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The Vision and Mission of Faith United

We believe in a loving and forgiving God, shown to us through Jesus Christ, creation, the bible, and the community of believers.

Therefore, we will:

strive to provide a spiritual home that is openly welcoming, nurturing and safe whatever a person's gifts, age, ethnicity, exceptionality, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, or social or economic circumstance may be.

seek to become disciples of Christ growing in faith through worship, study and prayer;

risk sharing our resources with local and global neighbours in response to God's call;

be committed to the responsible use and care of all that God has entrusted to us;

encourage all who gather here to participate freely in the life and work of this church.

Let our actions reflect our faith.

Vision for music

Our vision is for a ministry of music that is "Alive in Christ", that touches the hearts, minds, and souls of each of us, connecting us with God and the mystery of the Holy Spirit, thereby uniting us as a rich community of faith that carries God's message day to day.

Mission for Music

We will work towards our vision for music by being inclusive of all and responsive to the changing times and cultures.

We will build on our heritage and traditions while offering a balanced variety of musical styles in our worship and other programs.

Land Acknowledgement

As an act of respect and reconciliation, we at Faith United acknowledge that our church is on the unceded land of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, and the Huron Wendat. We are treaty people living in the region of the Williams Treaty.

1.0 MINISTER'S REPORT: Faith In Action



“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the conviction of things not seen.

Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

By faith we understand that the worlds

were prepared by the word of God,

so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”

Hebrews 11: 1-3

During one of my interviews I was told, “we do things a bit differently at Faith.” I was curious (and excited) to learn more about what exactly this might mean. Since beginning as your minister in August, I have been pleased to discover that this is a community of passionate, creative, engaged, and faithful people. I am so grateful for the warm welcome, the hospitality, the lovely people I have been getting to know, the worship and community life, and the food! Whether it is fellowship after worship, or lunches during the week I feel I am being well fed in body and spirit.

I have experienced an excellent fit between my approach to ministry, and the culture already present at the church. I guess I’m saying that I believe that at times I also do things a bit differently. My first Sunday I did decide not to preach (an interesting choice for a preacher, right?). Instead, I invited testimonies from members of the congregation because I want the ministry we share to be like a conversation where we are all active participants in reflecting on God’s action in the scriptures, the world, and in our lives.

I think there may have been a few other times that I did things a bit differently... There was that one Sunday when I mentioned that many people in our Region have told me that I have big shoes to fill at Faith United. As I shared with the children after finding one of those big shoes, I don’t think I can fill this big shoe and maybe I’m not supposed to. The best any of us can do is be ourselves and try our best. Even when our best is a bit different!

One of the clearest ways I’ve seen things done differently at Faith is that when new ideas or opportunities come up that align with the values and goals of the church, people quickly come together with energy and



support to make it possible. It seems that the logistical considerations to figure out how it will be done come after. My observation is that attention starts with the purpose of **why** we are doing something and that once the decision has been made to do something, we figure out the **how**. At times this can make for more work or create some stress because it allows space for uncertainty. However, I do feel that this is a very faithful approach. There is a level of trust that it will come together, even when it isn't clear how that will happen at the beginning. We do the best we can and trust that with God's help our best will be enough.



One example I saw of this was the pumpkin parade. I had heard about pumpkin parades in other communities and thought the Faith Trails would be a perfect place to have one. But that was about as far as my plans went. It was only after bringing it to the council and talking about it with several members that it became a possibility. The Council quickly approved the Pumpkin Parade before we knew how it would be done. They felt that this would be one way we could be a good neighbour to the larger community and it worked toward the goal of being a community hub. A team of volunteers began working together and came up with a plan, but right up to the day of the parade we didn't know if it would be successful. I worried that we might only have 30 pumpkins total, which would make for a sad parade. I believe we had over 200! Folks from the church and neighbours from the area came out to walk the trail and enjoy the jack-o-lanterns. The feedback we received was that people hoped the church would have it again next year.



The reports within this year's annual report tell some of the stories of our faith in action. As we look to the future these reports will help us in our ongoing discernment of where God is calling the church. This report will also be a reminder that 2025 was full of the joys and pains of living. We experienced moments of excitement and some frustration. We welcomed newcomers and said goodbye to loved ones. Together, we remember those who have made their journey to God ahead of us. We are grateful for the gifts of their lives and the love that each gave and received. And we are grateful that they are in God's care. We know that our life as a community of faith is possible because of the people who came before us. May we continue to live out our faith: honouring what has come before, making space for what will be, and seeking God who is surely in this place. May it be so.



Report prepared by Rev. Ned Wells

2.0 2025 CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES

**Faith United Church
Annual General Meeting Minutes
Sunday March 9th, 2025.
Hosted in person and via ZOOM.**

Council Chair, Steve Shanks, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Steve asked the congregation to accept Mark Luckasavitch as Meeting Chair and Debbie Van Londen as Recording Secretary. It was asked if there were any other nominations. No other nominations were received.

Steve called for a vote to appoint Mark and Debbie to their roles.

Motion by: Shirley Taylor Seconded by: Elaine Rennie Vote: carried.

Mark and Debbie had already agreed to serve in these roles and were thanked for their service.

Online Voting: When a motion is presented, those online will be able to see the motion and approve or oppose the motion. The results will be given to the meeting Chair to be included in the vote. The chat feature will be monitored, and any questions will be communicated to the Chair.

Mark thanked Faith United for the opportunity to act as chair of the annual meeting. Mark called the meeting to order in the name of Jesus our Christ, the one true head of our church, for worship and for work appropriate to its time.

Opening Prayer: Bill Sheaves. Bill lives in Ajax and he attended Council meetings in the absence of Reverend Larry. Bill is a member of the East Central Ontario Regional Council, is the Pastoral Charge Supervisor, assisted and advised us in the search for a called Minister and is the chair of the Covenant Support Team.

Motion #1: Mark proposed two procedures under one motion:

1. That adherents may vote on all matters before this meeting
2. That the minutes of the 2024 Annual Meeting be approved.

Moved by: Joyce O'Connell Seconded by: Donna Bignell Vote. Carried.

Life and Work of the Congregation and Reports: See pages 13 to 35 of the annual report for the committee reports. Mark thanked the committees and the Chairs for their work in the last year and their reports. If there are any questions about individual reports, please speak with the author for clarification.

Consensus to show acceptance of these reports by show of hands: vote in favour and carried.

Elections: Mark drew everyone's attention to the Nominating Committee report on pages 23 to 25. He called upon Pat Long, Chair of Nominating to come forward to review.

Pat Long noted that Reverend Larry Doyle's name will be replaced by Reverend Ned Wells when he starts his ministry at Faith United in August 2025.

Donna Bignell volunteered to serve as Vice Chair for Council.

Please forward any corrections or omissions to Pat Long. Mark thanked Pat Long.

There were no further nominations and Mark declared nominations fulfilled to this date.

Motion #2: Motion to accept the Nominating Committee report to install the committee members identified in the report.

Moved by: Carol Ann Knapp Seconded by: Shirley Taylor Vote. Carried.

Financial Matters: Mark asked Financial Chair Shirley Taylor, and Treasurer Diana Chappell who provided a summary of financial information and budget found on pages 41 to 50. Diana's slide presentation and summaries were on the video screen. Her presentation is enclosed as Attachment #1.

Motion #3: Motion to accept the financial statement for 2024.

Moved by: Diana Chappell Seconded by: Donna Bignell Vote. Carried.

Motion #4: Motion to accept the budget for 2025. This is inclusive of the Mission and Service, Church Work in Durham and the UCW budgets.

Moved by: Diana Chappell Seconded by: Danny Bathgate Vote. Carried.

New Business and Acknowledgements: Mark called on Joyce O'Connell, Linda Walsh and Steve Shanks to acknowledge some special people.

Joyce O'Connell: (M&P): Thanked Matthew Larcombe, our office administrator who left for a full-time position. We wish him the best. Joanne Boonstra, our new office administrator is doing an excellent job and has shown us her expertise and some new ideas.

Linda Walsh: Thanked Kristine Dandavino for her choir and music leadership and especially getting the children more involved.

Steve Shanks: Thanked all the committee chairs and volunteers for their help and commitments, and those who make it possible for Faith United to be a wonderful place to worship and happily volunteer their special services.

For the work of all our staff we thank God for bringing the gifts and people together here.

Mark asked Bill Sheaves to give us a closing prayer.

Closing Prayer: Bill Sheaves.

Motion #5: There not being any further business for this meeting I conclude this meeting.

Moved by: John DeCoe Seconded by: Sandy Allin Vote. Carried.

John DeCoe brought everyone's attention and gratitude to Steve Shanks for all he contributes to the life of Faith United.

Adjourned at 1208 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Van Londen, Recording Secretary.

Mark Luckasavitch, AGM Chairperson.

3.0 IN MEMORIAM FOR MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS

WITH GRATEFUL THANKSGIVING WE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

Betty Greentree (February 12, 2025)

Marion Alice Harmer (March 13, 2025)

Diane Howarth (July 3, 2025)

Victor Eduard Huttmann (September 2, 2025)

Elaine Rennie (September 16, 2025)

Martha Penfound (December 2, 2025)



4.0 FUNERALS IN 2025

The following funerals were held at Faith United Church in 2025:

Diane Howarth – July 12th, 2025

Elaine Rennie – October 11th, 2025

There was one funeral that took place under the auspices of the pastoral charge*:

Gloria Ann Fralick – August 29th, 2025

*Note: This information is to be included in the annual report as per the United Church of Canada's statistical requirements.

5.0 BAPTISMS IN 2025

Jessica 'Jess' Burch September 21, 2025

6.0 MARRIAGES IN 2025

There were no marriages in 2025 at Faith United Church.

7.0 CHAIR OF COUNCIL REPORT

2025 felt like a year of new beginnings.

The most significant of these new beginnings was Reverend Ned Wells and his family joining Faith United. We should all thank the Search, Profile and Visioning Teams for their work in finding us a new Minister. Guys, “you done good”!!

Reverend Wells has fit into our Faith United culture like he has been here for years. His enthusiasm and new ideas have inspired us as a congregation.

Joanne Boonstra has settled into her job as Office Administrator and has made it and her office distinctly hers. Thank you, Joanne, for all you have done and continue to do for us.

We had our most successful well drilling fundraiser ever with Life Water Canada. There are families in Haiti that will drink clean water today because of the generosity of the people of Faith United. Thank you Mission & Service for leading this campaign.

Earlier this summer, CWID set up a small fridge at the entrance to our parking lot and stocked it with nonperishable items for whoever needs them. It has been very popular. It is restocked regularly.

The UCW Bazaar was once again a huge success. Congratulations to Beth MacEwan and her team.

Tots on Tuesday and Family Fun Night continue to increase in attendance. If you want to feel refreshed and invigorated, come out on Tuesday morning or the last Friday of the month and enjoy all the energy.

On June 22nd we celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. Faith United was one of only 100 Communities of Faith in Canada selected to set up a table outside their church building. The table was used to express our unique embodiment of Jesus’ invitation to the Table. We chose to highlight how we share the natural features of our property to demonstrate Jesus’s love. This includes the trails through our woodlands, meadows and wetlands, the butterfly garden, the native plant garden, the children’s garden, and in partnership with AIDS Committee of Durham Region, the vegetable garden.

I want to recognize and thank the dedicated group of people that form our Church Council. Thank you to the Committee Chairpersons; Sheila Ellis, Enid DeCoe, Joyce O’Connell, Gail Scott, Liz Wade, Shirley Taylor and Elizabeth Valliant. Thank you to our three Members Without Portfolio, Dorothy Shrigley, Beth MacEwan, and Danny Bathgate.

I also want to recognize our Past-Chair, Pat Long, our Treasurer, Diana Chappell, and our Secretary, Debbie Van Londen, for your leadership and commitment. Thanks ladies.

Finally, I want to thank Reverend Ned. You have recharged our Church Council. I look forward to what we will be able to accomplish together this year.

Respectively submitted,

Steve Shanks

Chair, Faith United Church Council

8.0 COUNCIL MEMBERS WHO FAITHFULLY SERVED IN 2025

Rev. Ned Wells – Minister
Steve Shanks – Chairperson
Pat Long – Past Chairperson
Diana Chappell - Treasurer
Debbie Van Londen - Secretary
Danny Bathgate
Donna Bignell
Enid DeCoe
Sheila Ellis
Beth MacEwan
Diane McMahon
Joyce O’Connell
Gail Scott
Dorothy Shrigley
Shirley Taylor
Elizabeth Valliant
Liz Wade

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

9.0 TRUSTEE REPORT

The Board of Trustees reviews and monitors our insurance and investments.

Thank you to all who serve on the Board of Trustees.

Our members are as follows: John DeCoe, Larry Bignell, Gail Minacs, Alex Scott, Allan Turney, Steve Shanks, and Rev. Ned Wells.

John DeCoe
Chair of Trustee Board

10.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.1 OPERATIONS AND PLANNING

A. Communication

The Communications team focused on three main areas in 2025: technology, documentation, and branding.

A major task for the group was to replace the ageing computers and set up the new devices throughout the church. New laptops were purchased for the Living Room for meetings, the Office for use by Membership, and for Rev Ned. A new screen was installed in the Living Room for use with the new laptop. Also, a new desktop was purchased and set up for the Office Administrator. These were all required because none of our existing computers could be upgraded to Windows 11 and Windows 10 is no longer supported. Additionally, our software requires the newer operating system.

The computers in the sanctuary were upgraded to Windows 11 and software was updated to work with the new operating system. Work was completed on the internet connections in the sanctuary to improve our livestream capabilities.

A Wi-Fi extender was installed in the Sun Room to support the new outside Ring camera as well as activities in the Sun Room requiring Zoom, such as meetings and seminars/workshops.

The tech team has been busy supporting rentals and in-house programs. More volunteers came forward to join the team in the fall. These individuals will be trained over the next few months and be included in the schedule.

The cell phone in the office, which is used for two factor authentication on our apps as well as for the Ring camera, was outdated and replaced with another (donated) newer device.

The second initiative was to document all our processes in easy-to-follow instructions with screen shots. This will be a resource both for training new volunteers and for trouble shooting when required.

Finally, a branding guide was put together to create a consistent look and feel to our documents as well as online presence.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their time and expertise on these many accomplishments. We couldn't do it without you!

Respectfully submitted by
Diana Chappell

B. Faith Fundraising

Our mandate is to foster fellowship and raise money for the operation of the church. The following is a list of the events we planned and facilitated in 2025:

Robbie Burns Luncheon
Crock Pot Supper
Souper Sundae
Easter Sales Table

Yard Sale
Mystery Shopping Trip
Christmas Shopping Trip

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Walsh

C. Faith United Bursary Award

Since 2012, your Faith United Church Council has established a student Educational Bursary Award to assist our young people who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

Committee members are Ruth Goodfellow, Stacey Goodman, and John DeCoe.

Several of the bursary information documents and the application form itself were revised to make funds more accessible for applicants. Our forms are as follows: "Faith United Bursary Program Details"; Faith United Bursary Award-Guiding Principles"; "Faith United Bursary Program Details"; as well as the Application Form itself. For application selected documents and the application form are available on the church website.

For the academic year 2025 we did not have any suitable applicants. This year it seems we may, as inquiries have already been made, via emails to the church office.

In the spring of this year, we will make announcements reminding our congregation that anyone able and willing to make a monetary contribution to the fund at any time can do so. They can either contact the church office or put a contribution into a sealed envelope with their name and "Bursary Fund" clearly printed on the outside and place on the plate at Sunday Worship. Contributions of any amount would be much appreciated.

Ruth Goodfellow,
Bursary Award Committee

D. Finance and Administration

We have seen another year in the life of the church.

We are extremely grateful for the continuing generosity of the congregation. Your givings have allowed us to continue to meet our ongoing financial obligations including programs, staff, property maintenance, insurance, taxes, utilities, technology upgrades, and UCC assessment fees.

There have also been capital expenses. A breakdown of our financial obligations can be found in the treasurer's report. A big thank you to the men in our church that have taken on the load of several repairs, upgrades, and replacements, both inside and outside on our property on a regular basis.

A BIG thank you to Diana Chappell, our church financial treasurer and the committee, who, under their watchful eyes and through their diligent efforts, have a very precise picture of finances at Faith United.

Thanks to Joanne, our Office Administrator, who has taken on the role of making necessary changes.

THANK YOU to our Faith family, who have continued their generous support of Faith United. We pray steadfastly for the good health of our Faith United family.

Thank you and may God's blessings be showered upon you.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Taylor, Chairperson of Finance and Administration

E. Gardening Co-operative

This year saw many changes and updates to our gardens. As we focus more on native plants and trees, we have added more interest and colour as well as fostering an environment friendly to all types of creatures. We have started adding more trees to our space, with many being sponsored as memorials.

The plant sale in the spring provided enough proceeds to keep the group going all summer and into the fall. As well as adding new plants to our gardens, we have also added several pieces of furniture and hard-scape items. Everyone is encouraged to take some time and sit on the swing or on a bench and just soak in the natural atmosphere. Many thanks to our Master Gardener, Kathleen Pearce for her leadership and support throughout the year, as well as the many volunteers who gardened with us every Tuesday morning from spring through to fall.

Submitted by
Diana Chappell

F. Ministry and Personnel

This is always a special time of the year, when the opportunity to reflect on all that has taken place over the past year comes to mind again. It never fails to amaze me how much has happened, and how many people have been involved in making so many things fall into place.

Over the past year I have seen many of our congregants going in different directions filling our church with their visions of what makes Faith United alive with busyness. We all take pride in saying "this is our Faith Family" with such a commitment as we share our strengths and talents, each in their own individual way.

I have to say that the arrival of our new Minister, Rev. Ned Wells had to be one of the biggest events this year. Even though we had to wait, with patience, for him to arrive as his starting date was August 1st, in a very short time his presence was felt, and welcomed, with such gratitude. Our "Faith Family" was complete again and it quickly became evident that the entire congregation was experiencing his candid sense of humour, and his commitment to lead us through our faith journey with very pertinent Sunday sermons, the power of prayer, and most of all his ability to reach out to everyone whatever the situation is. We are truly blessed with him and his "new vision".

Our Office Administrator, Joanne Boonstra, is in her second year and has also brought stability and confidence in her role of managing the daily operations within the church office. We are very grateful for all her efforts that make the hub of the church run so smoothly.

Our Music Facilitator, Kristine Dandavino, continues to put forward an amazing effort as she maneuvers her way through the Church Calendar providing appropriate music for each event, along with conducting the choir so professionally. We are so fortunate and grateful for her ability to lead us in music.

Sincere thanks are extended to the following: to our Council Chair, Steve Shanks and all the members of Council; to our Treasurer, Diana Chappell, and the Finance Committee; and to all of our committees and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year making all the wheels of Faith United Church go around.

The Ministry & Personnel Committee continues to support our staff and the congregation. It is a privilege to be a part of this church and to witness the very positive changes that are evolving under our Minister's guidance.

Blessings and sincere thanks to all who make our Faith Family possible.

Respectfully submitted:

Joyce O'Connell,
Ministry & Personnel Chair

G. Property

The Property Group meet every Tuesday morning, rain, snow, or sunshine. Our meetings always start with fellowship and refreshments for all who attend. Thank you to all the groups at Faith United that have contributed to the cost of our morning beverages and muffins.

Now that the contractor has finished sealing the stones on the outside of the turret, the work on the upstairs round storage room has been completed. Thank you, Al Turney, for the drywalling and painting.

Thanks to donations from members of our congregation, the main bathroom off the Atrium has been remodeled. All agree that the bathroom is now more cheerful and inviting.

Our Minister's office was completely renovated to welcome Reverend Ned to Faith United. If you have not yet seen it, stop in for a visit. I'm sure Reverend Ned will be glad to see you; just watch out for the Lego on the floor.

The trails through our woodlot continue to be maintained and expanded. Take a stroll on them and enjoy nature. And of course we cut grass, and cut grass, and cut grass in the summer.

This year a new member joined Property. John Ashworth has been a friend of the Property group for many years. We are very pleased he has decided to join our team.

We terminated our contract with our cleaners, Xtremee Cleaning, in December. Our new cleaning company is QJS Cleaning Services from Whitby. We believe you will see a significant change in the level of cleaning of our church going forward.

Finally, I want to thank the members of the Property Team: Roger, Terry, Alex, Paul, Larry, Al, John, Gerry, and Frank, and our honorary members, Larry Bignell, John DeCoe, and Mark Luckasavitch.

We are the Property guys. We open doors, close doors, and move stuff.

Steve Shanks
Property Manager

10.2 FAITH DEVELOPMENT

H. Faith Journey Resources

The Faith Journey Resources Committee is an umbrella committee consisting of representatives from Joyful Noise, the Nursery, Tots on Tuesday (TOTS), The Learning Calendar, Family Fun Night, and the Library. We are responsible for recognizing the work of our leaders, the church Celebration Day in June, and the Advent Event, which is the first Sunday of Advent. Our members are as follows: Diana Chappell, Enid DeCoe, Marlene Haslett, Linda Barry, Sheila Ellis, Jim Ellis, Nancy Philip, Renate Belzing, Ashley Muir, Beth McEwan, and Rev. Ned Wells.

Joyful Noise: this is our Sunday School program, which is coordinated by Marlene Haslett and consists of the following volunteer teachers: Marlene Haslett, Nancy Philip, Leigh Bolger, Janet McFarland, Bret Mercer, and Linda Barry.

The teachers either follow suggestions from the curriculum or teach on a topic of their choice.

Mother's Day and Father's Day: on each of these days the children presented gifts with the women receiving carnations and the men receiving a toy car.

Celebration Day: in June, the United Church of Canada celebrated 100 years of existence! They started a national initiative inviting communities of faith to transform a picnic table into a site of welcoming. Faith chose to celebrate by opening the event up to the community and invited people to join us for lunch (complete with birthday cake!), and a chance to explore our beautiful outdoor spaces by walking the trails, participating in a scavenger hunt, playing soccer, and getting their face painted.

Celebration Day also consisted of teachers being thanked during the children's time, followed by a potluck lunch for the congregation.

Start up Sunday: this was held the third Sunday in September to welcome children and families back after the summer break. We had activities inside and out such as guessing how many jellybeans were in a jar, parachute games, and races. Hot dogs were served thanks to Dan Bathgate and his team. Our afternoon concluded with a monarch butterfly release, thanks to Jim and Sheila Ellis.

Our Advent Event: was held on November 30th, the first day of Advent. A pizza lunch was held after church followed by members of the congregation hanging up our Christmas decorations. Thanks to the Men's Gathering/Property groups for getting the decorations out of storage and putting them away at the end of the season.

Nursery: Libby Robertson supervised the nursery, along with Ella Callery and Danielle Muir. If there are no children in the nursery, Ella and Danielle assist in Joyful Noise.

Tots on Tuesday (TOTS): is a community outreach program where we welcome children between the ages of newborns and school age, and their caregivers. Activities include playing, painting, hearing stories, craft time, playing musical instruments, and having a snack. Marlene Haslett, Libby Robertson, Theresa Reid, Liz Wade, and Enid DeCoe staff the program. Attendance is slowly growing!

Youth and Young Family Program: this is currently not active.

Family Fun Night (FFN) is an evening of crafts, games, stories, a child-friendly supper, and a parachute game. This is a free event that is open to church members, their families, and the community. Marlene Haslett, Jim and Sheila Ellis, Liz Wade, Beth McEwan, Dan Bathgate, Libby Robertson, Theresa Reid, and Enid DeCoe staff the program with the help of 8 to 10 teens. The Property and Men's Gathering groups help us with set up and tear down.

FFN starts again each September and is held on the last Friday of each month, except October (bazaar set up) when it was the 4th Friday.

Library: We were very sorry to lose Elaine Rennie as our Librarian in 2025; we are thankful for her work. Theresa Reid has agreed to be our new librarian.

The program calendar committee consists of Pat Long, Jim Ellis, Rev. Ned, and Diana Chappell. We hosted two events in 2025: an afternoon with Rev Gordon Postill (Embraced by the Story of Jesus) and an evening session with Elizabeth McNaught (End of Life Doula Services in Durham).

Enid DeCoe
Committee Chair

I. Worship

The Worship and Music Committee had a busy year in 2025 and was delighted when Rev. Ned joined Faith United in August.

During our transition time without a minister, a combination of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Together We Worship video sermons provided pulpit supply until late February. In March, with the Easter Season upon us, Rev. Norm Seli stepped into the pulpit via video sermons. Although we initially intended Rev Norm to provide pulpit supply for Easter only, his virtual sermons intermittently filled the pulpit when Licensed Lay Worship Leaders could not.

Our traditional Maundy Thursday gathering at the table was celebrated by many with the sharing of food, scripture, and fellowship. The Good Friday service offered a solemn time of reflection as we listened to biblical passages read by congregants, with an interlude of music, which Diana Chappell coordinated and magically stitched together for us to hear. Many of Faith United's congregants attended Ebenezer's Easter Sunday Sunrise service, while Rev. Norm Seli delivered our sermon and blessed the communion elements virtually during the 10:30 am worship service. Except for one other Sunday, Rev. Dan Yourkevich and Rev. Robert LePage helped us maintain our tradition of monthly communion.

Thank you to Karen and Gerry Bihun, Kathleen and Roger Pearce, Maria Upton, and Danny Bathgate, for assisting with communion preparation and cleanup. Special thanks to Cynthia Doyle, who lovingly created a new flagon (pitcher) to match our communion ware. Without these dedicated volunteers, communion would not happen monthly. Thank you to our youth, Ella and Myla Callery, Lincoln Mercer and all others who served the communion elements throughout the year.

Mentioning volunteers, thank you to the in-person and virtual scripture readers who lend their voices to the readings, and to the hosts for welcoming us to Sunday worship. Thank you also to Donna Bignell, Gail Minacs, Danny Bathgate, Steve Shanks, and Carolyn Boyd, for dressing the chancel throughout the year.

What was to be only one or two Sundays of coverage for Kids' Time became many, as Kristine Dandavino added this to her already busy schedule. She introduced us to Little Jesus, a Lego-like figure, and looking back, I wonder if he was an antecedent to Rev. Ned's love of Lego? Please see Kristine's music ministry report.

Kristine, too, composed and performed "Agnus Dei Amo" and "He Said" to recognize National Indigenous Peoples' Day and National Truth and Reconciliation Day. On National Indigenous Peoples' Day, Dr. Shelley Knott-Fife, an Anishnaabekwe and First Nations education specialist, led worship.

Marlene Haslett and Enid DeCoe were integral in helping arrange our services for Mother's and Father's Day, as well as in planning our annual June end-of-season event, Celebration Sunday, and the September Return of Joyful Noise Celebration Sunday.

Rev. Ned joined our community on August 1st, 2025. On his first Sunday he learned about Faith United through testimonies from four congregants, and he presided over communion. Since then, a few changes have occurred in the order of service, and new ideas, such as the Pumpkin Parade and prayer stations, were introduced. 'Kid's Time' became 'Time for Young & Young at Heart', where Rev. Ned shared with us the following delights: a big shoe, a singing rooster, a church mouse, Play-Doh, and building blocks. I know Rev. Ned's creativity and youthful, thoughtful, spirit will bless Faith United throughout 2026.

The year began to wrap up with our Remembrance Day Service on November 9th, where Larry Bryan, retired reservist Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Highlanders and member of the Royal Canadian Legion, educated us on the meaning of the poppy and, through his personal memories, reminded us of the importance of honouring those who have and are serving.

We finished the 2025 calendar year celebrating Advent with a well-attended Christmas Eve service. This service included a pageant celebrating the birth of Jesus, intermixed with Christmas Carols, followed by communion and the singing of 'Silent Night' as we held lit candles to celebrate the coming of the light, Jesus. The sanctuary was filled for the service, and the circle was so very wide. A wonderful way to bring in Christmas Day.

As we move into 2026, I am grateful for those who will remain on the committee and those who are joining our little but mighty team. I am even more grateful for your input on our worship service so we can work to make it more meaningful for all who attend in-house and online, and for those we hope will be joining us throughout 2026.

Blessings,

Elizabeth Valliant
Worship and Music Committee Chair

J. Music Ministry

Dear Congregation Members,

Music Ministry accomplished several monumental tasks in 2025. Firstly, it was determined that a monthly Praise Song would support our choir and congregation. Now that the year is coming to an end, we have learned several new Praise Songs from different styles, genres, and liturgical topics. We were able to hire a pianist to help us host two Praise Band Sundays.

Palm Sunday was celebrated with gusto with our psalms. Congregation members and choristers participated in an ethereal Good Friday service with pre-recorded voices reading our biblical story. Easter celebrations were jubilant with the choir sharing their anthem.

To honour our Indigenous congregants, we celebrated National Indigenous People's Day with my composition 'Agnus Dei Amo'. In September, we celebrated National Truth and Reconciliation Day with my composition 'He Said'. It is my goal to arrange this song for our choir when time permits. Throughout the year, drums, kazoo, and other percussive instruments were featured to celebrate Christ.

Guest musicians Amanda De Boer and Steven Ladwig replaced me when I was busy performing for various concerts. Congregation members were quick to provide welcoming accolades. Welcoming Reverend Ned Wells was also done in song with 'Kwey Kwey Kanina' (Welcome Everyone) a responsive drumming song.

To conclude our busy year, our Christmas Concert was held on December 14, 2025, with guest singers, various students, and congregation members sharing their artistic gifts. Together, we raised a large box of food items as well as \$2,801 for Lifewater Canada. The church was full and our audience was diverse and felt included. For this, I am extremely proud and grateful that we achieved this milestone, together. For Christmas Eve, our choristers joined the congregation, and I performed a piano solo.

In closing, I might be forgetting other memorable moments. However, let us not only celebrate our successes but, our awareness that music helps us understand Christ's word and our continuous goal to help one another, love one another, and forgive one another when we have made mistakes. May 2026 bring us peace, calm, and continued fellowship through music.

Shalom!

Kristine Dandavino, B. Mus.
Music Facilitator

10.3 WELLNESS MINISTRY

K. Pastoral Care/Visiting Team

The Pastoral Care/Visiting Team has had another busy year. Our mandate is to keep in touch with members of Faith United who are unable to attend church, either in person or online. Many of the people on our list are seniors; we share in their joy when welcoming a new grandchild and comfort them if they have experienced a loss.

Our annual spring tea at Faith United was held in May. Thank you to all the people who volunteered to pick up our home-bound members and bring them to the church for this event. Our program consisted of hymn singing, storytelling by Enid DeCoe, and a lovely tea, which was provided by the UCW.

We continued to hold monthly church services at White Cliffe Retirement Home in 2025. Thank you to the volunteers who helped us with music and set up. I decided in December to discontinue this outreach event.

Rev. Ned joined us in August, and he quickly wowed us with his capacity to embrace pastoral care. He was able to call or visit many of our members before the end of the year. Rev. Ned also introduced the 'Journeying

through Grief' booklets, which are short, helpful books that are mailed or delivered to individuals within the first year after the loss of a loved one.

On two occasions during the year, we send out greeting cards (Easter and Christmas); when possible, we try to combine the giving of these cards with an in-home visit. We had feedback on the Christmas cards that Rev. Ned and Joanne Boonstra designed this year, and many commented on how beautiful they were.

Thank you to everyone who participates in the committee, as well as those who help to organize and set up the events that occurred at the church. We could not do it without your help.

If you would like to be involved in this committee, please speak to any member or Rev. Ned.

Blessings,

Donna Bignell
Chair

L. Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thank you to everyone who knitted or crocheted prayer shawls this past year. This ministry has been a part of the church for many years. As a reminder, prayer shawls are made by volunteers and then blessed and prayed upon during a special church service. The shawls are passed through the congregation, with prayers said over them as they are touched. The shawls are given when someone is baptized, when new members are welcomed into the church, to students who are leaving for college or university, to members who have lost a loved one, and to those who are sick or are going through treatment. A prayer shawl is a way for the congregation to show concern and friendship.

During 2025 we found ourselves in an unusual situation, whereby we had an abundance of prayer shawls. It was decided we would share them with the Cancer Centre at Lakeridge Health Oshawa. They were well received!

Thank you to those who continue to knit or crochet the prayer shawls. We will find a home for all that are received. If you know of anyone who would like a shawl, please contact the office, Rev. Ned, or myself. Thank you to everyone who has taken part in this ministry.

Donna Bignell,
Chair

M. Welcoming

As we continue to worship in-person and on-line, it is great to welcome everyone each Sunday. I extend a special welcome to all the new people who joined us in worship last year. Whether you came once and tried us out, or if you have come for repeat visits, we welcome you to Faith.

Thank you to the volunteers who are greeters at Faith United, either on Sunday mornings, or at our other events throughout the year. Anyone can take a turn and there is no training involved; a sign-up sheet is available on the table in the atrium (hint: greeting others is a great way to get to know people!).

We also welcome others by experiencing a time of fellowship with them after church, when we have coffee time together. Thank you to all of those that helped with organizing this every Sunday.

We encourage visitors to use a name tag when they visit us; a more permanent name tag is available from the office; just ask me or our administrator if you would like one or if you need a replacement. Everyone is encouraged to decorate their name tag and show us what your interests are!

We are looking forward to welcoming friends, both new and old, in 2026.

Liz Wade
Welcoming Chair

10.4 EXTENDED MINISTRIES

N. Church Work in Durham

Committee members: Carolyn Boyd, Alex Scott, and Sheila Ellis.

We regret to say that Donna and Larry Bignell have resigned from the committee. I particularly want to thank Donna for her faithful work as treasurer for many years. It has been so reassuring to have her handle all the financial issues of the committee. Thank you, Donna!

Hazel and Dieter Naegelkraemer have left Faith United, so Hazel has left the committee as well.

I am happy to report that Suier Richardson and Ken Young have agreed to join the committee, for which I am very grateful.

The people of Faith have been exceptionally generous, as always, in supporting the work of CWID. Thank you SO much!

Food Drives: On the first Tuesday of every month, CWID offers the people of Faith and our community the opportunity to donate to a food drive, supporting either Simcoe Hall Settlement House or the Back Door Mission on alternate months. The list of items most needed is posted on our church website and on our Outreach bulletin board. Thank you to Alex and Gail, for allowing the use of their truck during the food drives, and for bringing the donations to the agencies. Your open-hearted, loving generosity has been appreciated even more so with the increase in food prices we experienced last year.

The Pantry: For many years, Faith United had a pantry in the basement where we kept non-perishable food items to give to people in need; it was inactive during COVID. Our committee decided to reopen a pantry that was more accessible to the public. Alex Scott and his friends installed a small refrigerator near the entrance to the parking lot, and kept it stocked. During the winter months it can only hold dried foods that do not freeze. We are pleased to see this pantry being used.

Budget: Joanne Boonstra, our Office Administrator, and Diana Chappell, our church Treasurer, have taken over the duties of the treasurer. Thanks to the amazing generosity of this church, the committee once again met and exceeded its annual budget target of \$23,000. We equally supported 17 member agencies last year, issuing bi-annual cheques to them. My thanks to Joanne and Diana for their help. The donation goal for 2026 will be \$24,000.

Christmas Outreach: Once again Gate 3:16 asked for monetary donations to contribute towards a Christmas meal and gifts for people living with homelessness; Simcoe Hall Settlement House also requested money to go towards Christmas meals for families. Our Christmas Outreach campaign netted the following: Simcoe Hall

Settlement House - \$1,145.00 and Gate 3:16 - \$690.00. My thanks to Alex and Carolyn for their help in collecting your donations for the four weeks in November. The staff at these agencies expressed their deep gratitude for the kindness and generosity of our people.

Mitten Tree: Maria Upton assumed the oversight of the Mitten Tree this year. It was a very successful event with over 200 items collected and distributed by several members of the congregation. Items such as mittens, scarves, and hats were handmade or purchased and placed on the Mitten Tree in the Church beginning the first Sunday in Advent.

The five schools that received items from the Mitten Tree were as follows: Coronation Public School, Dr. Cannon Public School, Queen Elizabeth Public School Bobby Orr Public School, and Village Union Public School. A Faith United Christmas card was included with each donation.

Additionally, a bagful of mittens was given to a congregation member to take to a Catholic school where they assist in a classroom, and a congregation member was given a dozen pair of mittens to donate to a French Immersion school in Oshawa.

A request was received for three children's snowsuits from a school where one of our members teaches; I am pleased to report that CWID was able to cover these costs, with the snowsuits being delivered before Christmas.

Reverse Advent: In addition to all the above, many of you took part in the Reverse Advent program. It was the highest response that we have had in many years! The idea is that instead of taking a candy etc. out of an Advent calendar each day, we put into a box one non-perishable food item. Many thanks to Alex and Carolyn who delivered all the boxes of food to the Simcoe Hall Settlement House.

Clothes: As donations of beautiful, clean, "like-new" items have been received, I have delivered them to the appropriate agencies. Thank you so much for thinking of our agencies when downsizing your homes and closets.

The Trail: Alex Scott continues to work faithfully on making the trail a welcoming place for both church and community folk. What follows is his beautifully written and poetic report on the Trail:

Today, on the trail, I took a photograph, because what I saw pleased me. The path through the cedar grove opened into a misty meadow. It was perfect in its simplicity. The rain darkened rugged bark and veiny flat cedar leaves were still quite wet from yesterday's rain. It was a delightful picture. I was blessed. What a treasure!

I tell you this because the rest of the experience was mine alone. You missed the face slapping aromatics of wet cedar. You missed the silent movement of a woodland creature. You missed overhearing the birds singing to our creator on this new morn. You missed the breeze that was like the soft breath of someone that you hold dear. You missed that ripple on the pond that appears from nowhere yet continues to..... ..everywhere. Solitude can be powerfully rewarding. However, I missed sharing this experience with you at that time. It was my loss. I believe that often an opportunity for a shared experience in nature is just what God has in mind for us.

I thank all who put out extraordinary efforts to make this trail continually more enjoyable and accessible. Many hours were spent grooming the trails to the point that they were as natural as possible, yet as safe as possible. We take our stewardship seriously and continue our tradition of more than a quarter century.

We also embrace new ideas that are fun like a Pumpkin Parade. Reverend Ned championed the use of previously enjoyed Jack-o-Lanterns. These were fitted with battery operated votive candles and were displayed on a very pleasant evening after the Christmas Bazaar. Fun. WOW. We enjoyed the fabulously creative pumpkins and naturally composted the remains after letting the critters have a pumpkin feast.

The community responded by far exceeding our hope by supplying over 300 carved and uncarved pumpkins. Faith United received the support of Sami Elhajjeh, our municipal representative who helped put out the word and did the walk himself. This was recycling's finest moment. To all that were involved in this new venture, Thank you!

Poetry Contest: Each year students at Courtice Secondary School are invited to write a poem about a topic related to the trail or nature. This is Alex Scott's report on the contest:

The Faith United Church / Courtice Secondary School Poetry Contest was a huge success this year. The winning submission was 'Voice of Flame' by Kamsi Chinweokwu. Kamsi impressed our judges with her superior authorship on the topic of fire. She well deserved the photo plaque, monetary award, gift card, and recognition for being a published author.

The honourable mention was claimed by Tamana Taheri with her submission of 'Fire of our Bones.' This poem was judged as a very close second. Tamana received a photo plaque, gift card, and appreciation.

The photo plaques will be added to the outdoor collection for our display. All participants received a gift card as a thank you for their submissions. The Poetry Contest is an outlet that mutually recognizes the relevance of achievement by the poets and the relevance of Faith United as a community partner that values education and the arts.

The AIDS Committee of Durham Region (ACDR) Garden: Last year ACRD hired a new staff person, Sal Chips, whose job mandate includes caring for our garden. He is an enthusiastic, hard-working, young man and was a great help. Sal also has four staff from the ACDR who are willing to help him; Sheila will assist as needed and as able.

Every week all available produce from our garden is harvested and given to (ACDR) clients who are HIV positive; these clients need fresh produce to boost their immunity, and access to it is easily done through ACDR's weekly food bank.

It is a privilege to be part of this committee and to work with you and on your behalf to help people who are impoverished. Recent increases in food costs have affected all of us; thank you for helping those in need in our community, we could not do all the good we do in our area without you.

Thank you to the committee for their dedication, time, and effort in fulfilling the mission of this committee.

Thank you to all of you who have contributed to CWID this past year. Your contributions have made the work of this committee possible. Thank you for evidence of your love, and the love of God, poured out upon people whom you will never meet, but who are nevertheless immensely grateful for your gifts!

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Ellis
Chair, Church Work in Durham Committee

O. Mission and Service

The Mission and Service Fund Committee (M&S) meets together on the first Thursday of each month at the church.

We use our M&S stories during service to keep the congregation informed, aware, and involved with the work that is done both locally and globally. Joyful giving has been evident, with gifts offered to the Mission and Service Fund this year. Thank you for your continued support of the Mission and Service Fund. A big thank you also goes out to the United Church Women for their continued support this year.

We were sad to say goodbye to both Donna Bignell and Karen Bihun when they resigned from the M&S committee this year. We are grateful for their support of the many activities of the committee. In the fall we welcomed two new members, Ruth Goodfellow and Sandy Allin.

Our fundraising efforts included two mini bake sales, one in February and one in September. In May we participated in the yard sale, selling note cards, cookbooks, and cookies. In October we held a soup and sandwich lunch and held a free will offering for the Food for the North campaign. We also sold cookbooks and donated a spa basket for the silent auction at the bazaar. A quilt was sold with the proceeds going to the M&S fund.

With the Loonie/Toonie drive held in the spring and the free will offering, we were able to send funds designated to Food for the North. The World Development and Relief fund is used to support those suffering from natural disasters. We supported the fund from Easter and Advent donations. Also, this year we designated funds to the Ministers Northern Retreat and to the United Church of Canada's appeal for the District of Congo.

The M&S committee participated in the November 23rd Lifewater and Praise Sunday with members presenting portions of the service and the message. Two presentations were given, one detailing the contributions to Lifewater that Faith has donated over the last 15 years and the second presentation about the Lessons Learned by Lifewater as they worked to deliver new and repaired wells. The many thank you certificates that had previously been displayed on the steps at the front of the church were reframed and dispersed throughout the church at places where we don't often think how fortunate we are to have safe, clean running water. Others were placed in the upstairs hallway. Our designated funds for well projects this year, were the most ever raised in our 15 years of support! Many thanks for your contributions.

The Mission and Service budget in 2025 to support the United Church was \$30,000. Please see the M&S financial statement provided for the totals. The budget for M&S in 2026 is \$30,000.

The M&S committee, along with the United Church House, extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued and generous support by the congregation and the United Church Women (UCW) in funding the work of Mission and Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Scott, Chair/Secretary
Donna Bignell, Treasurer.

P. Regional Council Representatives

A challenge for many congregations is that they feel disconnected from what happens in the rest of the United Church. Sometimes it feels like congregations are left out on their own and the only time they would interact with the Region Council or General Council is when something goes wrong. This is unfortunate because there are a lot of amazing people from many congregations who are doing good work in the United Church. When we are aware of the good work that people are doing, it can be a source of encouragement to know that we are not alone and that we are part of something bigger than ourselves.

What is the Regional Council?

Faith United Church is part of the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) with approximately 133 Pastoral Charges. The membership of ECORC is made of all the ministry personnel and elected representatives from each pastoral charge. In the Spring and Fall each year the ministry personnel and representatives come together for the Regional meetings. In 2025 the Spring General Meeting was held in St. Paul's United & St. Andrew's Presbyterian Ecumenical Shared Ministry in Bowmanville, and the Fall General Meeting was held at the Alderville First Nation Community Centre.

How Does the Regional Council Do its Work?

The Regional Council is made up of a **Council of Elders** and several **Teams, Forums, and Networks**. The **Council of Elders** has the responsibilities of the Regional Council and continues its work between the Regional Meetings.

The Council of Elders is supported in its work by the **Teams**:

The Covenant Support Team: is the team a congregation would connect with when searching for a new minister, getting training for Ministry and Personnel Committees, considering amalgamation or disbanding, answering questions about church policies. They also support the covenant relationships between ministry personnel and congregations.

The Faith Formation, Nurture and Justice Team: is the team that a congregation would connect with when there is an area of ministry that they are passionate about and they want to know about the work other churches are doing in that area. This team can connect you with a forum or network that would be of interest to you. It might be a local partnership or something global, it could be related to youth or children's ministry, or social justice initiatives. This team works with many of the forums.

The Ministry Through Property Team: is the team that a congregation would connect with questions regarding property matters. When a congregation is exploring a renovation or large repair they would contact this team. This team also conducts business tasks related to real estate, disposition of assets when congregations disband, and assisting Communities of Faith as they amalgamate or otherwise realign or reconstitute or relocate, etc.

The Nominations Team: this team puts out calls for new members to join the Council of Elders and the other teams. Expressions of interest are sent out in advance of the Spring Regional Meeting, the team collects and reviews the expressions of interest, and at the Regional Meeting new members are elected.

Forums: Different from the teams, Forums are groups formed by the Region to focus on particular areas of ministry and commitments the Region has made. Membership in a forum is not handled through the Nominations Team or by vote at Regional meetings.

Networks are voluntary associations between people who share an interest in a particular area of ministry. There are networks for musicians, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, environmental care, Affirming Ministries, Retirees, and many more.

Where Can You Find Out More?

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the Region and other communities of Faith within the Region you can explore the ECORC website (<https://ecorcuccan.ca/>), you can sign up for weekly newsletters that go out on Thursdays, and you can follow the East Central Ontario Regional Council on Facebook. You can also speak with the regional representatives from Faith United.

What Does All This Have to Do with Faith United?

One of the big projects the Region has begun undertaking is “Toward 2035”. This is a strategy for the future of our church. The United Church has collected information and created projections of what the United Church will look like ten years in the future. Using the information the Region is working to help congregations like ours make a plan for the future that is hope-filled. You can expect to hear more about this in the coming months.

Faith United Church has a history of engaging in the work of the larger church with volunteers who go to Regional Council meetings and serve on different teams. Thank you to Pat Long, Shirley Taylor, and Donna Bignall who served in 2025 as our Regional Representatives. Congratulations to Pat and Rev. Ned who at the 2025 Spring meeting completed their terms on the Council of Elders! Rev. Ned was elected to serve as chair of the Region’s Nominations Team.

Submitted by
Rev. Ned Wells

Q. Quilters

The quilting group meets each Tuesday morning from 9:30 to noon. The knitting group joined us on several occasions, working on items for the bazaar.

Our members managed to complete six quilts, five baby quilts, one lap size quilt for a wedding gift. We sold 5 quilts. We currently have one baby quilt and one seasonal quilt available for sale.

One large lap quilt, donated with the funds being requested to go to M&S fund was sold.

We have had 3 new members come to see what is involved in quilting. We hope to see them on a regular basis in 2026. Come join us, we will be glad to help you get started. Contact me at 905-429-7798 if you are interested in a quilt or in learning how to quilt.

Respectfully submitted by
Gail Scott

R. United Church Women (UCW)

In February 2025 I was sworn in as President of the UCW, and it has been an interesting year of “learning” for me. My sincere thanks are extended to Pat Long, and Donna Bignell, both Past Presidents, for their never-ending support in guiding me through my first year.

We are a busy group, always either hosting, catering, or attending several events throughout the year.

Our Catering Coordinators, Diane McMahon & Linda Walsh, have been very active in the kitchen, along with many of our UCW members, all of whom are very committed to preparing and hosting several events that are listed later in this report. Throughout the year their efforts help to support our goals in making donations to many Outreach Charities, and to our Church’s operations.

We were all very saddened by the passing of our long standing UCW sister, Elaine Rennie, who had been our UCW Treasurer for several years. Her Celebration of Life took place on October 11th, and while it was a huge loss for us all, we were able to participate in a very meaningful service hearing some lovely stories about the effect she had on so many people. Elaine will be missed, and our prayers are extended to Pat Long and all of Elaine’s family.

In October several UCW members attended the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Mid-Week Event hosted by the Lakeridge Reginal UCW. The Guest speaker was Barbara Dickson, author of “Bomb Girls: Trading Aprons for Ammo”. It was a very interesting presentation, and we enjoyed the fellowship along with a very nice luncheon prepared by the UCW members of the Westminster United Church in Whitby.

November 1st was a huge day for everyone at Faith United Church, and the UCW, when the 2025 Faith United Bazaar opened its doors promptly at 9:00 am. We were very happy to welcome over 700 people, all of whom participated in our wonderful Christmas atmosphere as they enjoyed shopping for the treasures of our Christmas Bazaar. Kudos go out to Beth McEwan (Bazaar Coordinator), her team, the Property Group, and all the people who contributed in so many ways to make the event a huge success. The proceeds for the day far exceeded \$20,000 the highest amount to date in the history of the Bazaar. We feel very blessed with the result as all the proceeds are donated to many local Outreach Agencies, our Church and further afield. A huge “THANK YOU” to all for such a great effort.

In November, Pat Long attended the Lakeridge Presbyterial United Church Women Fall Gathering at Ebenezer United Church. The theme was “Draw the Circle Wide”. The Guest Speaker there was Maria Walters, from Christian Faith Outreach Centre. Her presentation “Doors of Compassion” was very well received.

Thanks are extended to all the UCW ladies who work so diligently in the Kitchen, to the Property Team who lend their support to us in so many ways, we can’t thank you enough; to Kay Hurren our U.C.W. Secretary who keeps all of our Meeting Records in excellent order; to Joanne Boonstra, our Office Administrator, who managed to guide us through the financial transition this year; and finally to our Minister, Rev. Ned, who opened his “first “ bazaar at Faith with a very inspirational Opening Prayer that was a great start to a very successful day!

Respectfully submitted
Joyce O’Connell
U.C.W. President.

Bazaar:

The UCW bazaar of 2025 was blessed with gorgeous weather and the great fellowship of our entire team.

Our “Old Fashioned” bazaar was again the highlight of this region's Christmas events and brought out a crowd of approximately 700 guests who were greeted with hot cider and smiles. They were amazed by the sheer brilliance of our front atrium.

The Crafting Group shared center stage and outperformed last year with their creative decorations, wreaths, and centerpieces that came alive with color and sparkle.

The Christmas decor was again one of our most popular areas that people return to yearly for the vintage crystal, teacups, and the unique decor items. This year we were able to showcase more of the ceramic houses, and a unique collection of porcelain dolls, to the delight of our customers.

The Sunroom housed our collection of jewelry, where those special treasures of vintage adornments were on display, along with a wonderful selection of purses and scarves.

The book area was relocated to inside the sanctuary, so that the extra space enabled us to set up a “Mini-Library” section. The revised plan gave our customers easy access to the vast selection of books and puzzles.

Our newly named “Lost Treasures” was a resounding success again, and overflowed with a multitude of special items, donated by our congregation and friends and only found at this one-of-a-kind location.

The knitting and sewing tables were covered with the talented works of originality and uniqueness that surpassed last year.

Faith United is well known for the preserve area that was full of all the special jams, pickles, and sauces. Regular customers come every year just to buy these home-made preserves, reminiscent of their childhood memories.

What can I say about the bake table and Christmas cakes? Another fabulous year of the best home baking in all of Durham! The area was sold out again this year.

A new addition to our bazaar was a “Mrs. Claus” table full of children-oriented items and teacher gifts.

The silent auction provided a broad range of items from giftable objects to unusual pieces. It was a very busy hub of serious bidding, as there were over 90 objects lined up just waiting for a new home.

The tearoom is always a favourite gathering spot and this year was no exception. We sold 100 tickets. Our menu was delicious and the fellowship was endearing. Thank you to the Girl Guide Pathfinders group, who are such a valuable help at the tearoom.

We had our regular photo booth with a goodwill basket, and everyone loved getting their picture taken.

Special thanks to the following:

The men of the church plus friends, for helping to set up and take down everything. We are truly grateful.

Our thanks and gratitude go out to all the ladies, men, and friends of Faith United for all the donations and hard work.

And finally, a heartfelt thanks to a wonderful team of ladies whose dedication and hard work made for another very successful bazaar.

I am looking forward to being the coordinator again next year of another spectacular event at our 2026 bazaar.

See you all next year!

Respectfully Submitted

Beth MacEwan – Bazaar coordinator

Catering:

Community Care Lunch – held monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month monthly (excludes July/August)

February 22 Celebration of Life (Doug Dewell) – hosted with outside caterers.

April 12 Antique Car Club – lunch

May 24 Clarington Quilt Guild – lunch

May 28 Annual Senior’s Tea

June 19 Clarington Quilt Guild – Strawberry Tea

July 12 Celebration of Life (Diane Howarth) – lunch

September 24 Book Launch: Betty Turcotte - lunch

September 28 Birthday Celebration (Kay Hurren’s mother)

October 11 Celebration of Life (Elaine Rennie) – hosted with outside caterers.

November 01 Christmas Bazaar – Tea Room

November 15 Funeral Reception

Respectfully submitted

Diane McMahon & Linda Walsh

UCW Catering Co-Ordinators

11.0 NOMINATING

Minister	Rev. Ned Wells	
Council Chair	Steve Shanks	
Past Chair	Patricia Long	
Vice Chair	Vacant	
Recorder	Debbie Van Londen	
Treasurer	Diana Chappell	
Trustees	John DeCoe - Chair Larry Bignell Gail Minacs Rev. Ned Wells	Alex Scott Allan Turney Steve Shanks
Council Members without Portfolio	Beth MacEwan Danny Bathgate	Dorothy Shrigley
Accountant	Barry Dearborn	

2026 Committees:

Operations and Planning

Accessibility Standards and Customer Service	Donna Bignell, Chair Shirley Taylor	Debbie Duncan Eric Buss
Communications:	Diana Chappell, Chair	
Advertising	Mark Hunter	Jim Ellis Debbie Duncan
Social Media	Jim Ellis	Joanne Boonstra
Tech Team	Debbie Duncan Mark Luckasavitch Tyler Muir	Diana Chappell Aaron Campbell Teena Daize

Faith Fundraising	Beth MacEwan, Co-Chair Bonnie Odeh Patricia Long Brenda Payne Mary Boate Carolyn Boyd	Linda Walsh, Co-Chair Roz Bull Marlene Haslett Dorothy Shrigley Liz Wade Sandy Allin
Finance and Administration	Shirley Taylor, Chair Larry Hurren John DeCoe Suier Richardson	Gail Minacs, Recorder Donna Bignell Dave Hubbell Diana Chappell, Treasurer
Faith United Bursary Award	Ruth Goodfellow, Chair John DeCoe	Stacey Goodman
Gardening Co-Operative	Kathleen Pearce, Master Gardener Diana Chappell Sheila Ellis Elizabeth Valliant Jim Ellis	Nancy Philip Sue McCormick Mark Hunter
Ministry & Personnel	Joyce O'Connell, Chair Calvin Watts	Mary Ellen Nicholishen
Property	Steve Shanks, Chair Roger Pearce Paul MacDonald Larry Hurren Gerry Bihun John DeCoe John Ashworth	Terry Fitzgerald Alex Scott Allan Turney Frank Blake Larry Bignell Mark Luckasavitch

Faith Development

Faith Journey Resources:	Enid DeCoe, Chair Sheila Ellis Ashley Muir Linda Barry Nancy Phillip	Marlene Haslett Beth MacEwan Diana Chappell Renate Belzing Jim Ellis Rev. Ned Wells
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Joyful Noise	Marlene Haslett Nancy Phillip Beth MacEwan	Leigh Bolger Bret Mercer Linda Barry
Nursery	Libby Robertson	Ella Callery Danielle Muir
Tots on Tuesday (TOTS)	Enid DeCoe Libby Robertson Liz Wade	Marlene Hasslett Theresa Reid
Library	Theresa Reid	
Family Fun Night	Enid DeCoe Libby Robertson Beth MacEwan Liz Wade Jim Ellis	Marlene Haslett Sheila Ellis Theresa Reid Danny Bathgate
Learning Calendar	Pat Long Jim Ellis Rev. Ned Wells	Diana Chappell Kathleen Pearce
Worship and Music:	Elizabeth Valliant, Chair Enid DeCoe Gwen Bevan Ahley Muir Kristine Dandavino, Music Facilitator	Debbie Duncan Danny Bathgate Rev. Ned Wells
Chancel Guild/Atrium	Gail Minacs, Chair Danny Bathgate	Carolyn Boyd Steve Shanks Tanya Bignell
	<u>Wellness Ministry</u>	
Membership	Gail Minacs, Chair Roz Bull	Carolyn Boyd Don McMurty
Pastoral Care/Visiting Team	Donna Bignell, Chair Gwen McMillan Sandra Fletcher Pat Long Jim Ellis	Dorothy Shrigley Maria Upton Mary Ellen Nicholishen Shelia Ellis Rev. Ned Wells

Prayer Shawl Ministry Donna Bignell, Co-Ordinator

Extended Ministries

Church Work in Durham Sheila Ellis, Chair Suier Richardson
Elizabeth Valliant Ken Young
Alex Scott Carolyn Boyd

Mission and Service Gail Scott, Chair Maria Upton
Tanya Bignell Dorothy Shrigley
Liz Wade Ruth Goodfellow
Sandy Allin

Regional Representatives Pat Long Shirley Taylor

Quilters Gail Scott, Co-Ordinator

United Church Women (UCW) Executive Joyce O'Connell, President Vice-President, Vacant
Kay Hurren, Secretary
Carolyn Boyd, Corresponding Secretary

Bazaar Beth MacEwan, Co-Ordinator
Pat Long Joyce O'Connell

Catering Diane McMahon, Catering Co-Ordinator
Linda Walsh, Catering Co-Ordinator

12.0 STATISTICAL INFORMATION

2025 STATISTICS FAITH UNITED CHURCH

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Total Members as of December 31 st	189	179	173
Total Adherents as of December 31 st	40	60	72
Received by Profession of Faith	1	0	0
Received by Certificate of Transfer	7	0	0
Received by Adult Baptism	1	2	1
Removed by Death	13	6	6
Removed by Certificate of Transfer	1	0	3
Removed by Letter of Request	0	0	0
Number of Child Baptisms	2	8	0
Number of Marriages	2	0	0

Our thanks go to Gail Minacs, Membership Chair, for her work in keeping the membership information current and up to date.

13.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

Year-End Summary and Budget Projections for 2026

Summary:

We ended the year with less income than budgeted and higher expenses than expected. This resulted in a year-end deficit of \$8,321. This was largely because of higher than anticipated payroll costs. We were blessed to hire a full-time minister in August, ahead of our projected timeline.

The budget has been reorganized over the past year to more accurately reflect our income sources and expense categories and to provide better insights into the finances of the church. We are projecting a deficit for 2026 but are hopeful that we can keep our costs down as well as seeing our income rise so that we can finish the year balanced. There has been a noticeable rise in attendance both on Sundays and during the week over the last four months of the year, which may result in increased income.

OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSES	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Total Income	\$316,147	\$268,000	\$247,335	\$265,250
Total Expenses	\$269,109	\$247,384	\$255,655	\$333,482
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$47,038	\$20,616	(\$8,321)	(\$68,232)

Operating Income:

This category includes all income used to pay for the operating expenses of the church including administration, programming, property, and human resources. All undesignated income is included in this category.

OPERATING INCOME	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Envelope Offerings, Operations ¹	\$217,388	\$220,000	\$179,700	\$220,000
Donations, Non-receipted & non-designated ²	\$21,178	\$5,000	\$6,272	\$6,000
In Memorium Envelope Offerings	\$2,665	\$2,000	\$3,256	\$2,000
Fundraising Income	\$16,234	\$15,000	\$17,252	\$15,000
Facility Rental	\$12,739	\$10,000	\$11,651	\$12,000
Recovered Expenses Income ³	\$9,317	\$15,000	\$196	\$300
HST recovery	\$34,504		\$18,521	\$9,000
Programme Income - general			\$35	
Programme Income - Tots on Tuesday	\$1,122	\$1,000	\$210	\$200
Programme Income - Family Fun Night			\$520	\$500
Programme Income - Learning Calendar			\$145	\$250
Bequest			\$9,352	\$ -
UCC grant	\$1,000		\$225	\$ -
Total Operating Income	\$316,147	\$268,000	\$247,335	\$265,250

¹This line includes all receipted donations made to the operating budget of the church including cash, cheques, e-transfers, and PAR. While PAR remained the same for 2024 and 2025, there was a drop in offering plate and e-transfer donations in 2025.

²Non-receipted donations include Canada Helps, anonymous donations, and loose cash on the collection plate. In 2024, we received a large anonymous donation with a matching donation, increasing our income substantially.

³Included in this category are the annual credit card cash-back rebate, rebate for returning the old debit machine to the previous provider, and the sale of 100th anniversary commemorative Broadview magazines. Note that the 2024 amount also includes a property tax rebate when the church was granted an exemption by

the Town of Clarington, and a payroll rebate for an employee receiving Restorative Care income during sick leave.

⁴Programme income has been divided into the various programme streams to better identify the donations made to each area.

Operating Expenses:

The cost of operations decreased across all cost centres in 2025. To more accurately reflect how different areas incurred expenses, some new codes have been created. Also, some codes have been grouped together to match the committee handbook currently being revised. These changes are noted in the descriptions attached to each table.

ADMINISTRATION	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget requests
Canada Helps fees ¹	\$746	\$700	\$216	\$200
Debit machine fees ¹	\$249	\$250	\$29	\$30
PAR fees ¹	\$344	\$350	\$336	\$350
Bank/Credit Card Service Charges	\$186	\$180	\$269	\$180
Books, Subscriptions, & dues	\$141	\$140	\$219	\$140
Office Supplies ²	\$905	\$1,000	\$1,690	\$1,300
Postage, Mailing Service	\$178	\$200	\$251	\$250
Printing & Copying ³	\$5,563	\$5,000	\$3,245	\$3,300
Telephone/Communications	\$1,714	\$1,800	\$1,530	\$1,530
National Assessment Fees ⁴	\$10,793	\$10,879	\$10,879	\$13,619
Total Administration	\$20,821	\$20,499	\$18,665	\$20,899

¹Fees are paid for some forms of income such as Canada Helps, PAR, and the use of the Square debit account. These have been separated out so that we can track actual net income more accurately.

²Office Supplies have increased with the addition of more detailed processes to track expenses and income that resulted in more printed verification. With the addition of UCW income and expenses to our office operations, this has also resulted in more paper processes. There were also some additional one-time costs associated with setting up the minister's office.

³Our copier cost has decreased due to renegotiating our contract with Xerox to get a better rate per copy.

⁴The National Assessment Fee is set by General Council and is based on our income and investments. The rate charged on income has increased from 4.5% to 5% for 2026 and is scheduled to increase to 5.5% for 2027. The rate charged on investments increased from 0.252% to 0.3% for 2026, with no increase scheduled for 2027.

PROGRAMME	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Faith Journey Expenses	\$865	\$1,200	\$72	\$100
Family Fun Night ¹	\$636	\$680	\$591	\$600
Joyful Noise			\$42	\$100
Nursery	\$1,342	\$1,760	\$1,078	\$1,100
Tots on Tuesday ¹	\$106	\$150	\$172	\$150
Youth Group Expenses				\$ 0
Learning Calendar ¹	\$1,269	\$1,269	\$261	\$300
Promotion/Communication	\$702	\$1,000	\$19	\$50
Technology - License Renewals ²	\$3,176	\$3,200	\$2,887	\$1,951
Technology (hardware)	\$1,170	\$1,000	\$1,258	\$1,000
Tech Warranties				\$100
Wellness and Welcoming Ministries ³	\$0	\$1,000	\$2,424	\$1,000
Worship Committee	\$231	\$200	\$453	\$1,000
Instrument Repairs/Tuning	\$300	\$500	\$300	\$750
Music Expenses	\$500	\$500	\$214	\$1,500
Total Programme Expenses	\$10,297	\$12,459	\$9,770	\$9,701

¹Programme costs for Family Fun Night, Tots on Tuesday, and the Programme Calendar are offset by offerings received for these programmes. The net cost for Family Fun Night was \$71 and for the Learning Calendar was \$116. Tots on Tuesday had a surplus income of \$38.

²This line includes all tech licenses used by the church to produce livestreams, support office functions, facilitate remote computer access including Zoom meetings, and pay for copyrighted materials used in worship. Our Zoom account is discounted by 50% because the church is a registered non-profit agency. We pay for webhosting every three years; 2025 was the payment year resulting in a lower license renewal total for 2026.

³Wellness and Welcoming Ministries includes welcoming and social activities, membership management, pastoral care and visiting, and health and wellness programs.

HUMAN RESOURCES	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Payroll Expenses ¹	\$124,262	\$102,647	\$125,179	\$196,241
Speakers, honorariums ²	\$8,181	\$16,101	\$5,275	\$3,660
M&P Committee Expenses	\$1,432	\$680	\$1,105	\$680
ADP fees	\$347	\$400	\$391	\$400
Approved Staff Allowances		\$840	\$472	\$840
Total Human Resources	\$134,222	\$120,668	\$132,422	\$201,821

¹Our payroll has increased with the hiring of a full-time minister as well as increasing the Office Administrator hours to 35 hours weekly to allow for increased accounting duties for the designated funds and providing salary increases to all staff.

²This line includes the cost of supply for the minister and music facilitator for vacations and sick time.

PROPERTY	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Alarm System Expenses	\$1,331	\$1,375	\$1,266	\$1,435
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$165	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,500
Equipment Purchases - small	\$871	\$1,300	\$302	\$300
Inspections ¹	\$2,510	\$3,840	\$3,995	\$2,800
General Maintenance ²	\$3,319	\$2,180	1324	\$800
Consumables ²			1005	\$500
Repairs	\$2,287	\$1,500	\$0	\$100
Outside Contract Services ³	\$31,199	\$30,350	\$29,590	\$39,066
Property/D&O Insurance ⁴	\$12,713	\$13,586	\$12,214	\$13,586
Heating Expense	\$6,664	\$7,123	\$7,114	\$7,674
Hydro Expense	\$9,797	\$9,978	\$8,379	\$9,500
Water Expense	\$7,808	\$8,426	\$7,619	\$8,200
Total Property Expenses	\$78,665	\$80,658	\$72,808	\$85,461

¹There was an additional expenditure on this line for an insurance appraisal of the property and contents completed in December 2024 but paid for in January 2025. This was the first time an appraisal has been completed since the building was completed and was required by the insurer to update all values.

²General Maintenance has been separated into two categories so that we can see at a glance how much the church spends on consumable products such as toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap, and cleaning products.

³The church has changed cleaning companies for 2026. Although more expensive than the previous company, we are expecting better service.

⁴Although the appraised property value increased, the premium cost did not.

OTHER EXPENSES	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Fundraising Expenses ¹	\$5,691	\$5,600	\$6,254	\$5,600
HST Expense ²	\$19,412	\$7,500	\$15,737	\$10,000
Total Other Expenses	\$25,103	\$13,100	\$21,991	\$15,600

¹The net income from fundraising after expenses were paid was \$10,998.

²HST is paid on both capital and operating expenses. It is partially recovered on a semi-annual basis (January and July) for the previous six-month period. The amount recovered in 2025 covers HST paid between July 2024 and June 2025, whereas the expense is for the 2025 calendar year. The recovery is approximately 70% of the HST paid.

Capital Projects:

Donations received for capital expenses are regularly transferred into our RBC Asset Replacement fund and held there until needed. There were several capital projects in 2025, including repair work on the building and replacing outdated and non-functioning equipment. Repair work was completed on the turret to prevent continued water damage, and the sprinkler system also required repairs. Our aging computers were no longer able to be updated to meet operating system and software needs. Our fire panel was no longer able to function as required.

In 2024, we dipped into our operating funds to complete some of the capital work that was required. In order to balance the accounts, funds were transferred from both the Asset Replacement fund (\$4,000) and the Undesignated Investment Fund (\$18,487). The current balances in our investments are shown on the Balance Sheet below.

The Property committee has recommended several capital projects for 2026:

- \$2,500 to upgrade the security system
- \$5,500 to replace the old electrical panel
- \$1,294 to repaint the lines in the parking lot

Details	Cost
office desk (office administrator)	\$175.00
computers (Living Room, membership, minister, office administrator)	\$3,906.21
new monitor for Living Room	\$578.89
masonry work on turret	\$4,500.00
cooler repair	\$1,144.84
ergonomic chair for music facilitator	\$269.44
fire panel replacement	\$7,506.00
sprinkler system repairs	\$3,215.00
Balancing capital expenses from 2024	\$1,192.00
Total	\$22,487.38

Designated Funds:

There are a number of funds which are designated for a specific purpose. Throughout the year, there are special fundraisers such as the Easter butterflies for the chancel, direct appeals such as the request for donations to the educational bursary and the capital fund, and member-supported funds such as the choir fund and UCW account. The following table shows what was received and spent in 2025 and the accrued balances. Please note that the accrued balance is the amount in the fund including any surpluses or deficits from previous years, including 2025.

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	2025 Income	2025 Expense	2025 Surplus (Deficit)	Accrued Balance	2026 budget request
Capital Improvement ¹	\$3,190	\$23,113	(\$19,923)	\$2,658	\$11,000
Bursary Fund	\$400	\$0	\$400	\$2,740	\$500
UCW	\$53,868	\$24,930	\$28,938	\$29,127	\$55,000
Chancel	\$1,290	\$576	\$714	\$2,610	\$250
Choir	\$0	\$151	(\$151)	\$741	\$ -
Garden	\$1,419	\$668	\$751	\$1,542	\$500
Broadview ²	\$600	\$612	(\$12)	\$ -	\$570
TOTAL	\$60,767	\$50,008	\$10,759	\$39,417	\$67,820

¹The accrued balance for this account is the value of the Asset Replacement fund as of the end of December plus the capital offering received since October when the last capital purchase was made.

²This line would normally have no surplus or deficits since these are subscriptions that members pay for through the church. However, in addition to these subscriptions, we purchased several 100th Anniversary special issues to sell to the congregation. There are still some issues left that were not purchased.

Outreach:

The church reaches out through several funding streams, the two largest ones being the United Church Mission and Service Fund and our own Church Work in Durham. We also flow funds to LifeWater Canada in our annual Christmas appeal. In the summer of 2025, we added a special appeal to support the people of Sandy Lake First Nation as they recovered from wildfires. All funds received for these programs is forwarded to the appropriate agencies.

OUTREACH INCOME	2024 Actuals	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 budget request
Mission & Service	\$28,066	\$30,000	\$30,513	\$30,000
Church Work in Durham	\$23,581	\$23,400	\$25,147	\$24,000
LifeWater Canada	\$6,210	\$6,000	\$8,711	\$6,000
Sandy Lake First Nation			\$2,110	\$2,000
Total Outreach Income	\$57,857	\$59,400	\$66,481	\$62,000

Investment Accounts:

Although we had to use some of our investments to support capital projects, the overall value of our portfolio remains consistent with the last two years.

Fund	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Asset Replacement	\$12,572	\$19,409	\$2,135	\$2,219	\$1,205
Undesignated Investment	\$426,986	\$207,180	\$124,252	\$117,146	\$114,470
Designated Investment	\$158,304	\$129,808	\$140,213	\$150,379	\$154,490
Total	\$597,862	\$356,397	\$266,600	\$269,744	\$270,167

Balance Sheet:

As noted above, our total assets for 2025 were comparable to 2024.

ASSETS		
Current Assets	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2025
Bank of Montreal - Operating Account	\$95,018	\$116,243
Bank of Montreal – Savings Account	\$22,727	\$31,631
TD Canada Trust - credit card collateral	\$2,688	\$2,753
Total Current Assets	\$120,434	\$150,626
Fixed Assets		
Building	\$6,097,430	\$6,097,430
Contents/Property	\$558,896	\$558,896
Total Buildings, Property, and Contents	\$6,656,326	\$6,656,326
Investments		
Asset Replacement Fund	\$2,219	\$1,205
Designated Investment Account	\$150,379	\$154,470
Undesignated Investment Account	\$117,146	\$114,490
Total Investments	\$269,744	\$270,167
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,046,504	\$7,077,120

14.0 NOTICE TO READER

Independent Auditor's Report for Faith United Church, F/Y 2025

February 16, 2026

I have completed my audit of the financial records as of December 31, 2025 for Faith United Church ("the Church"). These financial records are the responsibility of the Church's administrative staff and my opinion is based on the sample audit of these records.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing quality standards commonly used in the Province of Ontario. The goal of an audit is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial transactions. An audit includes assessing the accounting principles used.

The financial files reviewed showed immense improvement from the previous year in the way data backup is sorted and stored for reference. Improvements in this area should continue for FY2026.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church as of December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the province of Ontario.

Barry Dearborn

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