral Forum, and the December planning session.
- A major CACG initiative in 2025 was interviewing potential councillor candidates during the summer and early fall. Candidates' responses to social justice questions were posted online for the CACG membership to access.
- Thanks to St. Laurence members who organized meetings and interviewed the candidates for Wards 6, 8, and 11.
- On October 4th, 21 parishioners and friends attended the Calgary Alliance's Mayoral Forum. 600 people attended that event at Knox United Church.
- The Calgary Alliance continues to focus on: increasing Calgary's housing supply and affordable housing; mental health; fair recognition of international credentials; and new regulations for AISH.

In conclusion, we appreciate and offer many thanks to our St. Laurence congregation including Reverends Jane, MJ and Carolyn, and our parish council for supporting and participating in St. Laurence's social justice actions and activities.

Susan Himann

Medical Mercy Canada

As part of our social justice team St Laurence Church members have joined me to do work bees at our Medical Mercy Canada warehouse. Our main focus is Ukraine and we are sorting medical supplies and checking all the expiry dates on them. These supplies are then packed in walker boxes to ship to various parts of this country. Volunteers began helping me on Nov. 28, 2024 and by the end of 2025, 10 volunteers came 12 times and worked 96 hours. We have also gathered supplies and filled a container which has reached the poorest part of Senegal. We appreciate all this help and have had a lot of fun doing it. These countries are very thankful for all the supplies we have given them. On behalf of the charity we are so grateful for this generous help.

Laura Karlsson

Wisdom Centre 2025 Report

This year, the Wisdom Centre was part of two shared events. We worked with the Calgary Interfaith Council to put on an evening event "An Interfaith Exploration of the Divine Feminine". Speakers included Rev. Samaya Oakley (Unitarian Universalist), Dr. Harjot K. Singh (Sikh), Bishop Dalton Harding (LDS Church), Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland (Anglican), and Rabbi Russell Jayne (Jewish).

In June, we worked with the Interfaith Council and the Calgary Climate Hub to provide a lecture by Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, author of *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World.* Hayhoe's lecture focused on the importance of hope, of climate communication, and bridging gaps between communities through practical tools for dialogue.

In November, Therese DesCamp was our presenter for a well-received workshop on "Contemplative Solidarity". The objectives of the day were to gain "a felt awareness of our entanglements across time, space, and realities" for a meditation practice situated "within the current chaotic world, as it is". One lasting gift of this workshop is a chant now often used in our Thursday meditation times: "Here I am, as I am, in this world, as it is; ever entangled in this luminous web of life, ever abiding in the heart of God".

Jane +

ALONGSIDE HOPE AT ST. LAURENCE

Alongside Hope (formerly known as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund – PWRDF) has been connecting Anglicans in Canada to people in need since 1958. Alongside Hope supports projects in Canada and around the world in collaboration with local partners who understand the cultural, social, economic and political contexts of the communities and people they serve. Alongside Hope partners with local organizations to foster a more holistic and inclusive approach to development and humanitarian efforts. This ensures that projects are effective, sustainable and respectful of the communities and people they aim to assist.
St. Laurence has long supported the efforts of Alongside Hope. This year, the amount sent to Alongside Hope from our parish was $1,430.00. This does not reflect donations that were made directly to the fund. Villages Calgary (formerly Ten Thousand Villages) supports many charitable organizations during the annual Giving Week in November. Alongside Hope is one of those charities. This is a legacy of Jan Heath and Alison and Chris Longson – longtime St. Laurence parishioners and supporters of Alongside Hope. This year $93.45 was donated from sales.
Thank you for your on-going support of this Anglican initiative. Through this fund we truly are the hands, feet and heart of our Lord in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Gardiner
Parish Representative
Alongside Hope

MINISTRIES AND COMITTEES

Coffee Host Ministry

Coffee is purchased from Villages, a fair trade store. Volunteers prepare and serve coffee, tea and juice every Sunday following the service. The volunteers frequently provide cookies, cakes, and treats to share. This social time provides an opportunity for fellowship and conversation, and is a highlight of the week for many congregation members. Coffee hour is an excellent informal setting to welcome visitors, to get to know new congregation members, and to enjoy old friendships spanning decades. This ministry is successful with thanks to the weekly reception hall set up by Spencer Stevens, and the 23+ volunteer hosts who prepare and serve beverages. A weekly schedule is created annually by Leslie McLennan.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Shawls are knitted and crocheted by a dedicated small group of congregation members. These hand crafted shawls are created in a variety of sizes and colours. Shawls are stored in the closet in the Sunshine Room. They are blessed by the Ministers, and gifted to members of the congregation, families and friends as a gift of comfort and support during a difficult time. Dozens at a time are periodically donated to Foothills Hospital and Rockyview Hospital. The staff and patients have expressed tremendous gratitude upon receiving these comforting shawls. Submitted by Leslie McLennan.

Women's Lunches

Monthly women's lunches are held on the first Monday of every month, unless it falls on a holiday, then it is on the second Monday of that month. Dates are published on the website calendar and in weekly bulletins. The lunches are held at a local reasonably priced and accessible restaurant. No rsvp is required as we ensure someone will always be there to greet everyone. The lunches are well attended by 5 to 12 women. This time together is treasured by all who attend. Everyone is welcome. Submitted by Leslie McLennan.

Hospitality - Kitchen Organization

The kitchen is well used for weekly coffee hour, a variety of social functions, and baptism and funeral receptions. Volunteers form teams to host and serve at each event, and many members help with set-up and clean-up. The kitchen is regularly checked for supplies, restocked and cleaned. An annual in depth organization and decluttering is undertaken every summer (when the nursery school is not in session). In March 2025 a kitchen plumbing inspection took place. A new gooseneck faucet with a spray hose was installed in the main sink. A new 50 cup coffee urn was purchased, along with 3 thermos style large serving carafes. In April 2025 a new LG dishwasher replaced the oldest of the 2 dishwashers. All the new appliances and carafes are easier to use, lift/carry, and clean, improving kitchen safety. Several roles have been documented, and copies of this information was distributed in paper copy folders, and by email to volunteers. Coffee making instructions are clearly posted beside the urn. Funeral reception planning and hall set up booklets are in the kitchen and office, along with an information sheet for families to assist with a funeral reception planning.

This information can also be distributed electronically. Volunteers are welcome to update the instructions and suggest new ideas as we strive to offer the best service to our guests. Submitted by Leslie McLennan.

Calgary Food Bank

The number of new clients using the Calgary Food Bank continued to increase in 2025, and we anticipate that the need for the Food Bank's services will increase much more in the coming months. The financial support that St. Laurence provides to the Food Bank through your generous Thanksgiving offerings has been much needed and appreciated.

Thank you!
May God continue to bless the important work of Food Banks everywhere.
Spencer Stevens

Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast had another successful year of fellowship with between six to twelve men attending each breakfast. We try to meet consistently on the last Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am at the main restaurant in the Grey Eagle Casino. Breakfast costs about $10.00, which includes the tip. It is a great way for the men in our Parish to visit with old friends and make new acquaintances.

Spencer Stevens

Contributions Report 2025

Analysis of Pledges 2024, 2025, 2026

Number of Pledges	2024	2025	2026
	68	49	48
Amount Pledged	$220,872	$169,004	$181,194.00
Number of new/returning	11	0	4
Number of increase	16	12	11
Unchanged	35	31	31
Decreased	6	6	2
Not renewed	3	18	8
Range of pledges			
$0-999	14	8	3
$1000-1999	14	11	14
$2000-2999	17	14	10
$3000-3999	5	3	6
$4000-4999	5	4	4
$5000-9999	11	7	9
$10,000+	2	2	2

Parish Register 2025

Baptisms **5**

Deaths **9**

Allan Holbrook
Ian Burgess
Carl Renoud
Ralph Kawohl
Thomas (Hapi) Standing
Ross Phillips
Jonina (Nina) Smith
Michael Brydges
Ione Hooper

TREASURER'S REPORT 2025

2025 Financial Report

Thank you to everyone for their continued and generous financial support for the ministry of St. Laurence in 2025.

Total Operating Fund contributions exceeded budget by $5,312. This surplus, combined with investment and rental income exceeding budget by a total of $4,217, and an unexpected funeral home donation of $1,100, resulted in total income exceeding budget by $10,675. This favourable result plus the overall favourable variance in operating expenses of $4,082, contributed to a modest 2025 year end Operating Fund surplus of $3,688.

Excess rental income of $12,000 was transferred from the Operating Fund to the Capital Maintenance Fund, and the Wisdom Centre contributed $6,600 to the Operating Fund for administrative support.

The 2025 year end Operating Fund balance was $77,192.

2026 Operating Fund Budget

The St. Laurence community's response to the 2025 fall Stewardship campaign provided the information used to plan and develop the 2026 Operating Fund Budget.

The 2026 Operating Fund Budget approved by Parish Council includes the following:

- Total Contributions remain the same as 2025 actual contributions based on the information provided on the 2026 Pledge forms and estimates of additional regular donations and potential growth.
- Rental Income includes a full year commitment from the Mi Casa Montessori School and the Full Gospel Church and forecasted activity of various community groups.
- Total Operating Expenses are the forecasted expenses necessary to support the continuation of regular operations.
- Excess rental income of $12,000 is transferred from the Operating Fund to the Capital Maintenance Fund.
- The Wisdom Centre contributes $6,600 to the Operating Fund for administrative support.
- The 2026 Budget year end Net Income is a deficit of $7,300, and the Operating Fund balance is $69,892.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Coleman

Anglican Parish of St. Laurence

BALANCE SHEET
as of December 31, 2025

	Operating Fund	Capital Fund	Outreach Activities	Special Activities	Wisdom Centre	Total
Assets						
Chequing Account	18,880	35,702	998	14,132	11,420	81,132
Investment Account	59,535	26,116	-	-	-	85,651
Rectory Account (Diocese)	-	144,465	-	-	-	144,465
Endowment (Calgary Foundation)	-	-	-	58,283	-	58,283
TOTAL CASH	78,415	206,283	998	72,415	11,420	369,531
Prepaid Expenses	1,113	-	-	-	-	1,113
GST Receivable	464	28	-	29	-	521
						-
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	79,992	206,311	998	72,444	11,420	371,165
Equipment	-	175,087	-	-	-	175,087
Accumulated Depreciation	-	(170,866)	-	-	-	(170,866)
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	-	4,221	-	-	-	4,221
TOTAL ASSETS	79,992	210,532	998	72,444	11,420	375,386
Liabilities & Fund Balances						
Rent Deposit	2,800	-	-	-	-	2,800
Accrued Liabilities	-	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,800	-	-	-	3,000	5,800
Fund Balances						
Internally Restricted						
Property	-	4,221	-	-	-	4,221
Capital Maintenance Fund	-	61,846	-	-	-	61,846
Rectory Account	-	144,465	-	-	-	144,465
Rector's Discretionary Fund	-	-	-	3,550	-	3,550
Memorial Fund	-	-	-	7,662	-	7,662
Flower Fund	-	-	-	2,153	-	2,153
Wisdom Centre	-	-	-	-	8,420	8,420
Donor Restricted						-
Choir Fund	-	-	-	390	-	390
Larry's Grill Fund	-	-	-	406	-	406
Endowment Fund	-	-	-	58,283	-	58,283
Alongside Hope	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calgary Food Bank	-	-	-	-	-	-
Easter	-	-	-	-	-	-
Thanksgiving	-	-	-	-	-	-
Christmas	-	-	998	-	-	998
Unrestricted	77,192	-	-	-	-	77,192
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	77,192	210,532	998	72,444	8,420	369,586
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES	79,992	210,532	998	72,444	11,420	375,386

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INCOME STATEMENT

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Operating Fund	2025 Actual To Date	2025 Pro-Rated Budget	Variance	2024 Pro-Rated Actual	2024 Comparison	2025 Annual Budget
	A	B	A - B	C	A - C	
Income						
Contributions						
Identifiable donations	219,835	215,000	4,835	232,523	(12,688)	215,000
Unidentifiable donations	2,977	2,500	477	2,148	829	2,500
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	222,812	217,500	5,312	234,671	(11,859)	217,500
Other Income						
Investment Income	12,367	11,000	1,367	10,583	1,784	11,000
Rental Income	40,450	37,600	2,850	36,950	3,500	37,600
Calendar Sales	226	180	46	158	68	180
Miscellaneous	1,100	-	1,100	250	850	-
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	54,143	48,780	5,363	47,941	6,202	48,780
TOTAL INCOME	276,955	266,280	10,675	282,612	(5,657)	266,280
Expense						
Leadership & Pastoral Ministry						
Salaries & Benefits	105,569	107,750	(2,181)	105,425	144	107,750
Other Clergy Costs - Travel	6,240	6,240	-	6,240	-	6,240
Other Clergy Costs - Conferences	570	500	70	-	570	500
Other Clergy Costs - Training	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pastoral Care	15	250	(235)	51	(36)	250
TOTAL LEADERSHIP & PASTORAL MINISTRY	112,394	114,740	(2,346)	111,716	678	114,740
Worship Ministry						
Salaries & Benefits	19,113	19,100	13	18,201	912	19,100
Music Supplies	1,377	1,400	(23)	854	523	1,400
Training	-	250	(250)	-	-	250
Worship Supplies	788	1,400	(612)	1,515	(727)	1,400
Other Worship Expenses	2,123	1,750	373	1,816	307	1,750
TOTAL WORSHIP MINISTRY	23,401	23,900	(499)	22,386	1,015	23,900
Other Ministry						
Hospitality	1,929	1,600	329	1,606	323	1,600
Library	-	-	-	-	-	-
Workshops/Training	-	250	(250)	-	-	250
Other Ministry Expenses	318	150	168	60	258	150
TOTAL OTHER MINISTRY	2,247	2,000	247	1,666	581	2,000
Spiritual Development						
Child/Youth Spiritual Formation	56	200	(144)	89	(33)	200
Adult Spiritual Formation/Advertising	675	500	175	374	301	500
Memberships	3,150	3,150	-	3,150	-	3,150
TOTAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	3,881	3,850	31	3,613	268	3,850
Building Operation						
Contracted Janitorial	8,012	9,010	(998)	9,010	(998)	9,010
Repairs & Maintenance	5,352	6,500	(1,148)	4,098	1,254	6,500
Supplies	1,594	2,000	(406)	2,926	(1,332)	2,000
Grounds Upkeep	7,646	7,000	646	6,990	656	7,000
Utilities	13,754	15,000	(1,246)	13,935	(181)	15,000
Insurance	8,646	9,000	(354)	8,339	307	9,000
TOTAL BUILDING OPERATION	45,004	48,510	(3,506)	45,298	(294)	48,510
Administration						
Salaries & Benefits	29,283	29,190	93	28,617	666	29,190
Office Expense (including Photocopy)	4,985	3,500	1,485	3,364	1,621	3,500
Telephone & Internet	1,646	1,500	146	1,311	335	1,500
Other Communication (including Website)	3,112	3,200	(88)	2,885	227	3,200
Bank Charges	875	520	355	516	359	520
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	39,901	37,910	1,991	36,693	3,208	37,910
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	226,828.00	230,910.00	(4,082.00)	221,372.00	5,456.00	230,910.00

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	2025 Actual To Date	2025 Pro-Rated Budget	Variance	2024 Pro-Rated Actual	2024 Comparison	2025 Annual Budget
	A	B	A - B	C	A - C	
Diocesan Commitments						
Apportionment	41,039	41,039	-	41,172	(133)	41,039
Other Diocesan Commitments	-	300	(300)	-	-	300
TOTAL DIOCESAN COMMITMENTS	41,039	41,339	(300)	41,172	(133)	41,339
TOTAL EXPENSE	267,867	272,249	(4,382)	262,544	5,323	272,249
NET INCOME	9,088	(5,969)	15,057	20,068	(10,980)	(5,969)
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds						
Xfr to Capital Fund (re: Rental Income)	(12,000)	(12,000)	-	(12,000)	-	(12,000)
Xfr to Capital Fund (re: Computer Acquisition)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Xfr from Wisdom Centre (re: Admin Support)	6,600	6,600	-	6,600	-	6,600
Total Transfers	(5,400)	(5,400)	-	(5,400)	-	(5,400)
NET INCOME after Transfers	3,688	(11,369)	15,057	14,668	(10,980)	(11,369)
OPERATING FUND BALANCES						
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	73,504	73,504		58,836		73,504
Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)	77,192	62,135		73,504		62,135

Capital Fund

	Capital Maintenance	Property (Equipment)	Rectory Account	Total
Income				
Donations	300	-	-	300
Investment Gain/(Loss)	829	-	7,889	8,718
Other		-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,129	-	7,889	9,018
Expense				
Amortization	-	6,196	-	6,196
Building/Grounds Upgrades	2,456	-	-	2,456
Dispositions	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,456	6,196	-	8,652
NET INCOME	(1,327)	(6,196)	7,889	366
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds				
Transfer from Operating Fund	12,000	-	-	12,000
Transfer to Property (Equipment)	(857)		-	(857)
Transfer from Capital Maintenance	-	857	-	857
Total Transfers	11,143	857	-	12,000
NET INCOME after Transfers	9,816	(5,339)	7,889	12,366
CAPITAL FUND BALANCES				
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	52,030	9,560	136,576	198,166
Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)	61,846	4,221	144,465	210,532

Special Activities Fund

	Endowment	Memorial	Flower	Choir	Larry's Grill	Rector's Discretionary	Total
Contributions/Investment Gain/(Loss)	2,255	144	795	100	-	2,800	6,094
Less: Withdrawals	-	(350)	(830)	(163)	-	(2,581)	(3,924)
NET CONTRIBUTIONS/(WITHDRAWALS)	2,255	(206)	(35)	(63)	-	219	2,170
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds							
Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET CONTRIBUTIONS after Transfers	2,255	(206)	(35)	(63)	-	219	2,170
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES FUND BALANCES							
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	56,028	7,868	2,188	453	406	3,331	70,274
Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)	58,283	7,662	2,153	390	406	3,550	72,444

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Outreach Fund	Special Envelopes	Alongside Hope	Food Bank	Other	Total
Income					
Donations	-	1,430	50	-	1,480
Easter Envelopes (St. Jude's Mission Church)	575	-	-	-	575
Thanksgiving Envelopes (Calgary Food Bank)	910	-	-	-	910
Christmas Envelopes (Brown Bags for Calgary Kids)	998	-	-	-	998
Other Income	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	2,483	1,430	50	-	3,963
Expense					
Alongside Hope	-	1,430	-		1,430
Calgary Food Bank	-	-	200	-	200
Easter Envelopes (St. Jude's Mission Church)	575	-	-	-	575
Thanksgiving Envelopes (Calgary Food Bank)	910	-	-	-	910
Christmas Envelopes (Drop-In Centre)	645	-	-	-	645
Other	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSE	2,130	1,430	200	-	3,760
NET INCOME	353	-	(150)	-	203
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds					
Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	-	-	-		-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
NET INCOME after Transfers	353	-	(150)	-	203
OUTREACH FUND BALANCES					
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	645	-	150	-	795
Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)	998	-	-	-	998

Wisdom Centre Fund	
Revenue	
Donations	1,175
Registration - Event 1	900
Registration - Event 2	752
TOTAL INCOME	2,827
Expenditures	
Facilitator Costs - Event 2	390
Location Costs - Event 2	475
Other Costs - Event 2	57
Other	577
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,499
NET INCOME	1,328
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds	
Transfer from/(to) Other Funds	(6,600)
Total Transfers	(6,600)
NET INCOME after Transfers	(5,272)
WISDOM CENTRE FUND BALANCES	
Opening Balance (January 1, 2025)	13,692
Closing Balance (December 31, 2025)	8,420

NOTES:

Operating Fund	**Previous Year's Results:**
	2024 Surplus 14,668
	2023 Deficit (8,249)
	2022 Deficit (6,574)

Outreach Fund	**2025 Special Envelope Designations:**
	Easter - St. Jude's Mission Church
	Thanksgiving - Calgary Food Bank
	Christmas - Brown Bags for Calgary Kids

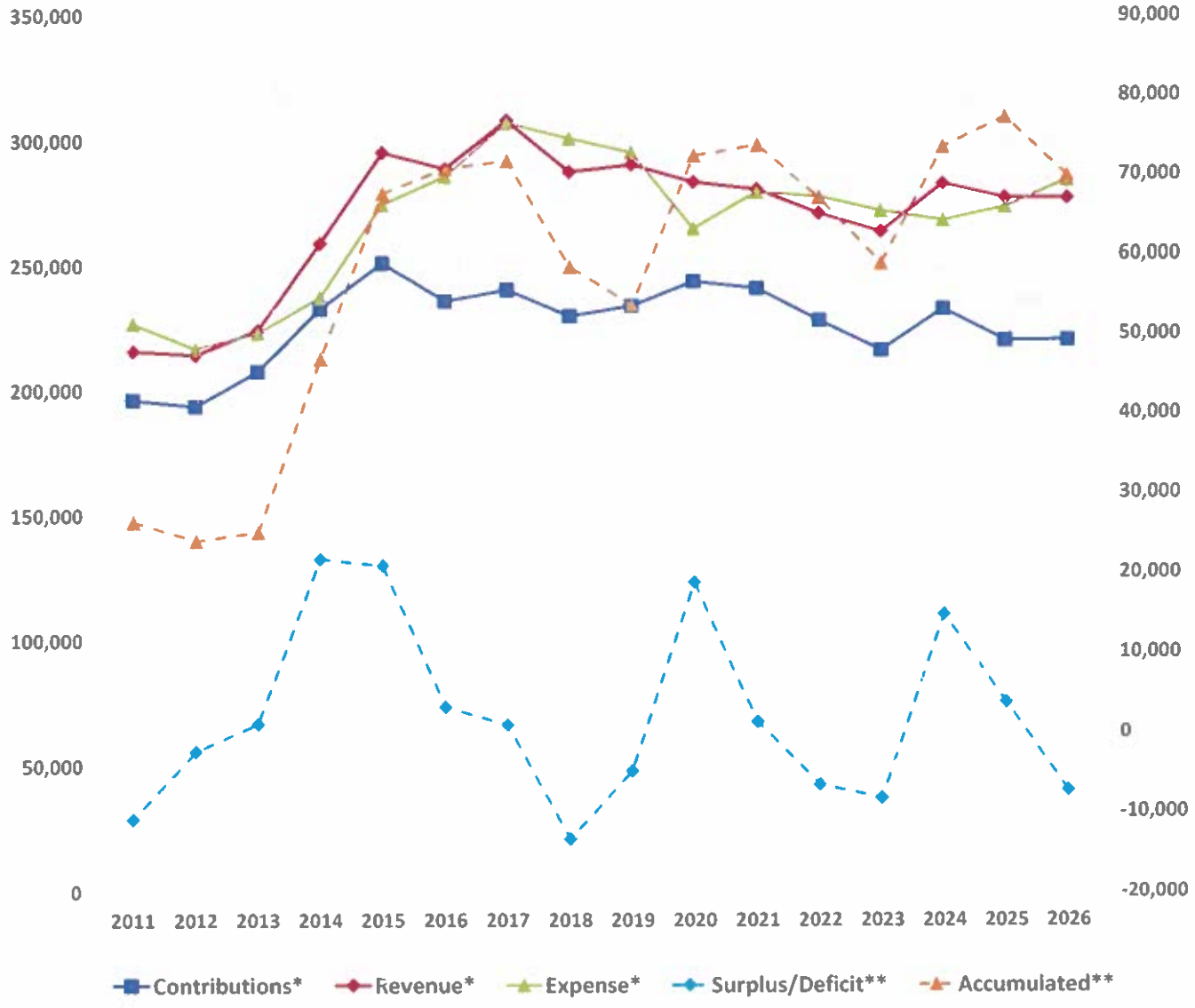
Inter-Fund Transfers 2025	From Operating to Capital Maintenance: $12,000 for excess rental income
	From Wisdom Centre to Operating: $6,600 for administrative support

Operating Fund Summary

	Contributions*	Revenue*	Expense*	Surplus/Deficit**	Accumulated**
2026	220,000	276,800	284,100	-7,300	69,892
2025	219,835	276,955	273,267	3,688	77,192
2024	232,523	282,612	267,944	14,668	73,504
2023	215,997	263,554	271,803	-8,249	58,835
2022	227,935	270,885	277,459	-6,574	67,084
2021	240,830	280,511	279,212	1,299	73,658
2020	243,634	283,446	264,710	18,736	72,359
2019	233,831	290,388	295,219	-4,831	53,623
2018	229,804	287,564	300,861	-13,297	58,454
2017	240,336	308,114	307,166	948	71,751
2016	235,831	288,811	285,667	3,144	70,803
2015	250,997	295,289	274,448	20,841	67,659
2014	232,729	258,928	237,261	21,667	46,818
2013	207,636	224,285	223,205	1,080	25,151
2012	193,780	214,407	216,764	-2,357	24,071
2011	196,301	215,942	226,775	-10,833	26,428

Notes:

1. In chart below, use left scale for Contributions*, Revenue*, and Expense*; use right scale for Surplus/Deficit**, and Accumulated**
2. Expense amounts above include inter-fund transfers.
3. Shaded cells above are budget amounts.



	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
	Parish Council Approved			
Income				
Contributions				
Envelope donations	220,000	219,835	215,000	232,523
Open donations	2,600	2,977	2,500	2,148
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	222,600	222,812	217,500	234,671
Other Income				
Investment Income	13,400	12,367	11,000	10,583
Rental Income	40,600	40,450	37,600	36,950
Calendar Sales	200	226	180	158
Miscellaneous	-	1,100	-	250
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	54,200	54,143	48,780	47,941
TOTAL INCOME	276,800	276,955	266,280	282,612
Expense				
Leadership & Pastoral Ministry				
Salaries & Benefits	108,500	105,569	107,750	105,425
Other Clergy Costs - Travel	6,240	6,240	6,240	6,240
Other Clergy Costs - Conferences	550	570	500	-
Other Clergy Costs - Training	-	-	-	-
Pastoral Care	250	15	250	51
TOTAL LEADERSHIP & PASTORAL MINISTRY	115,540	112,394	114,740	111,716
Worship Ministry				
Salaries & Benefits	19,540	19,113	19,100	18,201
Music Supplies	1,410	1,377	1,400	854
Training	250	-	250	-
Worship Supplies	850	788	1,400	1,515
Other Worship Expenses	2,300	2,123	1,750	1,816
TOTAL WORSHIP MINISTRY	24,350	23,401	23,900	22,386
Other Ministry				
Hospitality	1,800	1,929	1,600	1,606
Library	-	-	-	-
Workshops/Training	250	-	250	-
Other Ministry Expenses	300	318	150	60
TOTAL OTHER MINISTRY	2,350	2,247	2,000	1,666
Spiritual Development				
Child/Youth Spiritual Formation	150	56	200	89
Adult Spiritual Formation/Advertising	850	675	500	374
Memberships	3,150	3,150	3,150	3,150
TOTAL SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	4,150	3,881	3,850	3,613
Building Operation				
Contracted Janitorial	9,010	8,012	9,010	9,010
Repairs & Maintenance	6,000	5,352	6,500	4,098
Supplies	1,550	1,594	2,000	2,926
Grounds Upkeep	7,500	7,646	7,000	6,990
Utilities	15,000	13,754	15,000	13,935
Insurance	10,890	8,646	9,000	8,339
TOTAL BUILDING OPERATION	49,950	45,004	48,510	45,298
Administration				
Salaries & Benefits	29,920	29,283	29,190	28,617
Office Expense (including Photocopy)	4,800	4,985	3,500	3,364
Telephone & Internet	1,650	1,646	1,500	1,311
Other Communication (including Website)	3,100	3,112	3,200	2,885
Bank Charges	450	875	520	516
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	39,920	39,901	37,910	36,693
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	236,260	226,828	230,910	221,372

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	2026 Budget	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2024 Actual
	Parish Council Approved			
Operating Fund Budget - Continued				
Diocesan Commitments				
Apportionment	42,140	41,039	41,039	41,172
Other Diocesan Commitments	300	-	300	-
TOTAL DIOCESAN COMMITMENTS	42,440	41,039	41,339	41,172
TOTAL EXPENSE	278,700	267,867	272,249	262,544
NET INCOME	(1,900)	9,088	(5,969)	20,068
Transfers from/(to) Other Funds				
Xfr to Capital Fund (re: Rental Income)	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)	(12,000)
Xfr to Capital Fund (re: Computer Acquisition)	-	-	-	-
Xfr from Wisdom Centre (re: Admin Support)	6,600	6,600	6,600	6,600
Total Transfers	(5,400)	(5,400)	(5,400)	(5,400)
NET INCOME after Transfers	(7,300)	3,688	(11,369)	14,668
Opening Balance (January 1)	77,192	73,504	73,504	58,836
Closing Balance (December 31)	69,892	77,192	62,135	73,504