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Our Gifts, God's Mission



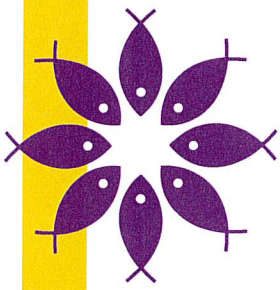
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- We **equip leaders** to serve the church in Canada and around the world; **support theological education and reflection** for ministry candidates and lay people and **accompany international partners** as they share the good news of Christ.
- We **address causes and consequences** of poverty, racism, oppression, conflict and violence and **protect and restore** God's creation amid our current climate crisis.
- We **fund ministries** that serve individuals facing social barriers, including refugees, sex workers, inner-city residents, newcomers, and people dealing with addiction and mental health challenges.
- We **bring people together** to learn and share experiences; **create opportunities** for people to worship together and grow as disciples; and **support educational pathways** to ordained ministry.
- We **encourage youth and young adults** through PCC camps, regional staff and regional and national training events and **send young adults** to support international partners.
- We **develop tools and resources** to help all levels of our church as we become a healthy multi-ethnic and intercultural denomination, welcoming to all people.
- And so much more!

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The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Financial Statements have been printed separately.

Minister's Report

At the moment of writing this report, it has been almost exactly a year since I became the lead minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton. It has been a year of great change and adjustment for myself and my family, and we have been glad of the support shown to us by our new church family as we rebuild our foundation in a new city. I have experienced challenges and rewards in this new position so far, but I find it difficult to report anything truly *newsworthy* from my perspective. I will leave it to the committee chairs to report the news.

I would like to discuss something else entirely: relationship.

When I was still in seminary, one professor warned me that one does not begin any true, lasting ministry in a congregation until *after* the first five years at a congregation. This "five years" may be a rough estimate, but I think that he was broadly correct. The covenant established between me, lead minister, and you, the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton, is a relationship of equals, like an important friendship, or even a marriage. As with any marriage or friendship, the proper phases need to be observed, and the foundational phases of any lasting relationship usually occur within the first two to five years. After those initial years, the relationship can begin to bear real fruit; but until then, everything that is done is *groundwork*.

First, the honeymoon period must be gotten over with; then, daily life needs to be lived and experienced together; habits need to be formed, broken, and reformed; defects of personality explored and misunderstandings worked through. Common ground needs to be established *after* friction has developed and been resolved. Right now, after a year, we've gotten ourselves through the *getting to know you* phase of building the relationship. It is after this preliminary phase that things begin to get *really* interesting. Now, we begin to get to know each other for who we *really* are. The good news is that we *are* still developing this relationship, and that neither of us need to be perfect *yet*. We are still being surprised by each other's faults. Eventually we will get to the stage in the relationship where we finally realize that neither of us *will ever* be perfect, but we will have enough grace for each other that we will forgive each other for the faults which initially surprised us.

Typically, in relationships like these, we first see each other only for our positive qualities. We are just happy to have each other and to be together. After all, I have spent my formation as a pastor searching for a church in which to belong, and you have been searching for such a very long time for a minister who will call this church his or her home. We have finally found each other! Now, however, as we live life together, we slowly begin to see the cracks in each other's facades and foundations. "These people can be a little strange sometimes," I might think to myself. And you might think to *yourself*, "He could brush his hair a little more often," or "I wish he wouldn't talk about *that* quite so much". Perhaps you'll catch me in public at some point and think to yourself, "I didn't imagine he'd wear something like *that* outside of the house."

Over time, our perceptions of these cracks *will* increase, but as that happens we will also become more accustomed to them, and we will even come to love the quirks as much as we love the purely "good things" about each other. If we are self-aware, we will come to recognize ourselves in those very quirks and defects in personality. People are not so different from each other after all, and perhaps we ourselves are not nearly as perfect as we thought.

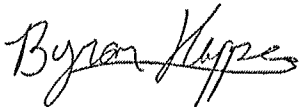
So many things have happened this past year at St. Andrew's. We have gained new members, and we have grieved the death of old ones. We have celebrated victories and borne each-other up in defeat. We have made difficult decisions, considering deeply the impact that we as a church have on the community around

us. We have begun to dream up new projects for the future, even as we still live in fear of the uncertainty of the future. As we continue to build our relationship together as lead minister and congregation, what is most important is that we both hold fast to the vows that we have made to one another, to work together in forming this relationship, and in further developing this thing called church.

I can't promise much, but I will make one promise to you, in order to alleviate any fears that my newfound position of lead minister in a big city church might go to my head. That promise is that I will always remember what the Apostle Paul said about the church, when referring to it as the "body of Christ":

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many."

I may have been called to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church to be this *particular* church's *lead minister*, and am therefore in some sense the head of the church, but I am fully aware that this position is a privilege which is dependent upon every other member of this little body of Christ. As we continue to develop our relationship together, I will honour my pastoral duty to every member and adherent, and even every *prospective* member who walks through our doors. I am not above anyone at this church. I am *in relationship with everyone* at this church. Therefore I will treat those relationships with the same seriousness that I do with every other relationship in my life. St. Andrew's, we are living life *together* now. Friendships are never perfect, but to paraphrase the words of Humphrey Bogart in a film that I've never actually seen: "I think this is the beginning of a beautiful one".

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Byron Kappes". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Reverend Byron Kappes

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

2026 Annual General Meeting

April 26, 2026

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Budget Meeting held on November 16, 2025
 - Any business arising from these Minutes. Motion to adopt.
5. Reports of Session, Committees and Groups as circulated; Questions for Committee chairs
 - Motion to accept these Reports
6. Report of the Board of Trustees
 - Nomination of Trustees: *Stan Loree, Gord Warren, Debbie Warwick, Henry Peyer*
7. Report from the Treasurer
 - Review Performance of 2025 Budget
8. Accountant's Review
 - Motion to accept the reviewed Financial Statements as printed
9. Appointment of Accountant: *RLB Chartered Professional Accountants*, and Appointment of Treasurer: *Anna-Marie Dewar*
10. Appointment of Envelope Secretaries: *Kim Shepherd and Valerie Martin*
11. New Business
 - Motion to increase Serving Elders from 9 to a maximum of 21 to be increased in increments as and when determined necessary by Session
12. Votes of Thanks
13. Closing Prayer
14. Next Congregational Meetings: (dates tentative)
 - Budget Meeting – November 15, 2026
 - Annual General Meeting – April , 2027

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

2025 Annual Budget Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2025

Thirty-one (31) members of the congregation attended the meeting. Rev. Byron Kappes made comments about attending the Annual Budget Meeting and voting for the memorial tree or wall plaque before you leave the meeting. Rev. Byron Kappes opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Kim Shepherd, seconded by Colin Young, to appoint D. Warwick as recording secretary for the Annual Budget Meeting. **CARRIED**

Motion by Ray Scanlan, seconded by Peter Shepherd, to accept the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 4, 2025 have been circulated, and it was requested if there were any questions. No questions arose.

Motion by Jean Bradshaw, seconded by Graham McWatt, that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on May 4, 2025 be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Carriage of the meeting was handed over to Anna-Marie Dewar for presentation. Anna-Marie welcomed everyone to the 178th budget meeting and provided the Mission Statement and Vision of St. Andrew's. Anna-Marie thanked everyone for the offerings provided and noted that the figures listed reflect the 2025 figures up to October 31, 2025.

The 2026 Budget was presented by Anna-Marie Dewar. The following committee budgets were presented:

- Mission Committee
- S-EAOM (Honorarium for Rev. Babar Allahditta is now a budget item.)
- Worship and Fellowship Committee
- Christian Education Committee. (2025 Anniversary Offering was directed toward Christian Education.)

Anna-Marie Dewar turned the Property Committee 2026 budget portion of the meeting over to Stan Loree for presentation. Stan Loree pointed out that second to salaries and salary-related expenses, the maintenance of the property is the second largest expense we incur.

2026 Budget for property is:

- \$12,000.00 for heating (insulation installed is assisting with keeping costs down)
- \$8,000.00 utilities for Manse
- \$66,000.00 for general maintenance which includes:
 - cleaners \$23,000.00
 - fire inspection \$7,500.00
 - maintenance of heating \$3,000.00
 - fire monitoring \$2,000.00
 - paper towels and toilet paper \$1,200.00
 - mats \$2,000.00
 - lawn moving and snow removal \$13,500.00
 - miscellaneous general repairs \$6,200.00
 - the air conditioning at the Manse requires replacement in 2026 \$6,000.00

There were no questions regarding the Property Committee budget.

Rev. Byron Kappes, on behalf of himself and his family, thanked the congregation for the work which has been performed on the Manse and the repairs done.

Anna-Marie presented the Stewardship Committee budget. Anna-Marie thanked Pam Loree, Colleen Peyer and Maggie Nicol for the fundraising efforts this year. Anna-Marie pointed out the ways to give:

- offering envelopes
- PAR
- via credit card
- e-transfers

The Stewardship budget sets out:

- wages and benefits
- audit fees
- Brampton Presbytery Assessment
- Fundraising costs (net proceeds \$2,000.00)
- office and technology expenses
- bank charges and interest

Anna-Marie explained the revenue and deficit in the 2026 Budget. There was a higher than budgeted deficit for 2025; however, funds were pulled from our PCC Investment Fund to pay down this deficit. How do we pay for our 2026 budget? Each committee is encouraged to keep their costs down as much as possible.

Our 2025 investments are doing well, and the major 2026 budget items are wages (and wage-related expenses) and maintenance. The 2025 budget is currently tracking with what was budgeted for. At the end of the year, our line of credit could be between \$40,000.00 and \$60,000.00. We need to find ways to increase givings and obtain more rental income.

Motion by Anna-Marie Dewar, seconded by Kim Shepherd, that the 2026 Budget be approved.

Discussion:

- Molly Harvey asked if the congregation could be advised of what amount is required by each member as offerings to meet our expenses. This was studied a few years ago. Anna-Marie will obtain and publish those figures.
- Ray Scanlan asked who to contact to increase one's PAR offerings. Answer: The envelope secretaries, Kim Shepherd and Valerie Martin.
- Rev. Byron Kappes reiterated Molly and Ray's questions and their answers to assist the online attendees.
- Jim Hunt asked if a new microphone can be purchased, as he has trouble hearing. He was made aware that we have special earphones for use in the Sanctuary which could assist him. These will be available for him in the Sanctuary next week.

CARRIED (unanimous)

Anna-Marie Dewar thanked Kim Shepherd and Henry Peyer for being part of the Stewardship Committee. She also thanked Kim Shepherd and Valerie Martin, the envelope secretaries, for their work throughout the year, and Stan Loree for his help and teaching to her. The congregation was also thanked for their financial support.

Rev. Byron Kappes thanked: Paul Willoughby for his dedication to maintaining the gardens at St. Andrew's; Stan Loree for the work done and the time he gives to our church on a weekly basis; Colin Young for being the ushering co-ordinator; and Barry Hutchinson and Doug Warwick for the fence work. He stated that this work means so much to him and his family and shows that the congregation of St. Andrew's really cares for them. He also thanked Anna-Marie for her time as treasurer.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Rev. Byron Kappes.

**Elders Serving on Session
of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
as of December 31, 2025**

The Rev. Byron Kappes, Lead Minister
The Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, Minister in Association
The Rev. Babar Allahditta, Minister in Association

S. Babar	2021-Dec 31, 2026	P. Loree	2025-Dec 31, 2030
H. Peyer	2021-Dec 31, 2026	P. Shepherd	2025-Dec 31, 2030
K. Hutchinson	2021-Dec 31, 2026	G. McWatt	2025-Dec 31, 2030
S. Loree	2023-Dec 31, 2028	D. Warwick	2025-Dec 31, 2030

Supporting Elders

A.J. Hunt	1967	T. Campbell	2004
W. Gemmill	1972	R. Orrom	2004
J.F. MacDonald	1972	R. Duncan	2004
I.C. Jess	1981	D. Scott-Dunne	2014
S. Kellam	1981	M. Jackson	2014
H. Eitner	1986	E. Emanuel	2014
M. MacDonald	1986	K. Shepherd	2014
B. Cornish	1989	R. M ^c Mechan	2014
J. Urquhart	1989	R. Scanlan	2014
M. Hunt	1989	E. Boyd	2016
D. Volpe	1992	M. Tedder	2016
D. Young	1992	M. Nicol	2018
M. Harvey	1996	P. Willoughby	2018
F. Alexander	1996	J. Bradshaw	2019
K. Jackson	1996	A. Dewar	2019
G. Warren	1996	S. Jackson	2019
S. Jess	1998	J. Young	2019
L. Malek	1998	R. Kirkpatrick	2020
A. Mear	1998	J. Stratton	2020
V. Warren	1998	R. Cammidge	2021
R. Wightman	1998	J. Collins	2023
		C. Young	2023

St. Andrew's Leadership in 2025

Interim Moderator
Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Minister in Association
Rev. Babar Allahditta

Session Treasurer
Pam Loree

Trustees
Stan Loree
Henry Peyer
Gord Warren
Debbie Warwick

Lead Minister
Rev. Byron Kappes

Clerk of Session
Debbie Warwick

Treasurer
Anna-Marie Dewar

Presbytery Representative
Peter Shepherd

Office Administrator
Valerie Barrett

Minister Emeritus
Rev. Rosemary Doran

Deputy Clerk of Session
Pam Loree

Envelope Secretaries
Kim Shepherd
Valerie Martin

Roll Clerk
Ian Jess

Music Director
Shelagh Tyreman

2025 Committee Chairs

Worship & Fellowship

Congregational Care

Food Bank

Mission & Outreach

Property

Stewardship

Christian Education

Leading with Care

Karen Hutchinson

Felicity Alexander

Gord Warren

Robyn Kirkpatrick

Stan Loree

Kim Shepherd

Sandra Jackson



Session

The Session held ten meetings in 2025, supporting committees and their work and recommendations they bring to the Session.

Rev. Byron Kappes attended our church in January to preach for the call and was asked to join St. Andrew's as our lead minister as of March 1, 2025. This ended the responsibilities of the Search Committee which had been appointed in 2023.

Rev. Wayne Baswick was our moderator for Session during the first two months of the year until the reins were turned over to our new Lead Minister, Rev. Byron Kappes, who now moderates our Session.

During each Session meeting, the committee reports are reviewed and the church finances are discussed. Each committee meets ten times per year, usually online via Teams. The committee reports are included in this package, and we encourage everyone to consider your individual gifts and become involved in one of the committees of our church. Many hands make light work!

Debbie Warwick
Clerk of Session

and

Pam Loree
Deputy Clerk of Session



St. Andrew's Session Fund Financial Summary

for the year ended December 31, 2025
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Receipts		
Donations from Elders	800.00	1,025.00
Loose Offerings	0.00	0.00
Total Receipts	\$800.00	\$1,025.00
Disbursements		
Benevolent Distribution		\$ (800.00)
Bank Charge Reimbursed 2023 loss		\$ 9.84
Thank you gift for Rev. Baswick	\$ (263.36)	
Total Expenses	\$ (263.36)	\$ (790.16)
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$536.64	\$234.84
Opening bank balance	<u>\$ 2,910.20</u>	<u>\$ 2,675.36</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>\$ 3,446.84</u>	<u>\$ 2,910.20</u>

2025 Statistical Report of the Session

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2024 **464**

Added during 2025 by:

Profession of Faith	11
Certificate of Transfer	0

Removed during 2025 by:

Deaths	14
Transfer Out	7
Removal from Roll by Session	0

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2025 **454**

New Members

Mobene Akhtar	Pieter Willem Bakkeren
Charles David Foster	Marilyn Hilda Henderson
Michael John	Katelyn Kappes
Tariq Masih	Amman Michael
Jennifer Michael	Peter Roopchan
Mary Numbi Wakere	

Baptisms

Adrian William Kevin Beams	Zion Julius
Damien Marc Juniper	Elsa J. Khokhar
Rochelle J. Khokhar	Lylah Maddison Peyer

In Memoriam

(Members and Adherents deceased during 2025)

Gwen Arbuckle	Donna Armstrong-Volpe	Donalda Dale
Maureen Douglas	John Jarjour	Susan Jess
Kenneth Johnson	Florence Martin	Nazar Masih
Robert Stevenson	Sylvia Tedder	Kenneth Yates
Sabah Yousif Youash	Rev. Rosemary Doran	

Memorial Gifts 2005-2025

2005	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	5,000
2006	Estate of Claude McLaughlin	50,000
2007	Estate of Hector Douglas McGee	3,000
2007	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	112,235
2007	In memory of Blake Stansfield	1,500
2007	Estate of Elizabeth McHardy	2,000
2009	Estate of Joan Sargeant and Gladys Martin in memory of Thomas William and Annis Martin	161,742
2010	Family of Elspeth Stansfield	1,000
2010	Estate of Jack Malcolm	5,000
2010	Estate of Norma Small	5,000
2012	Estate of Meribeth Lamont	25,000
2013	Estate of Clara Vanderperk	34,275
2013	Estate of Reginald Allman	162,500
2014	Estate of Bruce Carruthers	148,873
2015	Estate of Reginald Allman	100,000
2016	Estate of Reginald Allman	106,000
2017	Estate of Reginald Allman	165,000
2018	Estate of Reginald Allman	12,500
2020	Estate of Mary McLean	30,000
2020	Estate of Reginald Allman	5,679
2021	Estate of Helen Gardiner	25,000
2022	Estate of Helen Graham	1,000
2023	Estate of Glenna German	10,000

In addition to these cash donations, the Armstrong family donated the stained glass window in the Minister's Vestry.

2025 Memorials

Monies were received in memory of the following members:

Susan Jess	John Boyd
Marjory Ward	Donna Armstrong-Volpe
Sylvia Tedder	John Jarjour
Bob Alexander	Florence Martin
Ken Johnston	Ken Yates
Donalda Dale	Rosemary Doran
David Aleong	

Board of Trustees

ROYAL BANK ACCOUNT – MEMORIAL FUND

Enduring Gifts Fund at December 31, 2025

Royal Bank Bank Account, December 31, 2025	\$19,454.02
	<u>\$19,454.02</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

Interest from bank deposits	\$ 218.89
Transfers from FLAME endowments	\$15,840.00
Closing bank balance December 31, 2025	\$ 9,690.13
	<u>\$25,749.02</u>

Disbursements

Bank service charges	\$ -
Transfer to PCC Investment Fund	\$ 6,295.00
Closing bank balance December 31, 2025	\$19,454.02
	<u>\$25,749.02</u>

Christian Education Committee Sunday School

Working to Strengthen and Grow in Faith

The Sunday School continues to have two classes for grades K through to 8. Grades K to 3 are learning from the *Dwell* curriculum, and Grades 4 to 8 are learning the *Connect* curriculum.

Our Youth meet through the year while also attending Worship on the months they are not in class. The youth use *RightNow Media* and are learning more about their faith and themselves. This year, the youth have also been helping with Coffee Fellowship and in our *Dwell* and *Connect* classes.

Thank you to these amazing teachers who continue to share their gifts with the St. Andrew's children and youth: Jessica Rhind and Meaghan Bhim who teach our *Dwell* curriculum for grades JK-3; Robyn Kirkpatrick-Beams, teaming with Kim Shepherd to teach our *Connect* curriculum for grades 4-8; Doreen Scott-Dunne and Ray Scanlan who leading our youth on their faith journey, including confirmation using the *Alpha Youth* curriculum; and James Stratton who runs the Nursery for infants and pre-JK children.

All our Sunday School materials are available digitally. The switch from hardcopy to digital resources has significantly reduced ordering and shipping costs and is more time-efficient, as all curriculum comes from the United States.

The Christmas pageant made its return in 2025. The children and youth did an amazing job learning their lines, practicing and singing *Gloria* for the congregation. They were all excited to share this pageant with the congregation, with the added appearance of our very own Rev. Byron Kappes. The teachers and the Sunday School cannot wait to plan 2026.

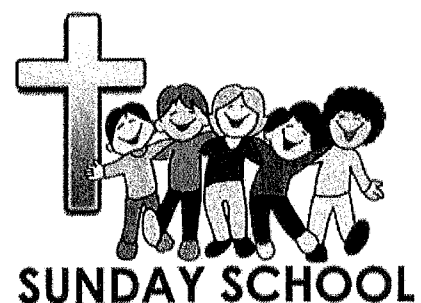
If you would like to join this amazing, heartwarming ministry, please speak to Kim Shepherd.

"Messy Church" made its debut at Christmas time. Rev. Kappes, Kim Shepherd and Katelyn Kappes gathered with congregants to enjoy a dinner of chili, salad and rolls. We all shared in making Christmas ornaments, wrapping papers and Christmas cards. The evening wrapped up with karaoke while enjoying a hot chocolate bar. Watch for more fun Messy Church events!

We continue to have two GRACE groups that actively meet in person to share in prayer, bible study and fellowship. Thank you to the facilitators of these two groups for your time and dedication.

We invite members to sign-up for *RightNow Media*. Please contact Pam Loree or Kim Shepherd to sign up. RightNow resources include hundreds of at-home bible studies for adults, youth and children. One of the best parts about a RightNow subscription is that's it is free!

Kim Shepherd
Sunday School Superintendent



Congregational Care Committee

*“Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong,
a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing.”*

(Nicky Gumbel, Alpha Ministries)

According to the Standing Orders of the Session of St. Andrew’s, two of the responsibilities of the Congregational Care Ministry are to:

- Assist the Ministers with pastoral care visiting, especially for those who are in chronic care or in crisis;
- Assist Elders with Congregational Care.

Early in 2025, our Session hired the Rev. Byron Kappes as our full-time minister. We appreciate and thank our Minister-in-Association, the Rev. Wayne Baswick, who served as Interim Moderator and Stated Supply Minister during the vacancy. We thank the Search Committee for hiring the Rev. Byron Kappes to fill the vacancy. As always, we are grateful to Peter Shepherd, our technology guru, for his faithful service on Sunday mornings so that our worship services can be accessible on YouTube.

During the year, cards were sent to members who were sick or had lost a loved one. Where we had the information on file, we provided cards of celebration to those with special birthdays or wedding anniversaries. We also delivered the bi-monthly St. Andrew’s newsletter to sixteen “shut-in” members.

The Blue Christmas service in December was held in the Sanctuary. We thank Rev. Byron Kappes for providing this opportunity for prayer and the sharing of memories of our loved ones.

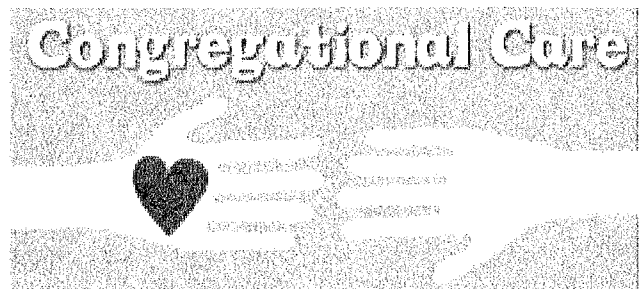
The Prayer Circle ministry is part of Congregational Care, and Sandra Jackson has provided a separate report.

The Visiting Committee was relatively inactive again this year, but Rev. Byron Kappes did some of the visiting with our more senior members, some of whom can no longer attend the in-person church services. However, we made phone calls and delivered or mailed 24 Christmas cards which were hand-painted and donated by Molly Harvey and signed by Rev. Byron Kappes. These cards were much appreciated by the recipients.

Sadly, in early 2025, we lost a member of our group, Susan Jess, who died on January 2. We also mourn the loss of the Rev. Rosemary Doran on December 7. Sandra Jackson and I will continue to keep in touch with members of the congregation as needed.

Emails sent to wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca will go to Felicity Alexander and Sandra Jackson, and to the Rev. Byron Kappes. They can also be reached by telephone.

Felicity Alexander



Envelope Secretaries

The Envelope Secretaries play an important role in our church's life by managing the distribution of offering envelopes, processing weekly offerings, administering Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and issuing tax receipts. We deeply appreciate their dedication and service.

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for your faithful and continued financial support throughout 2025. Whether you joined us for in-person worship or connected online, your generosity has ensured that our ministries continue to thrive and our church is well cared for.

A special thank you goes out to all who contributed to St. Andrew's designated projects through our Easter, Anniversary and Christmas letter campaigns. Many of you gave using offering envelopes, e-transfers, PAR, or through our website at www.standrewsbrampton.ca. Your support, in every form, makes a real difference.

If you'd like to join PAR, adjust your current contributions or simply have questions, please feel free to reach out to our Envelope Secretaries. They'd be happy to assist you – or even just say hello!

Kim Shepherd & Valerie Martin
Envelope Secretaries



Food Bank Committee



The above logo is seen by every person, company, store, church or service club who have donated to St. Andrew's Food Bank during the past year. Our Food Bank Secretary, Sandra Jackson, sends a thank you letter via email for every donation. This is a big job that has shown results. People are pleased to be acknowledged and thanked, so many donate again. This is very important to the Food Bank finances, as over 75% of our funds now come from outside the church. Thank you, Sandra.

2025 marked 35 years that the St. Andrew's Food Bank has been serving the Brampton community. It was a challenging year as the price of groceries continued to climb, resulting in more clients seeking our support. Many rooming houses have closed in the downtown area, and this has resulted in the client mix changing. We have a core group who have been coming for the past 15 years, and unfortunately we are also seeing their adult children now coming for assistance. We get refugees who haven't managed to support themselves, as well as elderly and disabled individuals who can't live on government assistance. Everyone who comes needs assistance, or else they wouldn't wait the two or three hours to get food.

Security and safety has improved with the installation of the fence. We no longer have to police the area for needles and force those sleeping by the courtyard door to leave. It's better for the volunteers as well as the clients.

It takes over thirty volunteers to operate our Food Bank. We have those in the kitchen who break and bag bulk items into individual portions; those in the first room down the hall who give out canned goods, boxed goods and fresh vegetables, tea, coffee, sugar, powdered milk, eggs, wieners and toiletries. (The items in stock any given week depend on what has been donated.) The second room distributes most of the donations that come in from various stores and agencies. We also are blessed with a group of volunteers who pick up these donations from various stores and bring them to the church.

We would not be able to give out as many items without the donations from Regeneration and Second Harvest. Regeneration donates every week, and we have food donations from three grocery stores through Second Harvest. This is food that is close to the best before date or with damaged packaging which the stores can't sell. We also receive the brown paper bags of food generously paid for and donated by customers at grocery store checkouts.

Gord Warren
Graham McWatt

Tom Campbell
Sandra Jackson

Belle Campbell
Ian Jess

Bruce Cornish
Grace Brewster-Yates

Herbert Eitner
John Collins

GRACE Groups

L6T/L6P Grace Group

The L6T/L6P Grace group continues to be anchored by our core pillars: **Glorifying God, Relationships, Acts of Service, Caring Community, and Education.** Throughout 2025, our members met via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month to support one another through prayer and personal stories. A primary focus of our year was "leveling up" our spiritual maturity through the *Life IQ* video series by Matthew Watley. This study provided us with practical insights into navigating our minds, spirits, culture, and emotions through a lens of faith. Beyond our digital screens, we cherished the opportunity to gather in person. Our Summer BBQ and Christmas Potluck Luncheon were wonderful milestones filled with laughter, exceptional food and meaningful conversation. We are truly grateful for these chances to grow closer to one another and remain committed to connecting through service, community and faith.

Maggie Nicol

L6X/L6Y Grace Group

After fifteen years of hosting the L6X/L6Y Grace group, Doreen Scott-Dunne and Ray Scanlan have decided to retire from its leadership. Our last meeting was on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, when we met together for a time of fun and fellowship. Over the years, we have spent time together **Glorifying God, strengthening Relationships, participating in Acts of Service, being part of a Caring community, and using *RightNow Media* courses to further our Education** in much of the New Testament to deepen our faith.

A number of our members are no longer able to attend due to health reasons, and we needed to pass the baton, so it was with thankful hearts that we met to remember how we grew in faith as we studied God's word together, prayed for one another and celebrated our church family. We will continue to see one another in church and care for one another in prayer. It has been a privilege and a joy for Ray and me to lead this group, and we appreciate particular help from Sue Haw and Gerda Halliday.

If you are interested in becoming involved in coordinating a GRACE group in your area, please contact: Ray or Doreen, or Rev. Byron Kappes for more information. We will be delighted to help and support you in any way, and look forward to hearing from you, as belonging to a GRACE group is a real blessing!

Doreen Scott-Dunne



Summer BBQ with L6P/L6T Grace Group

Leading With Care

Leading with Care is a policy for ensuring a climate of safety for children, youth and vulnerable adults in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. St. Andrew's Session enacted this policy in our church many years ago. As per PCC rules all Vulnerable Sector Police checks expire every 5 years.

The following folks must obtain a Vulnerable Sector Police check (VSC) in the area of residence:

- Active ministers and staff
- Active Elders on Session
- All Christian Education Sunday School teachers
- All Food Bank volunteers
- Congregational Care team members who visit members in hospitals or homes.

St. Andrews has 53 folks with active VSC Police Checks, 5 pending, and 5 up for renewal in the fall of 2026.

The Worship & Fellowship Committee and Mission Committee volunteers who act as greeters, ushers, refreshment servers, or committees that run onsite fundraisers do not need police checks since they do not work one-on-one with vulnerable adults and children.

St. Andrew's has three different application processes for VSC police checks, since we have members who live in Peel Region, the Toronto area, and Ontario Provincial Police territory. Each police force has different costs and procedures for applying for VSC checks. All Vulnerable Sector Police Checks are **online application only**; no onsite applications are available anymore. If fingerprints are required, the police force will send the applicant an email with the designated site address information. An authorization letter will be provided so no one has to incur the extra cost of finger printing.

The St. Andrew's Leading with Care representative is Sandra Jackson. She keeps track of all folks who have VSC police checks with their expiry dates. She will issue the necessary paperwork for all new applications and for those that need to reapply after 5 years. All Leading with Care documents and Vulnerable Sector Police certificates are filed by the individuals name in a designated locked filing cabinet in the Church Office. As per the Presbyterian Church of Canada rules, these records are kept on file permanently and never destroyed.

If you have questions about the Leading with Care policy or the police check processes, please email andrewspolicecheck@gmail.com.

Sandra Jackson
St. Andrew's Leading with Care Representative

Mission Committee

We never say 'thank you' enough.

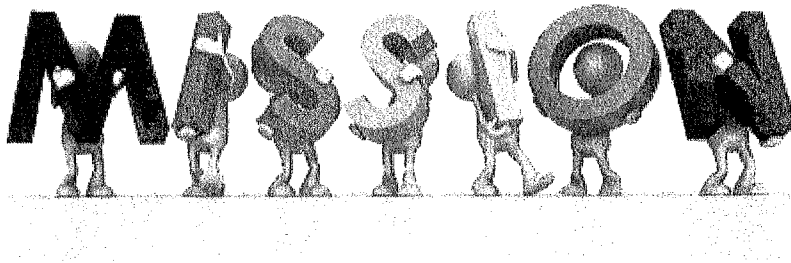
As the year 2025 started, we began our planning. As in past years, the **Faith in ACT!ON** activities became our main focus for spring. On June 7, we planted and groomed the gardens, packed bags for the Ontario Correctional Institute (OCI), and got the toiletries readied for Ellen House. We also sent towels and blankets to the Brampton Animal Shelter.

With the support of Rev. Byron Kappes, we held a **Service of Gratitude** in September. This service was our way of giving thanks to our first responders: Police, Fire and Paramedics. Although participation by the groups was minimal, the service served its purpose. We plan to review and make this an annual event.

Finally, **Project Cozy** was a huge success. This annual campaign sees the donation and distribution of warm winter clothing to local community members in need. It was so successful that we even finished ahead of time and were able to share the remaining items with both Ellen House and OCI.

We continually ask for your help, and you never fail to deliver. To all the volunteers who donated their money, time and talents in 2025, and for the unending support and generosity of YOU, our congregation, we say a heartfelt **Thank You!**

Colin Young
Chair



Prayer Circle



St. Andrew's Prayer Circle Group offers prayers for those who are experiencing illness, loss or are going through difficult times. Prayer requests are received via the ministers, Church Office, one-on-one personal conversations, phone calls or emails to pcgandrews@gmail.com.

The person, family member or friend we are praying for must be aware that the Prayer Circle Group is praying for them. Permission must be granted by the person we are praying for before their information is shared within the Prayer Circle Group ONLY. We respect everyone's privacy. All prayer requests are kept confidential unless the requester has asked the minister to announce it from the church pulpit. All obituaries posted on public funeral home websites are also posted on St. Andrew's Facebook page.

From January 1 to December 31, 2025, the Prayer Circle Group received 65 prayer requests that resulted in 263 updates from the initial request.

All prayer requests are tracked on a Word document shared electronically within the Prayer Circle Group members only and issued monthly. This document helps to remember all those who requested prayers. We also pray for grieving families, our clergy, Session members, church committees, GRACE groups, students at all education levels, the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry, Food Bank clients and volunteers, Canadian military members, and for the end of prejudice based on colour or sexual orientation, for truth + reconciliation of Indigenous Canadians. Everyone involved in the wars in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and all the refugees displaced by these conflicts in the Middle East. Church members with long term health conditions and those confined at home or in care facilities are listed.

The administrator of this group is Sandra Jackson. Her vacation backup is Debbie Warwick. The Prayer Circle Group is part of Congregational Care.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Prayer Circle Group should send their name and email address to pcgandrews@gmail.com.

God bless,

Sandra Jackson
Administrator

Property Committee

2025 was a very busy year for the Property Committee as we continued to maintain our 145-year-old historic landmark church building AND welcomed Rev Kappes and family to the manse. Keeping old buildings in shape takes teamwork and dedication – something we have no shortage of. The following is a partial listing of what has been accomplished in 2025:

Major Projects

Heating System Insulation: All of the heating system pipes in the basement and boiler room were insulated by a professional contractor in the spring, which has improved the efficiency of the heating system and reduced the Great Hall temperatures from the near sauna conditions of the past few years.

Courtyard Fence: Volunteers Doug Warwick and Barry Hutchinson fabricated and installed a new steel courtyard fence on the east side of the church, which has greatly improved the security of the courtyard area.

Painting Exterior Woodwork: A painting contractor was hired to paint and caulk the exterior woodwork around the exterior windows and doors of the historic church building. Because our church is designated as a “historical building” in Brampton, this work qualified for a \$10,000 grant from the City, which was received in December. We also used this time to reglaze some windows and rebuild the historic metal hinges on the front doors.

Manse Renovations/Repairs: Using a combination of volunteers and professional contractors, numerous improvements were made to the manse to ensure a safe and comfortable home for the Kappes family. The entire list is too large for this space, but it included electrical and plumbing work, improvements to the security system, new porch gates, repairs to appliances and kitchen cupboards, and extensive painting and plaster/wall/ceiling repairs throughout the house. This is the first work of this magnitude at the manse in thirty years. There are still a few items remaining to complete in 2026.

Other

Church Security and Fire Monitoring: There were some upgrades to our camera system at the church as well as the manse. We renewed our agreements with our 24/7 security and fire alarm monitoring companies.

Other: An arborist trimmed the Norway maple on the east side of the church. Maintenance contracts were renewed with a lawn care/snow removal company and a cleaning company for weekly work at the church. New rental agreements were renewed with ongoing renters. At the present time we have four groups renting space in the church on a regular basis: Seventh Day Adventists, two NA groups and an AA group.

Looking Ahead: Under the leadership of Mark Bhim, quotes are being obtained for the repair or replacement of the sign at the front of the church. Additionally, the committee will have a few major projects in 2026 related to protecting and preserving the exterior of the building. As many have noted, the parking lot is in need of repaving. Looking farther ahead, the roof(s) including the east side eaves will need to be addressed in 2-3 years. With our return to a post-COVID world, it has become apparent that our church needs a part time custodian, and Property has recommended this hire to Session.

Thanks go to the members of the Property Committee: Bill Dewar, Barry Ford, Mark Bhim and Robert Wightman who offer their time, talents and efforts to keep things running well.

And finally, a special thanks to past chairmen Peter Shepherd and Richard McMechan who actively assisted us whenever they were called upon.

Stan Loree
Chair

St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Purpose Statement: The Women's Missionary Society is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship.

It is with great sadness that our group lost three significant members in 2025: Sylvia Tedder, Florence Martin and Rev. Rosemary Doran. These faithful women will be missed, and we continue to think of them and their families.

The 2025 World Day of Prayer was held in person at St. Paul's United Church. The program was written by the women of the Cook Islands. We look forward to hosting the World Day of Prayer at St. Andrew's in 2026.

We continue to meet as women (and men) of faith for study and fellowship. The WMS will be learning about mission projects in Nepal as well as Hummingbird Ministries here in Canada.

The WMS started meeting in person in September in the parlour at 1:00 p.m. to share fellowship. During the winter months of January, February and March 2026, we will meet online via Microsoft Teams at 7:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend WMS. If you would like more information about this group, please contact Kim Shepherd. We'd love to see you-men, too!

I would like to close this year's report with the Mitzpah Benediction: *May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.*

In faith,

Kim Shepherd
President



Stewardship Committee

Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good. (Living Faith, 2.4.2)

We are also fortunate to have an Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett. Valerie is in the office on Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30am to 5:00pm. A reminder that all announcements for Valerie must be received by end of day Wednesday as the bulletin is posted Thursday at noon.

In 2025, the Stewardship Committee held its annual Hanging Basket and MacGregors Meat & Seafood fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who supported these two fundraisers. We especially thank Pam Loree and Colleen Peyer for overseeing the Hanging Baskets, and Maggie Nicol for overseeing the MacGregors Meat & Seafood fundraiser. Thank you also to the many volunteers who assisted with both fundraisers, both of which were very successful.

We also wish to thank everyone for donations received for our 2025 Easter Offering which was designated to manse renovations. Our 2025 Anniversary Offering was designated to our Christian Education Committee, and the 2025 Christmas Offering which was designated to the Mission Committee, with 50% allocated to local mission, 30% to Presbyterian Sharing and 20% to Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D).

A huge thank you to the members, adherents and visitors to St. Andrew's. Your continued support and generosity through weekly givings help keep St. Andrew's running. As we have returned to our "new normal" after the COVID pandemic, the monthly expenses still come in. We continue to offer various ways to donate: Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR); e-transfer to treasurer@standrewsbrampton.ca, mailing cheques to the church to the attention of the Envelope Secretaries; or donating through Benevity or CanadaHelps.

Our Flame Endowment Fund, launched in 2016, continues to offer the option to leave a memorial gift in a creative way. For more information on any of these giving options, please speak to any Stewardship Committee member.

It's important that everything we do with our time and talent reflects our walk with Christ. We can also reflect on how we give time and talent back to God - just as we do with money.

The Stewardship Committee



Worship & Fellowship Committee



2025 was a very exciting year for our St. Andrew's family. As our beloved Interim Moderator, Rev. Wayne Baswick, finished up his time leading us, we were very happy to welcome Rev. Byron Kappes as our new Lead Minister in March. Under Rev. Kappes' capable and enthusiastic leadership, together with our exceptional Music Director, Shelagh Tyreman, 2025 was a very uplifting year for St. Andrew's.

The Worship Committee currently consists of the Minister, Music Director, Music Representative, Tech Team Lead, Communion Elder, S-EAOM Representative and an Elder/Session Representative. In addition, the activities outside of worship are led by a subgroup, The Special Events Committee. Anyone with an interest in the worship and fellowship life of St. Andrew's is welcome to join our committee.

Welcoming/Ushering Team

On any given Sunday as you enter our church, you are greeted by a small group of individuals who will say "Good Morning" and offer you a bulletin for that week's service. This is our "Ministry of Welcome". It has been a privilege to be your usher coordinator for the past two years. Adam Cornish has taken on this responsibility in 2026. Please help him by volunteering as an usher. It is worth it.

Colin Young

Welcoming/Ushering Team Lead

Music Ministry

The Music Ministry team had a somber start to 2025 when we lost our beloved and long term member, Susan Jess, on January 2. A funeral was held January 10, and we were honoured to fulfil Susan's request for singers who had toured with her and Ian in Scotland (2016) and Wales (2018) to sing with our choir in her memory. The choir loft was full, and the tributes were beautiful, especially Ian's words. It was a very moving service.

After such a difficult start to the year, we were delighted when Rev. Byron Kappes began his ministry with us, and he and his then-fiancée Katie were able to join us for our postponed Epiphany Party on March 6. We were so happy also to celebrate Ian's birthday. It was a grand party!

A special thank you, as always, to our faithful band arranger, Andy Bunkis. Thank you to Mae MacDonald and Wilma Zinkweg for continuing to be our Social Director and Treasurer. Thank you to the Farquhars for hosting us in June for our year-end party. And a very special thank you goes out to congregation member Peter Roopchan who continues to gift us by supporting the camaraderie of the music team.

Musical highlights of the year included May Jackson's clarinet accompaniment of one of the choir's anthems, as well as her clarinet solo *Abide With Me*. We also greatly enjoyed having trumpeter Lino Varano join us for our Remembrance Day service.

We were also incredibly blessed to have the young people of St. Andrew's step up and present us with their Christmas video *Here Comes Jesus*, played in church on Christmas Pageant Sunday. Thank you to Samina Babar for facilitating the videos from the S-EAOM congregation, and all the parents and

grandparents who supported the young people in making their videos. But of course, the biggest thank you goes to the young people - you were awesome, and all the congregation loved it! Thank you!

In closing, it has been wonderful to welcome back returning and new members to the choir and band. Most of all, it has been a joy for all of us to work with Rev. Byron Kappes in forming a new team to lead our worship services here at St. Andrew's. We are excited for the future and blessed indeed!

Shelagh Tyreman
Music Director

Tech Team

This year, we did not introduce any new technology. Our existing equipment continues to work well, and although we experience occasional internet issues, they have never been serious enough to take us offline for more than the immediate service they occur in.

Every Sunday morning, our worship service is streamed live on YouTube, with a link available on our church website. All services are also recorded and remain on our YouTube channel for viewing at any time. It has been encouraging to see many people making use of this — I can see that most weeks, the service is viewed over 60 times after the service date, which shows how valuable our online ministry has become. Thank you to everyone who has shared feedback or offered words of support. While I can see how many connections are watching each week, I cannot see who is viewing unless someone leaves a comment. On a typical Sunday, we have about 12 to 18 connections, and this number tends to increase on days with poor weather.

I want to express my appreciation to May Jackson and Bill and Anna-Marie Dewar for assisting this year. They covered the livestream during my vacation and on several Sundays in the summer. It is very helpful to have a team of people who can step in when needed. If anyone else is interested in learning or helping with this ministry, please feel free to speak with me. Additional volunteers would be very welcome. I continue to be open to feedback. If the text on the slides is difficult to read – whether the font size or colour choices – please let me know. The slides are prepared for your benefit, and I am happy to make adjustments.

Thank you all for your ongoing support and encouragement. It is greatly appreciated.

Peter Shepherd
Tech Team Lead

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee had a very busy (and very fun!) 2025. With a focus on fellowship and bringing generations together, we planned a variety of events throughout the year. We hosted game nights filled with board and card games, we brought back Mystery Dinners for a second year and wrapped it all up with a Sock Hop-themed potluck in the Great Hall.

Rally Sunday featured a delicious barbecue lunch and plenty of laughter, plus a water activity that completely took over the courtyard! Fun was had by all, and we're already looking forward to planning even more great nights in 2026.

If you'd like to join the team or have ideas for future events, please speak with Jessica Rhind, Kim Shepherd or Pam Loree. We'd love to hear from you.

Kim Shepherd, Jessica Rhind & Pam Loree

Worship & Fellowship

Special thanks continue to go to Sandra Jackson and Wilma Zinkweg for their ongoing dedication to preparing and serving beverages and treats each Sunday following the morning worship service. This time of fellowship is greatly enjoyed by all who are able to stay and visit.

Thanks are also extended to John Bakkeren, who faithfully staffs the table in the Great Hall each Sunday, greeting congregants and distributing the morning bulletins and other worship materials.

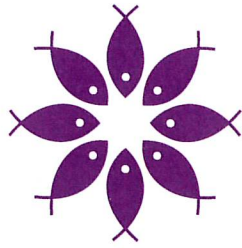
Our worship services are also supported by a wonderful group of volunteers who generously give their time and talents. These include those who read scripture during Sunday services, as well as those who arrange and prepare the fresh flowers for our beautiful Easter Sunday Cross and decorate the sanctuary for Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and the Christmas season. Thank you to everyone who serves so faithfully and willingly. As you can see, 2025 was a spiritually fulfilling and memorable year for our St. Andrew's family, with many opportunities for involvement—no matter your interests or gifts.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all members of the Worship and Fellowship Committee, and especially to the Reverends Baswick and Kappes for their guidance, leadership and wise counsel.

With the welcoming of Rev. Kappes and his family to St. Andrew's, we have begun an exciting new chapter in the life and work of our congregation.

Karen Hutchinson
Chair

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– *The Rev. Tim Sungill Choi,*
Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, AB



We are so grateful to God, to you and the entire Presbyterian Church in Canada for your support of the prison ministry. It is successful because of your financial support, your prayers, and your commitment. Despite challenges, the ministry has brought total transformation to hopeless inmates.

– *The Rev. Hastings Phale, Country Director,*
Friends of Prison, Malawi



At Newcomers Mission of the Presbytery of Lindsay-Peterborough, we really appreciate the wonderful support from Presbyterians Sharing. Your help enables us to continue helping over 400 newcomers from different countries like Syria, Ukraine, Iraq and Afghanistan. We thank our Lord for you.

– *Rani Ibrahim, Leader, Newcomers Mission,*
Peterborough, ON



Thank you that you are holding the children in our care in your prayers. And thank you for sharing your resources with us so that they may live their lives in fullness. We are not able to express our gratitude with words, so we pray that God will bless you with boundless love, providence, and protection.

– *Csilla Bertalan, Director,*
Samuel House, The Reformed Church in Romania

For we are God's servants, working together.

I Corinthians 3:9a



At Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, we sincerely appreciate the unwavering support from Presbyterians Sharing. Your commitment enables us to provide meaningful programs that support the growth and development of children and families in our neighborhood. With your partnership, we are shaping a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow for those we serve.

– *Shauna Joyce, Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre*



Receiving a Sustaining Ministry grant means we can pay our pulpit costs, allowing us to more easily meet our financial commitments to the PCC and to make a difference in our community through our community outreach program.

– *Lynne Allan, St. Matthew's PC, Grand Falls-Windsor, NL*



Sharing the Gospel message of the good news of Jesus Christ is a matter of life and death in the community of the Cree Nations of Mistawasis Saskatchewan. We need the support of The Presbyterian Church in Canada through Presbyterians Sharing more than ever.

– *The Rev. Stewart and Terry Folster, Mistawasis Memorial PC, Mistawasis First Nation, SK*



We are very grateful to The Presbyterian Church in Canada who has been helping fund this important program (Electronics/Computer Program for Palestinian Refugees) for several years. This vocational training initiative teaches skills in electronics and computer maintenance and repair to refugees, helping them gain employment and improve their livelihoods within the camp communities.

– *Sylvia HADDAD, Director, Joint Christian Committee for Social Service in Lebanon (JCC)*