



# **Annual Report**

## **AUGUST 2024 - JULY 2025**

Metropolitan Bible Church  
Ministry Corporation





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# About Us

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The Metropolitan Bible Church ("The Met") has been a lighthouse for the gospel in Canada's capital region since 1931. Our mission is to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, together engaging people with the gospel, establishing believers in the gospel and equipping servants of the gospel, in our nation's capital and the nations of the world.

2024-2025



# Meet Our Ministry Team

as of December 2025



Christopher Joseph  
(Joy Gill)  
Interim Lead Pastor



Richard Agnew  
Associate Pastor



Adam Callaway  
Pastor, MetYA



Manasseh Eric  
Pastor, MetSeniors



Greg Kopczyk  
Pastor, MetYouth &  
Families



Mason Bramer  
Pastor, MetMen & 25-35



Sandra Tharakan  
Director, Connections &  
Outreach



Jessica Dyck  
Director, MetWomen



Josh Ninaber  
Director, Worship



# Meet Our Support Team

as of December 2025



Sue Reissner  
Manager, Finance



Chris Samuel  
Manager, MetKids



Maddie Garcia  
Manager, Communications



Mary Ferguson  
Manager, MetCare



Rhys Loftus  
Manager, MetYouth



Fernando de Oliveira  
Manager, Facility



Caitie Clarke  
Office Coordinator



Shayna Winn  
Coordinator, Missions



Lorna Powell  
Coordinator, MetKids



Elisa Garcia  
Coordinator, MetKids



Sarah Berghuis  
Coordinator, Connections  
& Outreach



Aiden McCooey  
Coordinator, Community  
Groups & 25-35



Kay Kwan  
Coordinator, Accounts  
Payable



Sabrina Warquentin  
Communications Specialist



Lorena Severson  
Secretary, Donations



Connor Warnholtz  
Assistant, Ministry



Carolyn Thomas  
Assistant, Executive



Tiffany Yang  
Assistant, MetWomen





Joe Candy  
Assistant, Worship/Tech



Ethan Bradley  
Assistant, Production



Kaia Bittle  
Administrative Assistant,  
Front Desk



Glenn Miller  
Administrative Assistant,  
MetKids



Steven Denis  
Administrative Assistant,  
MetKids



Claire Vandesande  
Administrative Assistant,  
MetYA



Joy Ng  
M In Training



Jacob Abraham  
Intern



Senai Debebe  
Intern



Jeff Gravel  
Custodian



Sam Lee  
Custodian



Arsene Jean-Pierre  
Custodian



Martins Igbinoba  
Custodian



# Meet Our Lay Elders

as of December 2025



Jonathan Brown  
Chair, Ministry Corporation



Andrew Harwood  
Vice-Chair, Ministry Corporation



David Thai  
Secretary, Ministry Corporation



Marc Bezanson  
Treasurer, Ministry Corporation



Kevin Ferguson  
Director, Ministry Corporation



Craig Bailey  
Director, Ministry Corporation



Stefan Smith  
Director, Ministry Corporation

# Annual General Meeting Agenda

## **Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation**

1. Note From the Chairman
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Members' Meeting
4. Introduction of New Members
5. Nominating Committees' Report
6. Election of Directors for the Ministry Board
7. Announcement of Ministry Board Election Results
8. Presentation of Audited Financial Statements: August 2024 to July 2025
9. Appointment of Auditors for 2025-26
10. Ministry & Missions Update
11. Questions From the Floor

# Message From the Interim Lead Pastor

*Dear Church Family,*

As we reflect on the 2024–2025 ministry year, I am deeply grateful for the faithfulness of God among us - we can clearly see it. This has been a year of growth, not just in numbers, but in depth. A year where the gospel continued to do what it always does when it is faithfully proclaimed: it calls, it convicts, it comforts, and it transforms.

Throughout the year, we have had the joy of celebrating men and women who publicly declared their faith in Christ through baptism. God is still at work drawing people to Himself, giving new life, and building His church in ways no human effort could manufacture. These moments have been a source of powerful encouragement to our whole church family.

This year has also been marked by the faithful service of many. Volunteers, leaders, and staff have given themselves generously, often in unseen ways, to



ensure that ministry happens week after week. From teaching children and youth, to welcoming newcomers, to caring for those walking through grief or hardship, the body of Christ has functioned as it was meant to. I am continually humbled by the willingness of so many to serve with joy and perseverance.

Our heart for God's mission beyond our walls has remained strong as well. We have continued to invest prayer, people, and resources into local outreach and global missions, particularly among unreached and underserved communities. It has been encouraging to see our congregation grow in awareness, generosity, and engagement with God's work around the world, and to be reminded that we are part of something far bigger than ourselves.

This past year has also included a season of transition. With change comes both challenge and opportunity, and I am thankful for the grace, unity, and trust that have characterized our church through these moments. God has been kind to guide us steadily, and to remind us that He is the true Shepherd of His church. All of us simply serve under Him, and can do nothing apart from His enabling grace.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence grounded not in our plans, our credentials, our knowledge, or our strategies, but in God's promises. Our calling remains clear: *to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, together engaging people with the gospel, establishing believers in the gospel, and equipping servants of the gospel, here in our city and to the ends of the earth.*

Thank you for walking faithfully together this year. It is a privilege to serve Christ alongside you, and I look forward with hope and expectation to what the Lord will continue to do among us.

*With gratitude to God.*

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH (JOY GILL)

Interim Lead Pastor

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# Chairman's Report

As I look back at what God has done at The Met in the 2024-2025 ministry season, God's faithfulness and provision to our church family really stand out. This has been seen in countless ways including the continued growth and fruit of our ministries, and our continued commitment to sharing the gospel. As a church family of over 700 members, approximately 2,000 Sunday worship service attendees, and hundreds of others involved during the week, there are numerous ways we are *engaging, establishing, and equipping people in the gospel*.

Together, we are *engaging people in the gospel*, by introducing them to Jesus and welcoming them into a warm, caring environment. In the spring, 27 people participated in Christianity Explored, including some young adults, to engage in intentional discussions about who Christ is. Some of them made professions of faith after going through this class! MetYouth also started an Alpha Course because of the number of non-believers who were attending. We have also been grateful for the open doors to do outreach, as the City of Ottawa invited us to return to the Banff-Ledbury community to host another camp this summer. As a church, we are being a light to the city and helping people know and experience the love of Christ, perhaps for the first time.

Together, we are *establishing believers in the gospel*. Many of our mid-week ministries have been flourishing this year as we witness the number of regular attendees increase from previous years. This demonstrates the quality of our ministry programming that accommodates people in various life stages. This year, we regularly saw 249 women at MetWomen, 120 at MetSeniors, 163 at MetMen, and over 100 people in the 18 Community Groups that meet across the city. On Sundays, MetKids had 314 children involved in Sunday School for winter/spring 2025, which was up from 268 the previous year. It is such a privilege to minister to a diverse group of people who are eager to engage in the Word and deepen their relationships with God.

Together, we are *equipping servants of the gospel*. Our heart for evangelism as a church aligns with our ability to prepare people to share the gospel and minister effectively. The Met's Internship program continues to draw young people to receive hands-on ministry training, many of whom continue to work in full-time ministry afterwards. Seniors were challenged to share the gospel intentionally, and the Men's Breakfast last year was focused on equipping and empowering men to bless others with the good news. We were again encouraged with our annual Celebrate Missions Conference in November 2024, as missions and outreach continue to be a vital part of Met ministry. Praise God for the ways that The Great Commission continues in and through us, as we pray, give, and send, so the gospel can be brought to all nations.

In all of this, together, we are *glorifying God by making disciples of Jesus Christ*. The leaders and volunteers at our church are incredible. There are so many dedicated individuals who offer their gifts and energy to serve, teach, pray, and support our various ministries. I give praise to our God for the wonderful pastoral staff, ministry support staff, custodial staff, and our volunteers who serve so faithfully.

While there is much to celebrate and much to be encouraged by, I also want to recognize the challenges of this season. I want to acknowledge that for many there has been a sense of loss and uncertainty with Pastor Jonathan's departure. While these feelings are real, we also see how God has blessed us with wonderful pastors and directors who continue to speak God's truth and encouragement into our lives each week. We are so grateful for their service and dedication.

We also look forward to the opportunities that the Auriga property could provide in the future life of the church. While the planning for the uses of the building is still in its early stages, we are grateful for your commitment to giving towards it and we are excited for how this property could be used to expand God's Kingdom here in Ottawa.

Everything that happens at The Met would not be possible without your involvement. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness and wisdom in building His church through our congregation. On behalf of the Board, thank you all for your servant hearts!

May you be encouraged by the words of The Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:20-21,

*"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."*

*Blessings in Christ.*



JONATHAN BROWN  
Chair, Ministry Corporation

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# Treasurer's Report

August 1, 2024 to July 31, 2025 was the first full Fiscal Year (FY) on the new reporting schedule. Switching to a fiscal year which starts in August and ends in July has helped to align budgeting with the "program year" which follows the academic calendar (September to June). Another advantage is that the significant boost of December giving comes at a point when we can re-evaluate expenses and adjust as needed to match expected annual donations. This was beneficial in FY 2024/2025 as giving lagged the expected donation levels which were needed to achieve the approved budget. The Board was able to pivot mid-year and reduce spending to more appropriately align with available funds. Many thanks to the ministry teams that worked hard to reduce their budgets yet continued to deliver effective ministry programs.

In the spring of FY 2024/2025, the owner of the 31 Auriga property approached The Met to determine interest in the property purchase. A conditional offer to purchase was negotiated and agreed to by both parties. This conditional offer was presented to the congregation at a special meeting on June 1, 2025, and put to the membership for a vote. The purchase was approved with 77% voting in favour.

God is at work here at The Met and we are grateful for His provision and protection. I want to express my thanks to everyone who calls The Met home, who lifts up this church in prayer and who serves here for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

MARC BEZANSON  
Treasurer, Ministry Board  
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# Nominating Committees' Report

## **The Ministry Corporation Nominating Committee members:**

- Andrew Harwood (Chairman)
- Kathleen Ellingson
- Lorrie Doermer
- William McNair
- Christopher "Joy" Joseph

## **The Property Corporation Nominating Committee members:**

- Christopher "Joy" Joseph (Chairman)
- David Thai
- Kathleen Ellingson
- Lorrie Doermer
- William McNair

The Ministry and Property Nominating Committees were formed in accordance with The Met Bylaws, with three members-at-large serving on both committees. Directors of the Ministry Board also serve as Elders at The Met. Directors must meet biblical and Bylaw requirements stated in Article 7.2 of the Ministry Board Bylaws.

For the Ministry Corporation, there are five positions to be filled this year. With much prayer and effort from the Nominating Committee and with the Lord's provision, six nominees are being presented to the members for these five positions. The Nominating Committee believes these six men to be qualified in accordance with the Bylaw requirements, including the biblical requirements of 1 Timothy 3:1-7, Titus 1:5-9, and 1 Peter 5:1-4.

For the Property Corporation, there is one position to be filled this year. Again, with prayer, hard work, and the Lord's provision, the Nominating Committee is presenting two nominees to the members for this position.

The Nominating Committees present the following nominees, in alphabetical order, to the members for their consideration and voting:

### **Ministry Corporation Nominees (5 positions)**

1. Jean Abraham
2. Julian Brainerd
3. Jeff Lauzon
4. Vitor Lüdke
5. Doug Perry
6. Lou Ranahan

### **Property Corporation Nominees (1 position)**

1. Anil Balaram
2. Jon Dyck

The Nomination Committee would like to thank those candidates involved in the nominating process, as well as those members who took the time to nominate others. We thank the Lord for His guidance during this process, and ask members to be in prayer for our new Met Boards.

ANDREW HARWOOD

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CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH (JOY GILL)

Property Board Nominating  
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# New Members

The list of members that were approved since the last membership meeting:

- Renuha Balachandran
- Brian Burnie
- Susan Burnie
- Janet Clarke
- Shane Coote
- Shelby Coote
- Fernando de Oliveira
- Luciana de Oliveira
- Larissa de Oliveira
- Greg Goddard
- Jill Jeffrey
- David Olynyk
- Brian Whitestone
- Lynn Whitestone

# Minutes of Previous Members' Meetings

## Special Membership Meeting Minutes Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation June 1, 2025 – 4:00pm

No.	Item	Discussion / Decisions	Action
<b>Ministry Corp. opens</b>			
1	Opening and Call to Order	The members meeting commenced at 4:00pm.  Doug McLellan called the meeting to order, welcomed the members, shared from (insert scripture) and opened in prayer	
2	Quorum	Doug McLellan noted that the 35% quorum specified in the bylaws had been met for this meeting.	
3	Welcoming New Members	David Thai announced and welcomed the new members approved by the Board since the last members meeting.	
4	Approval of Minutes	David Thai moved the following motion to approve the minutes from previous membership meeting:  "The membership approves the minutes from the January 12, 2025 Ministry Corporation membership meeting."  The motion was seconded by Sharon McClure, and was carried	
5	Ministry Update from Lead Pastor	Pastor Jonathan provided a ministry update that included sharing the vision and hope for the Met's role in proclaiming the gospel.	
<b>Ministry Corp. adjourns; Property Corp. opens</b>			
6	Call to Order	Mike Mulder called the meeting to order.	
7	Approval of Minutes	David Thai moved the following motion to approve the minutes from previous membership meeting:  "The membership approves the minutes from the January 12, 2025 Property Corporation membership meeting."  The motion was seconded by Trevor Clark, and was carried	
8a	Purchase of Auriga, expansion of facility, and fundraising	David Thai moved the following motion to approve the purchase of the Auriga building, the borrowing of funds, the initiation of project planning for our current building, and fundraising for both Auriga and the development of our current building.  <i>"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Members of the Metropolitan Bible Church Property Corporation approve the purchase of the property located at 31 Auriga Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K2E 1C4 at a purchase price of \$6.6 million plus applicable taxes, subject to the</i>	



No.	Item	Discussion / Decisions	Action
		<p>satisfactory completion of due diligence, legal review, and financing arrangements;</p> <p>AND THAT the Members further authorize the Corporation to borrow up to \$6.6 million, on terms and conditions deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors;</p> <p>AND THAT the Board of Directors is hereby authorized to take all necessary steps to finalize the purchase, including signing any agreements or legal documents required to complete the transaction;</p> <p>AND THAT the Members also approve the initiation of project planning for Phase 3 of the development at 2176 Prince of Wales Drive and fundraising for both 31 Auriga Drive purchase and 2176 Prince of Wales Drive development, with expenses not to exceed \$35,000 (Fiscal Year 2024/2025) and further details to be presented at the next Members' meeting."</p> <p>Seconded by Jonathan Brown</p>	
8b	Faithful to Fulfill	Stefan Smith presented the Faithful to Fulfill initiative and its need analysis findings.	
8c	31 Auriga Dr Proposal	Mike presented the proposal to purchase 31 Auriga Dr and key facts related to the property. Marc provided the financials related to the costs of the property.	
8d	Questions from the floor	Members were invited to ask questions from the floor, and responses were provided by the Board.	
8e	Prayer	Pastor Jonathan prayed prior to the vote	
8f	Vote	Members were invited to complete and submit their ballots. David Thai announced the scrutineers.	
<b>Property Corp. adjourns; Ministry Corp. opens</b>			
8g	Results	David Thai announced that the following motion in item 8a has passed by 77%.	
9	Closing remarks and prayer	Doug gave closing remarks and concluded the meeting in prayer.	
10	Adjournment	The members' meeting was adjourned.	





**Membership Meeting Minutes  
Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation  
September 14, 2025 – 4:00PM**

No.	Item	Discussion / Decisions
1	Opening and Call to Order	The members meeting commenced at 4:00pm.  Doug McLellan open in Philippians 4:4-7
2	Quorum	David Thai confirmed that the 35% quorum specified in the bylaws had been met for this meeting. Doug McLellan notified the membership.
3	Welcoming New Members	David Thai announced and welcomed the new members approved by the Board since the last members meeting.
4	Approval of Minutes	David Thai moved the following motion to approve the minutes from previous membership meeting:  "The membership approves the minutes from the June 1, 2025, Ministry Corporation membership meeting."  The motion was seconded by Brian Bartell and was carried
5	Ministry Update from Lead Pastor	Pastor Jonathan Griffiths provided a ministry update on how the Lord is providing gospel opportunity especially in the younger generation and how the Met has a strong opportunity to serve as a church that reaches people both locally and widely.
6a	Special Member Resolution	Samuel Maley presented his member's proposal.  <i>"It is RESOLVED for the fiscal 2025/2026, that The Met ministry corporation commits to fund the cost of ETT being broadcast locally on CHRI, to a maximum of \$150,000. The support would be exclusively for broadcast program production costs and airtime costs to broadcast on CHRI. The membership tasks the Board to further taper support for subsequent years."</i>  Seconded by Janice Sadler.  Samuel Maley provided a presentation explaining a backgrounder on his member proposal.  Stefan Smith provided the Board's response and its recommendation.  Members were invited to discuss and ask questions from the floor and responses were provided between Samuel and the Ministry Board.
6b	Vote	Members were invited to complete and submit their ballots. David Thai announced and thanked the scrutineers and staff for their help.
6c	Meeting Recess	Doug announces a meeting recess as votes for the member proposal are counted.



No.	Item	Discussion / Decisions
6d	Results of Special Member Resolution	Doug McLellan announced that the member's proposal was approved by 59%.
7	Review 2024-25 Ministry Corp. Financial Summary	<p>Marc Bezanson provided an update of the Ministry Corp.'s 2024-25 financials.</p> <p>Marc also gave a backgrounder to the financial fraud incident that occurred at the Met and the activities that transpired related to the Ministry Corporation.</p>
8a	2025-26 Ministry Corp. Budget	<p>Marc Bezanson moved the following motion to approve the ministry corporation's budget:</p> <p>"The Met Ministry Corporation budget 2025-26 approved as presented."</p> <p>Pastor Christopher (Joy) Joseph presented the budget with a proposed budget of \$5.05M (which is broken down to an operating budget of \$4.845M and a planned surplus of \$205K) with justification for its amount. He highlighted the needed personnel hires, the further work being poured in missions and outreach,</p> <p>Members were invited to discuss and ask questions from the floor and responses were provided by the Ministry Board and Pastor Joy.</p> <p>The motion was seconded by Robert Tooke.</p>
8b	Vote	Members were invited to complete and submit their ballots.
9	Director Nominating Committee Update	Samuel Senathipathy provided an updated for both Ministry and Property boards' nominating committees.
10	Missions Update	Pastor Christopher (Joy) Joseph provided an update on missions.
10	Meeting Recess	Doug announces a meeting recess as votes for the 2025-26 ministry budget are counted.
8c	Results of 2025-26 Ministry Corp. Budget	Doug McLellan announced, due to time, that the results for the Ministry Corp. budget will be shared through email to the Membership.
11	Meeting adjournment	Doug McLellan adjourns the meeting. Seconded by Paul Smith.

# WORLD MISSIONS REPORT



# World Missions Report

*"Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."*

**- 3 John 5-8**

## Introduction

Dear Church Family,

The mission of God has always advanced through faithful, ordinary obedience from the people of God, empowered by the Spirit of God. The apostle John reminds us that when we support those who go out "for the sake of the name," we become "fellow workers for the truth" (3 John 5-8). This report is a testimony to that work and to God's grace at work through our church.

As you read these pages, you will see many different contexts and expressions of ministry. From welcoming newcomers here in Canada, to gospel witness among Indigenous communities, to media outreach and discipleship across the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The backgrounds and settings in which God's work is happening are diverse, but the calling is the same we received 2,000 years ago: "Go and make disciples of all nations..." (Matthew 28:19). Christ is building His church, and He is pleased to use local churches like ours as both senders and supporters.

We are deeply encouraged by what the Lord has done this past year. Doors have opened for the gospel where access is limited. Leaders are being trained and multiplied. Marriages and families are being strengthened. Young people are hearing the good news of Jesus Christ, often for the first time. Behind every story in this report is prayer, generosity, and quiet faithfulness from God's people.

This report is not meant to impress, but to give thanks. It reminds us that missions is not something we outsource, but something we participate in together. Some are called to go. Many are called to stay, pray, give, encourage, and care. All are called to be faithful.

My prayer is that as you read, your heart would be stirred with gratitude and renewed vision. May we continue to send men and women in a manner worthy of God, trusting that He will use our obedience for the spread of the gospel and the glory of His name. With thanksgiving to God and confidence in His ongoing work,

*Pastor Joy*

Executive & Missions Pastor

## Evangelism & Outreach

### Canada-Wide Outreach Initiatives

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#### Newcomers to Canada

Each week, Met Missionary Allan Hiller, along with his team, welcome hundreds of newcomer families into their centre where they receive practical help and support through food and furniture provisions. Through these encounters, they have been able to develop relationships and start Bible studies, especially with those in the Eritrean community, as well as those from French/Swahili backgrounds.

#### Mission to Kyuquot

In April 2025, Capro Canada had the opportunity to send a small team on a short-term mission trip to Kyuquot, an isolated island in British Columbia with the aim of learning how Capro might assist the local church, build trust and friendship in the community, and share Christ with the lost. Addiction, suicide, family dysfunction, and demonic activities are prevalent on the island, according to the testimonies of the people. However, there is hope as the Lord has planted Christians to shine the light in the community.





## Amish Ministry

Simply based on geography, God has opened the doors for a unique ministry opportunity for Henry and Kara deRoos among the Amish in their community. Over the course of several months, they have had the opportunity to invest in the faith journey of a young Amish woman named Adeline as she came to faith in Jesus Christ, left the Amish community, and got baptized.

## Global Outreach Initiatives

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### Media Ministry

In North Africa and the Middle East, social media and the internet continue to open doors for gospel ministry that would not otherwise be safe or available.

We rejoice with Khalil whose ministry saw nearly 650 people throughout the Arab world come to faith through their media ministry. Likewise, each quarter in North Africa, SB and his team have the opportunity to share the gospel with nearly 1,000 people.

### School Ministry

In Peru, the ministry of Word of Life (led by Met Missionaries Ruben and Graciela Matos) continues to see tremendous opportunity and favour among public schools throughout the country. Ruben has shared, "God has opened an incredible door for us to bring the message of salvation to schools in every city in Peru!"

Through "Born Again," a live performance that includes drama, music, and multimedia, thousands of people including students and teachers have made decisions for Christ and are now being followed up with by pastors from local churches.



## Alpha Marriage in Khmer

After many years of using the Alpha Marriage Course as a tool in English, Nary McCullough received an answer to prayer when the materials were translated into her heart language, Khmer. Now her and Matthew are able to lead Alpha Marriage to Nary's people in their own language and see the Lord transform relationships and marriages as they grow in Christ.



## Camps in Kenya

Through Word of Life in Kenya, Met Missionary Harrison Airo uses camp ministry to bring the gospel to young people. For instance, over Easter they saw 230 youth from neighbouring villages attend an outreach camp at Nazareth Children's Home.





## Discipleship Opportunities

### Muslim Background Believer Discipleship Training

Under the ministry of Horizons International, Cubs to Lions provides intensive discipleship training for Believers from Muslim Backgrounds. While these trainings take place worldwide, this year we had the opportunity to provide scholarships for two individuals to attend a training in Vancouver, where Met Missionary Amal Gendi was also a contributing teacher and mentor for attendees.

### Family Matters First Nations Workshops

Met Missionaries Mark and Ruth Anna Dana continued their work in bringing the hope of the gospel to First Nations communities through their work in the development of the Family Matters First Nations Workshops. Centred around the core concepts of creating homes where everyone knows they are safe, loved no matter what, called and capable, and responsible for their actions, Family Matters offers a powerful framework for building lasting strength in Indigenous homes and communities.



## God at Work Through National Missionaries

Investing in and developing support for national missionaries is an ongoing priority as these individuals play an invaluable role in fulfilling the Great Commission.



National missionaries understand the language, culture and dynamics of their own communities, allowing them to share the gospel more effectively.

This year we were pleased to continue supporting the work of national missionaries. In addition to our existing nine national missionaries, we were able to intentionally support the work of seven national church planters in Nepal, as well as three individuals involved in church planting and discipleship in Morocco.

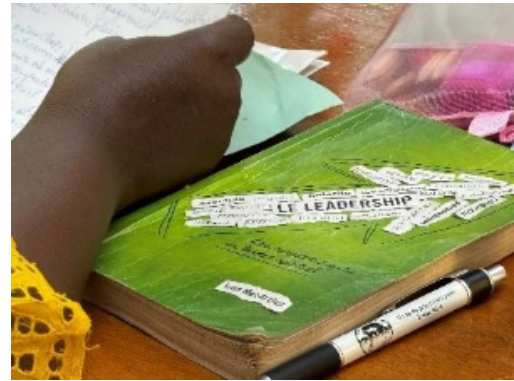
## Leadership Development & Training

### Continued Leadership Training

Lucia Eberle continues to demonstrate that geography is no barrier to building relationships and developing leaders. For several years now, she has taken key leaders in the Dorcas ministry through Continued Leadership Training where participants in Burkina Faso, Benin, and Niger meet by WhatsApp for book study and discussion around key leadership principles. This year they were able to complete the book *Le Leadership* by John MacArthur. This training has allowed Dorcas leaders to deepen their biblical knowledge, be encouraged to preserve in the work entrusted to them, and share experiences as they love widows and lead them towards Christ.

## Leadership Lab

As the Canadian Director of Josiah Venture, Met Missionary Elyse Jackson has played an integral role in the development of Leadership Lab, where they engage in a discipleship and equipping relationship with those leading youth ministries in Canada, the US, and UK in order to support the increase in quality of disciple-making ministries.



## Leadership Multiplication

We are encouraged to hear several reports from North Africa, where they conduct regular leadership trainings, that participants are starting new groups in their respective areas.

## Missions Equipping & Church Connection

### Missions Course

From March until May we ran our second iteration of the “God, Missions, and Me” course. An average of 20 participants took part in this 10-week course focusing on the biblical understanding of missions, the current state of missions, and our personal response.



This year we also welcomed several Met Missionaries as both participants and presenters sharing their testimonies and teaching on areas such as local evangelism, discerning God’s call to missions, and missions at our doorstep.



## Missionary Meet & Greets

As Missionaries return for home assignment or transition to new opportunities, we are thankful to be able to host "Meet and Greets" with their supporters and our wider congregation.



This year we had the opportunity to host "Meet and Greets" with the Brazeaus, Umunes, McCulloughs, and Balarams.



## Short-Term Missions Opportunities

Short-term mission trips are a vital tool for equipping the church for global ministry. They provide hands-on experience in cross-cultural settings, deepen understanding of the Great Commission, and cultivate a missional mindset among participants. In August 2024, two short-term missions teams embarked on trips to Poland (five individuals) and Toronto (nine individuals).

- **Poland:** Dedicated to equipping and inspiring the next generation of Polish leaders, alongside Josiah Venture, this team focused on teaching apologetics and fostering a strong foundation of faith and leadership.
- **Toronto:** Partnering with Christ Church, this team played a vital role in supporting Vacation Bible Camp (VBC), creating a vibrant environment for children to learn, grow, and experience the love of Christ.



## MetKids

MetKids demonstrated incredible generosity by raising funds to support Christmas outreach initiatives among our national pastors in Nepal, and during March Break Camp, they contributed \$600 toward children's ministry outreach during Andree-Anne's short-term mission trip to Cambodia in May.



## Pranger Family

As they continued to discern God's call for missions in their lives, the Pranger family was given the opportunity to spend the summer serving with Africa Inland Missions where they were able to help with the construction of a community centre in Tanzania, as well as explore opportunities at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya.



## Missionary Care & Support

Missionary Care continues to be an essential focus of our ministry as it helps to enable our missionaries to serve effectively and reminds them that they are valued and supported even when serving far from home.

### Met Connect Calls

Each week our Missions Pastor and Missionary Care Coordinator meet with missionaries over Zoom as part of their bi-annual "Met Connect" calls. This allows us to become better informed about the lives and ministry of our missionaries, know how to support them more effectively, and spend time praying with them.

Between August-July 2025 more than 50 Met Connect calls took place with missionaries around the world.



### Missions Committee

Our Missions Committee is comprised of five to six individuals who are committed to praying for our missionaries on an on-going basis. Countless hours are spent reading and praying through missionary updates.

## Celebrate Missions 2024

### GOOD NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH

**Theme Verse:** *"And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God."* - Luke 13:29 (ESV)

**Keynote Speaker:** Dr Ajith Fernando



From November 3-8, 2024, The Met hosted our annual missions conference, Celebrate Missions, where we looked at the topic "Good News from the Global South." This week-long event is intended to inspire, educate, and mobilize the church toward God's global mission.

Missionary participants included: Arvind B. (South Asia), Jeremy and Lindsay Brazeau (Papua Indonesia), John and Jennifer Brown (Global), and Ruben and Graciela Matos (Peru).





Our congregation joined together for several encouraging events such as our Sunday morning services, Missions Dinner and Cultural Program, and Missions Documentary, while missionaries also presented and participated in our various age-and-stage ministries such as MetKids, MetYouth, MetWomen, MetMen, MetSeniors, Awana, MetYA, and Christian Service Brigade (CSB).





## Transitions

This year we've celebrated several significant missionary transitions:

- Laurie Boschman retired after 15 years of serving as a Met Missionary with Hockey Ministries International, impacting countless lives through sports and faith.
- Solina Chy concluded over 30 years of dedicated service in Cambodia, leaving a legacy of gospel work, especially through her radio programs.
- Jeremy and Lindsay Brazeau transitioned after 20 years of missionary service into teaching roles at a Christian school in Indonesia.
- Amanda Spruit, after 15 years of ministry, has paused support as she begins teaching in Ottawa.

We thank God for the faithfulness and eternal impact of each of these missionaries, and look forward to seeing how He continues to lead each of them in this new chapter.

## 2025-26

### Looking Ahead

As we step into the next year, our goals include:

- Onboarding 13 new national partners from India, Canada, Bangladesh, Nepal, Thailand, and Poland
- Welcoming Joy Ng to our team
- Introducing the 1-Day Missions Crash Course
- Enhancing missionary care



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# MINISTRY REPORTS



# KIDS



# MetKids

## Ministry Highlights

This past ministry year has been both stretching and encouraging as I have seen God's faithfulness at work in many ways. I am grateful for how the Lord has grown our Kids Ministry team and deepened relationships with both volunteers and families, even as we navigated several transitions within our staff team. I have witnessed God drawing children closer to Himself through His Word, seen greater engagement during lessons, and had many meaningful conversations with parents about their children's spiritual growth.



A significant highlight from this past year was when the City of Ottawa reached out, inviting us to return to the Banff-Ledbury community to host another camp. Their decision to fully subsidize the centre's rental, allowing us to run the camp free of charge, was yet another evidence of God's provision and the lasting fruit of last year's ministry.

From our annual March Break and Summer Camps, to our weekly Awana and CSB Clubs, to our Jellybeans Drop-In Playgroup, to our regular Sunday School Programs, we have seen children engage in the gospel across a range of ages. We praise God for the many opportunities we have as a church to minister to children at The Met and in our wider community.



## Equipping Leaders

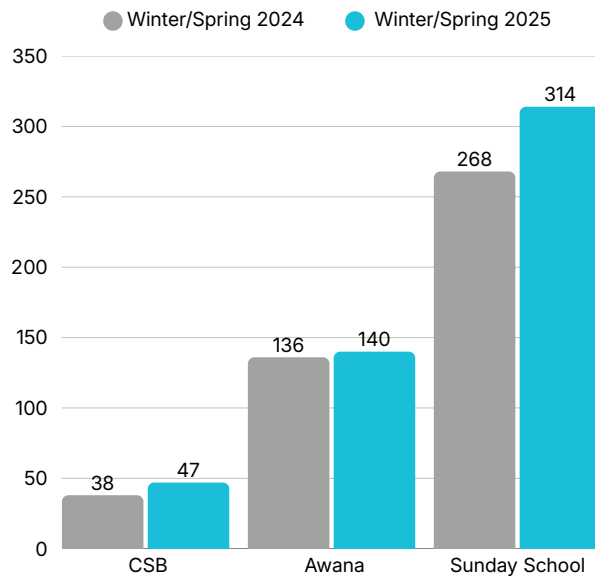
One of our key priorities this year was ensuring that the large-group teaching across the ministry remained faithful, Christ-centred, and rooted in Scripture by equipping our teachers. In His kindness, the Lord has provided us with gifted and intentional teachers who have served the children well through their teaching.





## Every Child Counts

This past year we served hundreds of kids in our clubs, camps, and Sunday School. We saw growth in our programs compared to the same time in the previous year.



From August 2024 to July 2025, we had **495 campers** across our March Break Camp and our Summer Camps.

## 2025-26 Looking Ahead

In the coming year, we hope to work more closely with the Families Pastor to better equip younger families in raising their children to know and follow the Lord. Additionally, we plan to strengthen our presence in the Banff community by creating more initiatives that build deeper relationships and lasting friendships with the families there. Through it all, we trust God to continue leading, providing, and bearing fruit for His glory. We are also excited to add two more staff members to our MetKids team (Glenn and Steve) who are providing administrative support to our Clubs and Sunday School programs.

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# YOUTH

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# MetYouth

## Ministry Highlights

Like many ministries, we saw growth in attendance at MetYouth. This brought its own joys and challenges as we continue to see youth on both ends of the spectrum. Some youth do not feel connected and struggle due to the size of small and large groups. Our prayer here is that we can increase mentor numbers to facilitate smaller groups and actively seek ways that we can support youth to connect. However, on the other end, we have seen such deep relationships being formed. Small groups are coming together and wanting to pray and challenge each other. They are asking questions and purposefully seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ. This has been evident at MetYouth, but we have also had the joy of sharing this with the wider church as we witnessed many of our youth make the decision to be baptized and celebrate alongside the wider church body as they publicly declare their faith.

With increased growth, because our youth are passionate about telling others about Jesus and inviting them to MetYouth, we were able to start an Alpha Course in response to a number of new non-believers attending.





A favourite series that we went through, requested by the youth, was titled "The Making of a Significant Other." Through the series, we sought to reflect on how we should first pursue our relationship with Christ, fight the sin in our lives, and understand how, through Christ, we can be made into a significant other that better reflects Him and His love for the church, rather than seeking our purpose from other relationships. It was encouraging to see the youth be intentional with their relationships.



## Equipping Leaders

Our student leaders did a fantastic job throughout the year. We were encouraged to see their confidence grow as they led from the front, wrestled with theological questions, and planned and executed events.



## Every Youth Counts

This past year we served hundreds of youth and saw growth in our program compared to the same time in the previous year!

Winter/Spring 2024: **151**

Winter/Spring 2025: **207**

# 2025-26

## Looking Ahead

Connectivity: our hope is that we can facilitate a better environment at the beginning and end of youth nights by providing more focused activities and opportunities to interact with other youth.

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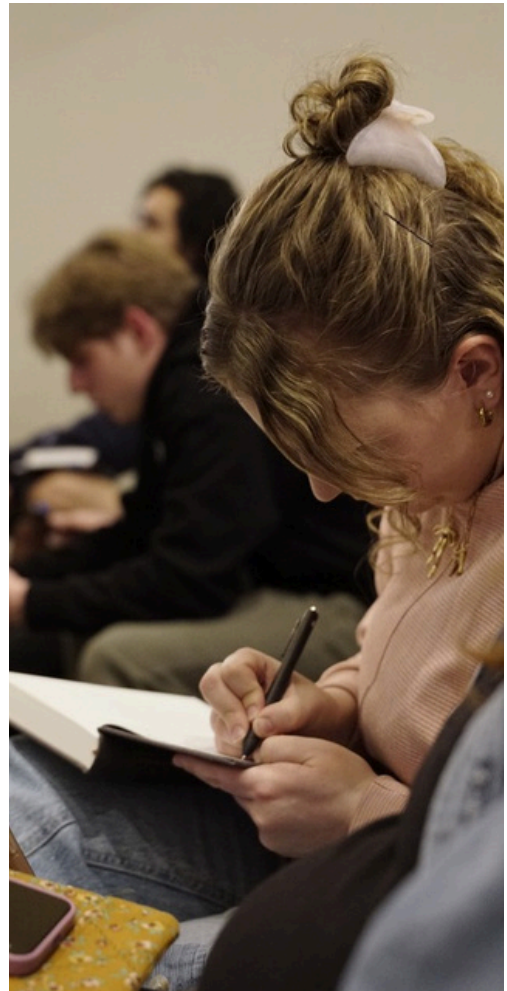


MET YOUNG ADULTS

# Met Young Adults

## Ministry Highlights

The Lord used the unity of our leadership team to establish a culture of welcome and invitation this year. There was a buy-in that was unlike any year before. We would regularly have twenty or more people for our prayer meeting for leaders before YA on Thursdays, whereas in previous years, there might have been five on any given week. People were committed and united around the ministry. There was a spirit of encouragement and gratitude amongst the young adults.



We had a number of young adults join through our Christianity Explored course. One was baptized and another made a profession of faith in Christ. In September, neither of these young men were Christians or going to church at all. Now they are both committed believers. One of our mentors went on a short-term mission trip to Cambodia as well. Two young adults are joining The Met ministry team as interns this year (Jacob and Senai).



## Equipping Leaders

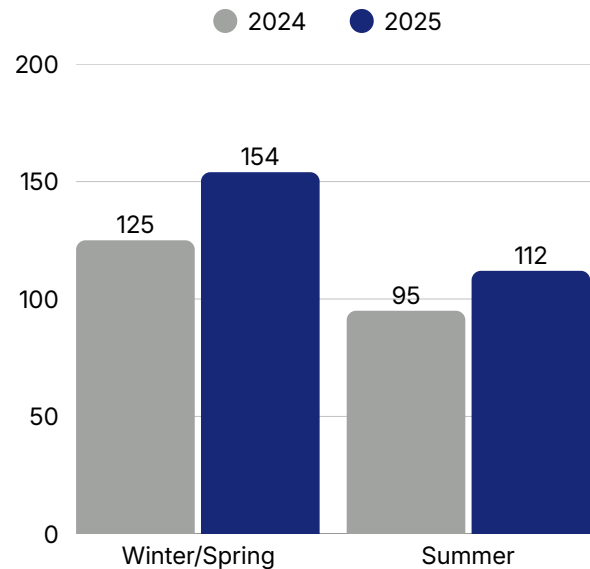
Our leaders read *Faithful Theology* by Graham Cole. It was a great way to get the team thinking theologically and wrestling with the importance of sound doctrine in their leadership roles.





## Every Young Adult Counts

This past school year we witnessed steady involvement from our young adults. We also saw growth in our regular attendance compared to the same time in the previous year.



## 2025-26 Looking Ahead



We want to grow in our outreach efforts to the college and university campuses. We are developing an outreach strategy in partnership with Sandra Tharakan, the Director of Connections and Outreach.

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# 25-35



# Met25-35

## Ministry Highlights

This past year, our 25-35 ministry significantly improved its consistency, hosting monthly events instead of sporadic gatherings. These events fostered fellowship and connection, cultivating a culture where gospel conversations are common and participants seek not just social ties, but also mutual encouragement in their faith journeys.

Our June 21 Day Retreat, featuring Chris Samuel's teaching on "Waiting Upon the Lord", was particularly impactful, with many attendees sharing that it was highly relevant to their current season of life.



## Equipping Leaders

While we added one new leader this year, we hope to continue new leader recruitment next year to allow for current leadership team members to transition out.

## Every 25-35 Counts

As this ministry has become more established, a number of new 25-35-year-olds have joined this community. It is an encouragement to see these friendships form.

Winter/Spring 2025: **57**

Summer 2025: **42**



## 2025-26 Looking Ahead

In addition to our regular fellowship events, we plan to introduce semi-regular roundtable discussions on topics relevant to the spiritual lives of 25-35s. We appreciate continued support to experiment with diverse ministry strategies as we strive to serve a demographic that still often reports feeling somewhat neglected.



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# WOMEN





# MetWomen

## Ministry Highlights

It has been a fruitful year in Women's Ministry. We welcomed several curious unbelievers who wanted to explore the Bible. We watched women grapple with tough questions in Scripture and then emerged thankful and more confident in their faith. We marveled at the intergenerational friendships developing in our small groups (like in Titus 2). We celebrated with women from the ministry who took the step of baptism and a deeper commitment to Jesus. We enjoyed rich teaching and refreshment at the spring retreat.

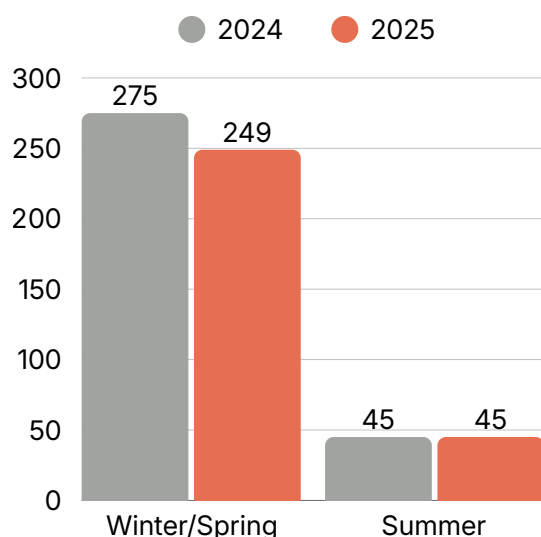


MetWomen continues to produce Bible study materials including study guides and teaching videos on YouTube. It's exciting to see other churches and individuals sharing these resources and spreading the reach of this ministry. Although the technical capacity among our volunteers is quite limited, we hope to improve the quality of our online content. The sound and lighting are often inconsistent and that can detract from the messages being delivered.

## Equipping Leaders

During our quarterly equipping times, the Small Group Facilitators studied *A Book of Comfort For Those in Sickness*. This helpful book offers encouragement and wisdom for ministering to those who are sick, suffering, or near death. Next year, we will be reading Donald Whitney's *Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Life*.

## Every Woman Counts



Many women are involved in our ministry throughout the year, whether on Wednesday mornings, Wednesday evenings, or online. We are privileged to walk with women from various life stages in our ministry.

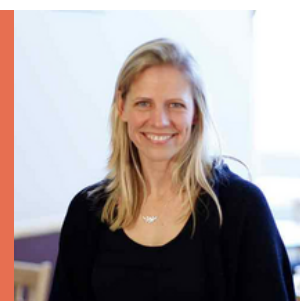


## 2025-26 Looking Ahead

In 2025/26, we will study the attributes of God in the fall and the book of Romans in the winter. With women coming from different backgrounds and various levels of Biblical knowledge, we are emphasizing the fundamentals that every Christian needs to know and understand. We are also excited to welcome Shayna Winn to assist with some administrative needs in MetWomen this fall.

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# MEN





# MetMen

## Ministry Highlights

This past year we saw God cultivate depth in men's trust in Him and relationships with one another. During our study of the life of David, we learned how the gospel pervades every area of our lives and sought to apply it through God's grace to develop friendships that are encouraging and authentic.



In the winter/spring semester, we joined Women's Ministry in a study of the pastoral epistles (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus), considering the role suffering plays in our faith journeys and the roles we're meant to play in God's church.

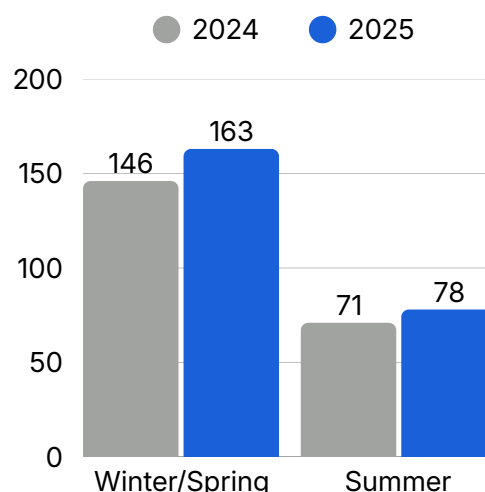


## Equipping Leaders

We held a Men's Breakfast focused on evangelism and employed an "Evangelism Toolkit" that equipped and empowered us to "BLESS" (Begin with prayer, Listen, Eat, Serve, Share) others with the good news.

## Every Man Counts

A number of men are involved in MetMen Fellowship throughout the year, both on Wednesday evenings or Thursday mornings. We are privileged to walk with men from all stages of life in our ministry and celebrate the steady growth we have experienced.



# 2025-26

## Looking Ahead

In 2025-26 we hope to grow our integration of faith and work, as well as develop more intimacy between men as they seek God alongside one another. We're looking to be more strategic with our planning of events and retreats, but will continue to focus mostly on equipping leaders of groups as they disciple others.



**MASON BRAMER**  
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# SENIORS

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# MetSeniors

## Ministry Highlights

It was a year of growth, outwardly and inwardly, as well as physically and spiritually. We were stretched in many ways, especially through our study of the book of Jeremiah and our becoming Heroes of Faith for Christ. Many seniors became actively involved in sharing the gospel, and we witnessed encouraging signs of spiritual maturity.

We are also thankful for program improvements, including the launch of our own YouTube channel, which allows us to preserve and share our content more effectively.



I have been truly encouraged by how united our seniors are in Christ, eager to grow spiritually and unwilling to settle into a “we’ve arrived” mindset. Many are helping others grow in their faith. The ministry continues to grow, remains gospel-centered, and is becoming a model to others.

The fruit has been both deep and visible. One senior, reflecting on one of the challenges we gave them of sharing the gospel, wrote:

*“These challenges gave me the opportunity to build relationships so that the gospel could be shared, because the gospel is everything! It really pushed me! I ended up speaking to about eighty people and had extended conversations with them.”*

Moments like these reflect the heart transformation we are seeing.





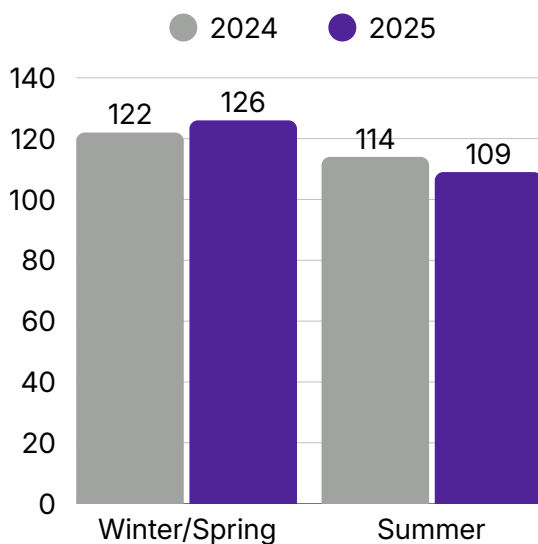
## Equipping Leaders

We have begun welcoming many “younger seniors” (affectionately called “kindergarten seniors”) into our weekly ministries. Several have already stepped into leadership roles, growing our leadership team to 23 and counting.

We continue to equip our leaders through regular rhythms: shared book studies, bi-monthly leadership meetings, and joyful fellowship moments (like our “African Dinner”) that build unity and joy in serving together.

## Every Senior Counts

MetSeniors has been growing not only in number, but in depth and love for the Lord. It is a joy to see these seniors faithfully show up on Thursday mornings.





# 2025-26

## Looking Ahead

We plan to launch three key initiatives to meet current needs and strengthen our ministry:

1. Encouraging One Another - Seniors will be placed into small groups (max eight) based on geography and existing relationships. Each group will have a leader who checks in weekly and reports monthly. Shut-ins will be intentionally included to ensure consistent care and connection.
2. Testimony Projects - We will be working on two video series called "My Salvation Story" and "Finding Hope in the Midst of Trials & Tears." These will feature personal testimonies from seniors to encourage others in their walk with Christ.
3. MetSeniors Conference - We are planning our second conference for Empowering Purposeful Retirement. We are currently praying and searching for a keynote speaker.



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# CARE

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# MetCare

*"But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."*

**- 1 John 3:17-18**

## Ministry Highlights

The prayer of my heart as Care Manager for The Met is that the Lord will teach me how to truly love in deed and in truth. It has been my utmost pleasure to be part of the Care Ministry. Part of the excitement in this ministry is that it spans every area of our Met Family from the mountaintops to the valleys of life: rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep.

Every touchpoint I make within our congregation is as unique as each individual whom God has created. It is a privilege and a blessing to have these opportunities to share Christ's love in the form of an invitation to receive His love and forgiveness, or as an encouragement to a fellow believer who is weeping or rejoicing along the road of life.



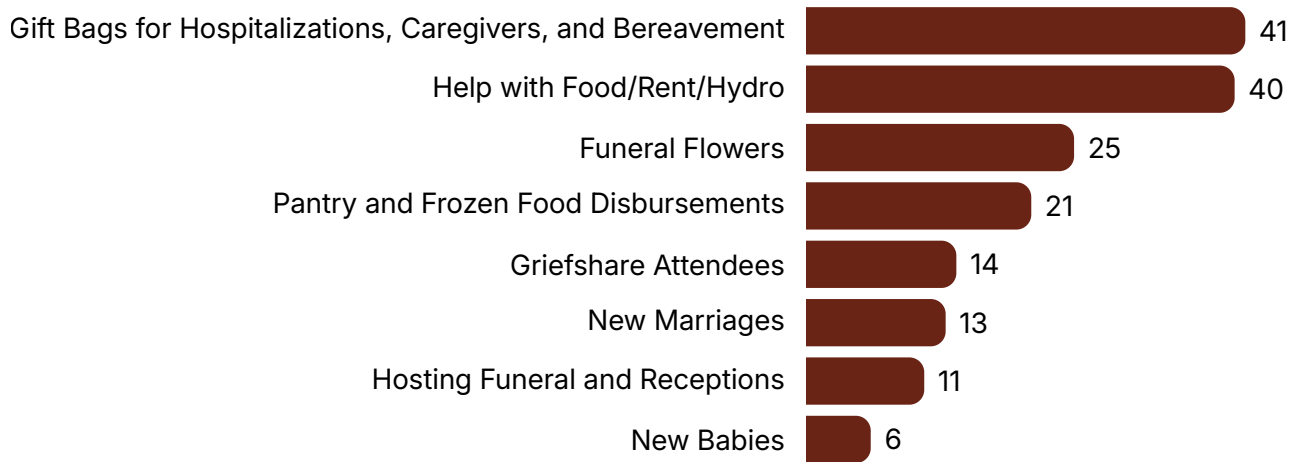
We have been supplied with a variety of homemade frozen dinners and pantry supplies. These have ensured that anyone who comes to The Met and is hungry does not go away empty-handed.

Appointments with everyone who is seeking help from the church get booked. This gives me an opportunity to create a relationship with them as I hear their story and their need. Each appointment includes Bible reading, prayer, and sharing gospel truths.

## Equipping Leaders

A "Care Prayer Team" has been established. A few details about an upcoming appointment are sent out in an email to the team prior to each appointment. I have seen God use the specific prayers of His people in a mighty way to draw seekers to Himself and provide me with strength and wisdom.

## Every One Counts



May the Lord continue to use Met Care to show God's love to many.





# OUTREACH

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METOutreach

# MetOutreach

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building."*

**- 1 Corinthians 3:6-9**

## Ministry Highlights

Many within our Met Outreach ministry are being equipped as they serve and are being established in their faith through discipleship opportunities, yet our main ministry focus is on the first part of The Met's mission statement: *engaging people with the gospel*.

We have the privilege of being invited to be co-workers with the Lord. We give thanks and praise for the opportunities the Lord has provided this past year and the fruit we see as He works through our faithful volunteer team.

## Bridges

This ministry has been with us since our time on Bank Street. It has evolved through the years, but at its core has remained to be a "meal and message" ministry as we offer a healthy, hearty meal with a healthy, hearty Bible message. This ministry reaches out to those experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness. Partnering with the Ottawa Chinese Alliance Church, in the heart of Chinatown, we work together as the united body of Christ to proclaim the gospel. Approximately **31 participants** regularly attend our weekly Monday night program. The consistent attendance of many of the participants, a dedicated volunteer team from both churches, and strong biblical teaching has created a community where all are welcome, cared for, and encouraged to deepen their relationships with Christ. It is encouraging to see God use this ministry to reach out to those who often feel alone and unseen. At Bridges, people are reminded that God sees them, loves them, and cares for all aspects of their lives.

## Drop-In Sports (Badminton and Floor Hockey)

On Monday and Friday evenings, The Met is buzzing with activity, as our drop-in sports programs have become a popular way to introduce people to the church who may not come in for a Sunday service. While playing sports may draw them in, the time to share testimonies part-way through their evening shows participants how the gospel can truly transform lives, and invites them to reflect and consider their own spiritual journeys. The Badminton ministry has hosted several potlucks and tournaments which has helped build a strong community.



Drop-in sports participants are encouraged to plug into weekly ministries or for those curious or new to faith to attend one of our Explored classes (Hope, Christianity, Life, and Discipleship) to explore who Jesus is, what He has done for us, and how that changes all aspects of our lives. We are thankful to see how the Lord is using this ministry to build community and open up gospel conversations.

## Banff-Ledbury and The Glens Communities

We have had a very special relationship with the Banff-Ledbury community over the past 12 years. The Lord has graciously allowed us to see some fruit from these years of investment by allowing us to further our ministry from school supply distribution to offering a summer camp.

This past summer we once again partnered with MetKids to offer a summer camp in the Banff-Ledbury community. A few children returned from last year and some new ones joined in. Fun-filled days of crafts, games, snacks, Bible teaching, worship, and lunch led to gospel conversations and strengthened our relationship with the community. On the last day, each camper was gifted a Bible with personalized messages from the volunteers who served that week.



The Glens Community is a newer relationship that was born out of disaster from the derecho in May 2022. The Met's involvement in supporting this community during the recovery period led to the start of a relationship which continues to grow. We were invited to participate in their seasonal outdoor festivals. In partnership with the MetKids team, we set up several outdoor games, helping create a fun way to engage with our neighbours. Our team of volunteers were warmly welcomed each time and have had great conversations with residents while handing out Bibles, Christian resources, and inviting them back to The Met. It is exciting to see how some residents have appreciated the invitation and returned to The Met by participating in weekly ministries or Sunday services. Our volunteers at these community events are regularly encouraged to hear the heartfelt appreciation of The Met's support during the derecho and the clean-up afterwards.



## Embrace

We were invited into two seniors long-term residences, The Waterford and The Ravines, to engage residents and the staff with the gospel through regular chapel services. These services included Christ-centred messages, hymns, and prayers. A dedicated volunteer team takes time to build relationships with the residents, caring for them and sharing the hope and gift of eternal life found in Christ. We are thankful for the mercy of the Lord in opening up gospel opportunities to those near the end of their days here on earth. We have been amazed at how the Lord has drawn many to Him even in their last days.

## Ministry Partners

We are thankful for the opportunity to partner with the work of several Christian-based ministries in the city. Along with monthly financial support, we also communicate urgent needs to our church family who may be able to help fill in these gaps. Our current ministry partners are: Ottawa Innerscity Ministries (OIM), Jericho Road, and First Place Options.

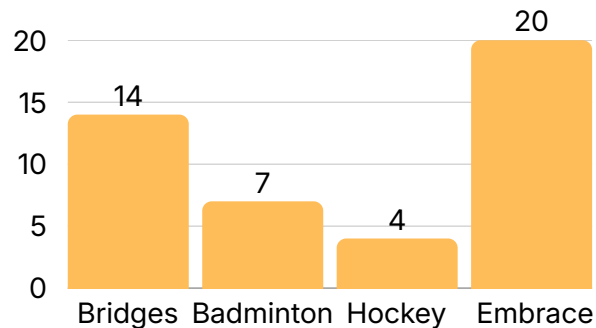
## Equipping Leaders

In partnership with the Internship and Elders Development Program, we have been able to provide Bible teaching opportunities within our various Met Outreach initiatives. It has been a wonderful equipping opportunity for our Bible teachers and a blessing to our participants to be exposed to a range of strong, capable Bible teachers.

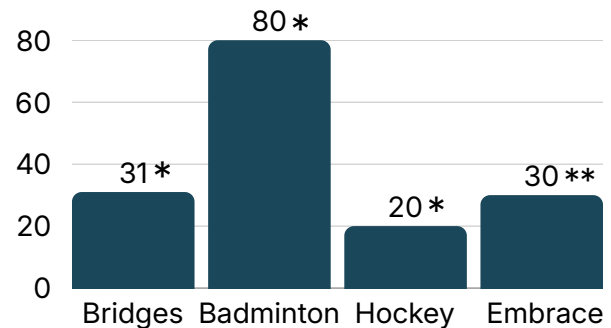


## Every One Counts

### Volunteers



### Participants



\*average weekly participation

\*\*average monthly participation

## 2025-26 Looking Ahead

We have three main goals as we look ahead:

1. Increased ministry partnerships – in the coming year we hope to connect with Met ministry leaders to learn how we can effectively support their Outreach initiatives (e.g., Young Adults campus outreach, Youth high school outreach). We hope that these conversations will lead to all Met ministries being actively involved in reaching out beyond our church walls to engage others with the gospel.
2. Effective equipping of the saints – in order to effectively engage others with the gospel, we need to effectively equip the saints to do this work. We hope to offer a series of practical discussion-based workshops led by lay leaders to equip, encourage, and support the church family as they seek to engage with those the Lord has placed on their path.
3. Exploration of outreach to city leaders – located in the nation's capital, we appreciate how the Lord has strategically placed us to shine His light and share His hope-filled message to all, including our city leaders. This coming year, we want to take time to prayerfully consider how we can shine a light to those the Lord has placed to lead our city and country.

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## Ministry Highlights

We continue to witness a movement of growth as we see newcomers want to get connected and church family step up to serve in a variety of roles. It is encouraging to see newcomers to The Met attending Starting Point as a way to learn more about The Met's weekly ministries and serving opportunities where they can be equipped and established in the gospel and build community as they make The Met home.



Our Explored classes (Hope Explored, Christianity Explored, Life Explored, and Discipleship Explored) continue to be an effective way to help people meet Jesus in the Bible and explore the Christian faith, through thought-provoking video resources and small group discussions. Participants who have completed the classes have moved on to actively serving in the church, going on short-term mission trips, and even taking the step to be baptized.

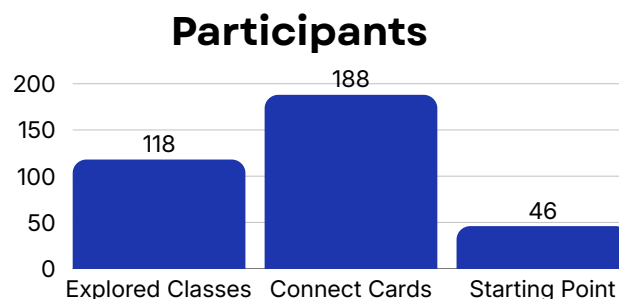
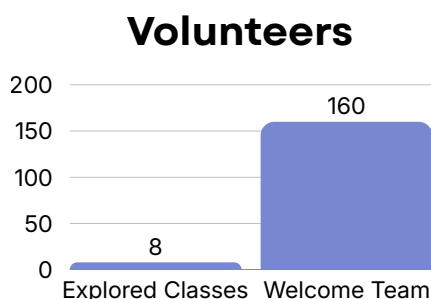


## Equipping Leaders

We are thankful for the faithful volunteers who serve with excellence in a variety of roles within the Connections ministry. We regularly reach out to those who demonstrate leadership potential and invest in their development to open up opportunities for them to grow in this area.

## Every One Counts

Throughout the year, we welcome in new people to our church and help them get well connected, and every person counts!



# 2025-26

## Looking Ahead

For the year ahead we are excited to consider how we can expand opportunities to gather as a church family within and outside the church walls, with the goal of creating and strengthening community. We look forward to seeing our church family connect and bond in a variety of ways.

We continue to be committed to regularly equipping our Connections team and seeking out leaders who can be developed for our growing Explored classes and Welcome team.

Lastly, we have identified the need to create clear pathways for those looking to connect and serve at The Met. We are looking at ways to be more effective in helping those who are new to The Met to find community and helping our church family use their various gifts to serve the church.



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# WORSHIP



# Worship

## Ministry Highlights

It is an honour and privilege to lead our congregation in worshipping our great God together. We select and sing songs that are biblically faithful and gospel-centred, including both classic hymns and more contemporary music, that point us to Christ, what He accomplished on the cross, and our response to Him.

This year we continued to grow and develop our worship team. We were able to introduce some new songs, some of which were written by Josh Ninaber and Andrea Nicholls through Hope Alive.



Our Christmas Concert in December 2024 was centred on the theme “Christ Is Born: The Grand Story of Christmas”. In special events like these, and our weekly Sunday services, we seek to glorify God through our musical worship.



You can listen to our Spotify Playlist “The Met - Sunday Worship” to worship throughout the week and become more familiar with the songs we sing on Sundays.

## 2025-26

### Looking Ahead



We look forward to using our Christmas Concert as an outreach opportunity to kick-start the Christmas season and invite people into our church to celebrate and worship Jesus. We also hope to build our A/V team by hiring a Production Assistant for additional support.

THE MET WORSHIP TEAM  
Oversight Provided by Josh Ninaber, Worship Director



# EQUIP

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# Equip: Church Education, Membership & Baptisms

## Education Classes

We continue to provide more formal instruction as part of The Met's establish and equip strands of our church's mission statement. We continue to be surprised and encouraged by our church family's hunger to be taught.

Pastors Greg, Joy, and Rich taught on various topics of interest to our congregation:

- Pastor Greg & team – Marriage Café (8 weeks - full on both occasions)
- Pastor Joy – God, Missions, and Me (8 weeks)
- Pastor Rich – Gospel Essentials (6 weeks); How We Got Our Bible (6 weeks)

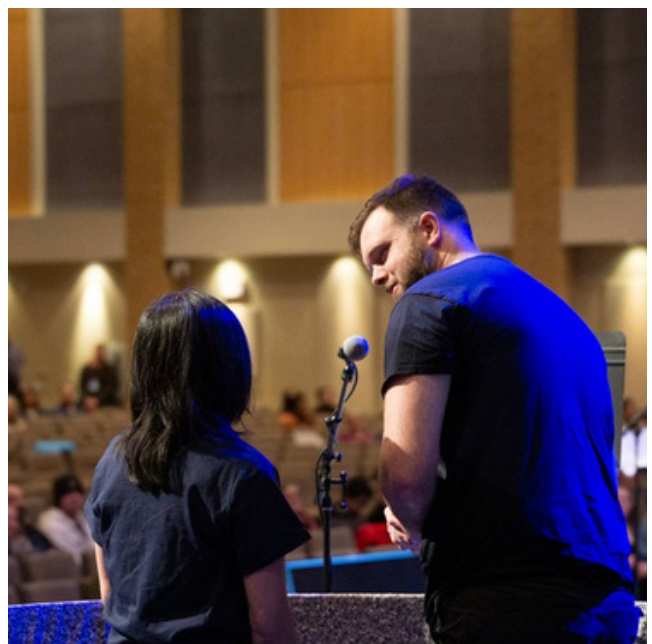


## Baptisms

I have had the privilege of teaching baptism classes throughout the year, with invaluable support from the Harrison and the Berghuis families (many thanks to the Fergusons who recently stepped down and have served for many years in this area!). Together, we worked diligently to help individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and stages of faith prepare for the significant step of baptism. This collective effort enabled us to guide and mentor those seeking to publicly profess their faith.



As a church, we joyfully celebrated **20 baptisms** throughout the year, with the participation of various pastoral staff in these sacred moments. Hearing the testimonies of those being baptized strengthened our collective spirit and reminded us of the transformative power of God's work in our lives.





## Membership

In the past year, we welcomed **62 new members**. We continued to provide the two formats of our Membership class. A Saturday format allowed for a greater time of fellowship over lunch, whilst the two-Sunday format allows those who are unable to give up a Saturday to participate when they're already at church. Morris Repeta and Aaron Maley stepped back from serving in this area, whilst new elders Samuel Senithipathy, Craig Bailey, and David Thai have stepped in alongside Andrew Harwood and Jonathan Brown. I am so grateful for these elders and their support of those stepping into membership here at The Met.



## 2025-26 Looking Ahead

Looking towards next year, we plan to run the following courses: Foundations (Fall 2025 basic doctrine class - 10 weeks); Church History (10 weeks); and Cults & World Religions (6 weeks).

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# COMMUNITY GROUPS

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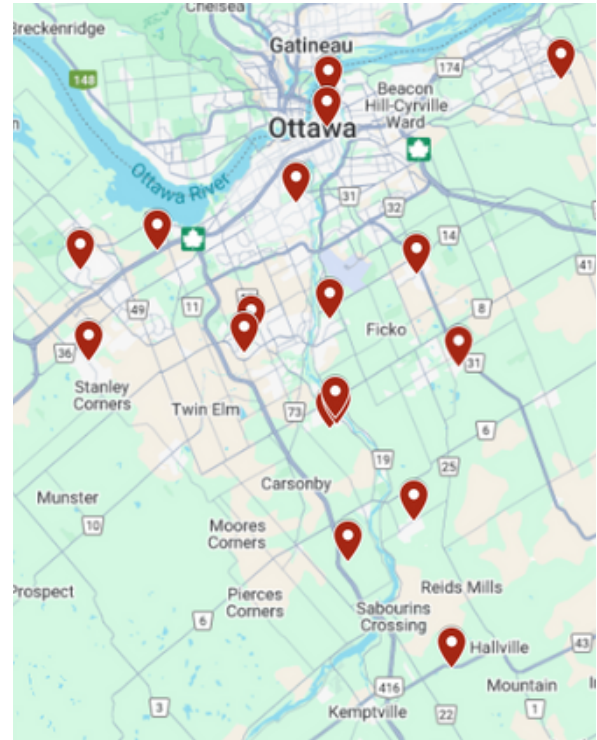
# Community Groups

## Ministry Highlights

This past year, our Community Groups ministry experienced significant structural growth. We launched three new groups (for a total of **18 groups**), refined our ministry vision, and implemented new onboarding processes for both leaders and attendees. Staff visits consistently revealed deep relational connections and biblical faithfulness within existing groups. Our end-of-year dessert potluck was especially encouraging, drawing nearly **100 people** from various groups across the city.



There seems to be a renewed excitement for Community Groups as the Lord uses them to bring newcomers into Christ-centred environments where they can both know others and be deeply known.



Our community groups are distributed across various locations in the Ottawa region.

In addition, The Met hosts the regular meeting of three cultural groups including a **Filipino Fellowship, Chinese Fellowship, and South-Asian Fellowship**. These Community and Cultural Groups are places where the truth of the gospel can be applied into daily lives in the context of biblical community. This past year we saw several of our Cultural Groups join our Community Groups curriculum in the weekly application of The Met's Sunday morning sermon, giving opportunity to take the Word of God into the week with other believers.



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Pastoral Oversight provided  
by Mason Bramer

# INTERNSHIP



*Internship*



# MetInternship

## Ministry Highlights

The Met Internship continues to be a key tool for carrying out our church's mission to "equip servants of the gospel". Interns join our team and are immersed in the life of the church. They receive training through a course on expository preaching, a starter theological library, and a mentor to walk with them throughout their time with us as interns to focus on their personal, spiritual, vocational, and theological development and goals.

It was a true joy to see this past year's class of interns, Tiffany Yang, Aren VanVolkingburgh, and Daniel Lauzon, serve with such humility and skill.



Daniel Lauzon has moved on to serve at Trinity Bible Church in Osgoode as their Children's Ministry Director and is pursuing ordination in the AGC. Tiffany Yang was hired full-time as The Met's Women's Ministry Assistant. Aren is a faithful member of the Met's congregation and is seeking work in pastoral ministry.

Churches and organizations throughout North America and beyond have looked to our internship program as a model to replicate and as a pool of workers from which to recruit. I recently had a discussion with a key leader in the Anglican Church of North America to discuss our model of training interns. We are praising God that through this program, multiple pastors have been ordained, workers for the harvest field have been raised up, and servants of the gospel have been equipped.

## Equipping Leaders

One of the unique features of The Met's Internship are the significant teaching opportunities interns are afforded. They teach in virtually every ministry context our church offers, from children's ministry through to seniors' ministry! Interns are given intentional feedback from our pastors and directors to grow in their handling of God's Word in various settings.



Another way interns are equipped is through engaging with excellent Biblical and theological resources and books. Interns read a book every month assigned to them by Pastor Adam and meet to discuss and review what they learned, what they were impacted by, what they agreed and disagreed with, etc. Internship books include *Dangerous Calling* by Paul David Tripp, *Biblical Theology in the Life of the Church* by Michael Lawrence, *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem, *Christ-Centered Preaching* by Brian Chapell, and more.

## Every One Counts

<b>3</b> interns in 2024-25		<b>2</b> interns in 2025-26		planning to recruit <b>3</b> interns for 2026-27
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# 2025-26

## Looking Ahead

We are praising God for our new class of interns, Jacob Abraham and Senai Debebe. They have immediately fit into our team and are serving with robust humility and grace. Jacob and Senai are both Ethiopian and share the same birth date! They have similar, yet complementary gifting and we have already seen the Lord use them greatly in teaching His word, caring for God's people, and serving this church. Please pray for them as they discern what the Lord is calling them to do with their lives, whether in vocational ministry or otherwise. Also pray for us as we interview candidates for the 2026-2027 class. Applications are coming in. Anyone interested in applying can visit [metbiblechurch.ca/internship](https://metbiblechurch.ca/internship) to learn more.



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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members,  
Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation:

### Qualified opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation ("the Entity"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at July 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Entity as at July 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Basis for qualified opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Entity derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Entity. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, net revenue, and cash flows from operations for the year ended July 31, 2025 and the seven month period ended July 31, 2024, current assets as at July 31, 2025 and July 31, 2024 and fund balances as at August 1, 2024 and January 1, 2024. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended July 31, 2024 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

### Emphasis of matter

In the previous year, the Entity changed its fiscal year-end from December 31 to July 31. As a result, the financial statement comparative figures cover the 7-month period from January 1, 2024, to July 31, 2024. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

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

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

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

### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in

accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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

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

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**OUSELEY HANVEY CLIPSHAM DEEP LLP**

Licensed Public Accountants  
Ottawa, Ontario  
December 10, 2025

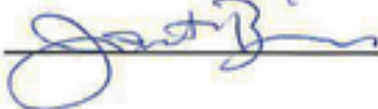
# METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT JULY 31, 2025

	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	\$ 180,234	\$ 71,439
Short-term investments (note 3)	435,194	269,549
Accounts receivable	49,589	74,507
Prepaid expense	10,972	34,386
Current portion of loan receivable from employee (note 4)	2,400	200
	678,389	450,081
<b>LOAN RECEIVABLE FROM EMPLOYEE (note 4)</b>	97,400	99,800
<b>INVESTMENTS (note 3)</b>	300,000	600,000
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (note 5)</b>	361,078	204,687
	\$ 1,436,867	\$ 1,354,568
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 181,339	\$ 191,908
Deferred contributions (note 7)	23,838	19,546
	205,177	211,454
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>		
General Fund	776,148	586,416
Internally restricted funds	277,820	277,820
Externally restricted funds (note 8)	177,722	278,878
	1,231,690	1,143,114
	\$ 1,436,867	\$ 1,354,568

Approved on behalf of the Board:





The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

## METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2025

	Balance - Beginning of year	Net revenue for the year	Transfers to (from)	Balance- End of year
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 586,416	\$ 346,610	\$ (156,878)	\$ 776,148
<b>Internally Restricted Funds</b>				
Reserve Fund	277,820	-	-	277,820
Ministry Initiatives Fund	-	-	-	-
	277,820	-	-	277,820
<b>Externally Restricted Funds</b>				
Missions Fund	-	6	65,229	65,235
Capital Fund	-	-	-	-
Benevolent Fund	63,841	19,517	734	84,092
Memorial Fund	54,980	1,265	(55,516)	729
Scholarship Fund	8,229	2,126	-	10,355
Vision Fund	151,828	-	(134,517)	17,311
Encounter the Truth Fund	-	(280,948)	280,948	-
	278,878	(258,034)	156,878	177,722
	\$ 1,143,114	\$ 88,576	\$ -	\$ 1,231,690

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# METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2025

	General Fund	Externally Restricted						2025		2024	
		Missions Fund	Capital Fund	Benevolent Fund	Memorial Fund	Scholarship Fund	Vision Fund	Encounter the Truth	Total	Total	(7 months)
<b>REVENUE</b>											
Donations											
Specific	\$ 307,284	\$ 85,196	\$ 56,935	\$ 110,915	\$ 1,272	\$ 3,126	\$ -	\$ 139,738	\$ 704,466	\$ 200,292	
Church program	4,294,482	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,294,482	2,347,062	
Rental income	38,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,289	24,304	
Accounting services (note 6)	7,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,500	4,375	
CSJ Wage Subsidy	15,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,000	-	
Interest	33,588	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,588	24,733	
Ministries	255,392	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	255,392	158,717	
	4,951,535	85,196	56,935	110,915	1,272	3,126	-	139,738	5,348,717	2,759,483	
<b>EXPENSE</b>											
Administration	169,024	1,212	667	1,664	7	-	-	1,123	173,697	121,750	
Pastoral support	119,122	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	119,122	66,081	
Facility	579,031	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	579,031	293,095	
Personnel	2,350,983	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,350,983	1,393,530	
Living community	20,253	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,253	50,960	
Regional outreach	17,362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,362	11,929	
Children's ministries	94,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	94,481	77,950	
Youth ministries	160,937	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160,937	87,019	
Adult ministries	97,957	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	97,957	22,034	
Missions	700,958	83,978	-	9,800	-	-	-	-	794,736	442,046	
ETT expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	419,563	419,563	295,693	
Other	17,397	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,397	51,868	
Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	-	1,000	-	
Rent (note 6)	195,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	195,000	113,750	
Donation to Property Corporation (note 6)	-	-	56,268	-	-	-	-	-	56,268	19,389	
Social assistance	-	-	-	79,934	-	-	-	-	79,934	44,941	
Cyber attack loss (note 9)	82,420	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	82,420	-	
	4,604,925	85,190	56,935	91,398	7	1,000	-	420,686	5,260,141	3,092,035	
<b>NET REVENUE (EXPENSE) FOR THE YEAR</b>	\$ 346,610	\$ 6	\$ -	\$ 19,517	\$ 1,265	\$ 2,126	\$ -	\$ (280,948)	\$ 88,576	\$ (332,552)	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JULY 31, 2025

	2025 (12 months)	2024 (7 months)
<b>CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR)</b>		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net revenue (expense) for the year	\$ 88,576	\$ (332,552)
Items not requiring cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	97,953	35,675
In-kind donated investments	(11,872)	(7,686)
Accretion of interest	(32,122)	(34,199)
Loss on sale of capital assets	-	6,818
Change in operating components of working capital:		
Accounts receivable	24,918	(2,513)
Prepaid expense	23,414	(21,510)
Due from ETT	-	6,620
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(10,569)	37,669
Deferred contributions	4,292	(17,967)
	184,590	(329,645)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Change in investments	178,349	(828)
Net purchase of capital assets	(254,344)	(44,982)
	(75,995)	(45,810)
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Loan receivable from employee	200	-
<b>CHANGE IN CASH FOR THE YEAR</b>	108,795	(375,455)
Cash beginning of the year	71,439	446,894
<b>CASH END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 180,234	\$ 71,439

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

# METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2025

The Metropolitan Bible Church Ministry Corporation (the Ministry) glorifies God by fulfilling the mission and vision God has given to His living Church through His word. The Ministry is incorporated under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act as a not-for-profit organization without share capital and is a Registered Charity under the Income Tax Act. The Ministry is not subject to income taxes.

During the previous fiscal year the Ministry changed its fiscal year from December 31st to July 31st. As a result, the comparative figures in these financial statements report on the seven month period ended July 31, 2024. The current year figures are for the year ended July 31, 2025.

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations and include the following significant accounting policies:

#### (a) Revenue recognition

The Ministry follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Externally restricted contributions for which there is no corresponding restricted fund are deferred and recognized as revenue during the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other externally restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Other revenue is recognized in the period in which it relates.

#### (b) Fund accounting

The General Fund accounts for the Ministry's administration, personnel, missions and ministries, and plant maintenance activities. The internally restricted Reserve Fund is set aside to cover any potential major repairs to the building. The internally restricted Ministry Initiatives Fund is for internally funded Ministry development activities. The purpose of externally restricted funds is detailed in note 8.

#### (c) Contributed services

Due to the difficulty in determining their value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

#### (d) Financial instruments

The Ministry initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value, except for certain instruments originated or acquired in related party transactions. The Ministry subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at amortized cost. Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, accounts receivable, loan receivable from employee and investments. Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

# METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2025

### 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### (e) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost and are then amortized on a straight-line basis, over their anticipated useful lives. Amortization is provided as follows:

Furniture and equipment	5 years
Automotive equipment	6 years
Leasehold improvements	3 years

One-half year of amortization is recorded on assets in the year of acquisition.

#### (f) Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting year. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These estimates are reviewed annually and as adjustments become necessary, they are recorded in the financial statements in the year in which they become known.

### 2. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, loan receivable from employee, investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Ministry is exposed to and manages various risks resulting from its financial instruments.

#### Market Risk

Market risk is the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: interest rate risk, other price risk and currency and liquidity risk. The Ministry is exposed mainly to interest rate risk and other price risk. There have been no changes in the Ministry's risk exposures from the prior year.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Ministry is exposed to interest rate risk on investments.

#### Other Price Risk

Other price risk is the risk the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices, other than those arising from currency risk or interest rate risk, whether these changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Ministry is exposed to other price risk through its investments.

#### Currency Risk

It is management's opinion that the Ministry is not exposed to significant currency risk arising from its financial instruments and the carrying amount of the financial instruments approximate their fair value.



## METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2025

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

Investments are recorded at amortized cost. The Guaranteed Investment Certificates bear interest between 4.15% and 4.98% per annum and mature between March 2026 and March 2028. The high-interest savings account earns interest at 2.45% (2024 - 4.55%) per annum.

		2025	2024
Guaranteed investment certificates	\$	600,000	\$ 700,000
High-interest savings accounts		135,194	169,549
		735,194	869,549
Short-term investments		435,194	269,549
Investments	\$	300,000	\$ 600,000

#### 4. LOAN RECEIVABLE FROM EMPLOYEE

Loan receivable from employee is non-interest bearing and repayable at a rate of \$200 per month, beginning in July 2025. The remainder of the loan is due July 13, 2028. It may be secured by a registered second mortgage on the employee's property.

#### 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

			2025	2024
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
Furniture and equipment	\$ 992,502	\$ 656,362	\$ 336,140	\$ 179,546
Leasehold improvements	141,477	116,539	24,938	25,141
	\$ 1,133,979	\$ 772,901	\$ 361,078	\$ 204,687

During the year, amortization of capital assets amounted to \$97,953 (2024 - \$35,675).

#### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Ministry and the Metropolitan Bible Church Property Corporation (the Property Corporation) are entities under common control, as the members of both corporations, who elect their respective board of directors, are in common. During the year ended July 31, 2025, rent expense of \$195,000 was charged to the Ministry (2024 - \$113,750) and accounting services revenue of \$7,500 was received from the Property Corporation (2024 - \$4,375).

## METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JULY 31, 2025

#### 6. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

During the year, the Ministry donated \$56,268 (2024 - \$19,389) to the Building Fund of the Property Corporation.

Accounts receivable includes \$625 due from the Property Corporation (2024 - \$1,450).

Accounts payable includes \$4,885 due to the Property Corporation (2024 - \$2,675).

These transactions are recorded at the exchange amount, which is the amount established and agreed to by the related parties involved.

Unless otherwise specified, amounts due from and to the Ministry are non-interest bearing and have no specified terms of repayment.

Encounter the Truth, with separate legal entities in Canada and the US, are entities under common influence, as the corporations have some board members in common. During the year, the Ministry spent \$102,197 for US broadcasting excluding production costs (2024 - \$105,160). ETT US sourced donations were received by the US corporation.

#### 7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions represent unspent contributions received for the Ministry's Syrian Refugee Project, Youth Missions, and Camps.

	2025	2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 19,546	\$ 37,513
Less: amount recognized as revenue during the year	-	(17,967)
Plus: amount received related to the following year	4,292	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 23,838	\$ 19,546

#### 8. EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

The Missions Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions for support to missionaries around the world.

The Capital Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions for the Property Corporation's capital projects (note 6) as well as other capital projects.

The Benevolent Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions for social assistance and the needy.

# **METROPOLITAN BIBLE CHURCH MINISTRY CORPORATION**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

JULY 31, 2025

### **8. EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)**

The Memorial Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions received in memory of loved ones or bequests, and unless otherwise designated by the donor and agreed to by the Board, will be used to underwrite capital purchases or projects, or special Ministry initiatives approved by the Board.

The Scholarship Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions received for preparing young people for ministry.

The Vision Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions received for the Reproducing Church initiatives.

The Encounter the Truth Fund accounts for externally restricted contributions for global media ministry initiatives.

### **9. CYBER ATTACK LOSS**

On July 8, 2025, the Ministry experienced a cyber attack incident involving unauthorized electronic transactions through a compromised bank account. The Ministry incurred a financial loss of \$82,420, this amount has been recognized as an expense in the Statement of Operations.











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