HEART LAKE
BAPTIST CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8

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In Remembrance

We would like to take a moment to remember the members of our congregation that have suffered loss this year.

Pastor's Report

Dear Heart Lake Baptist Church Family,

As I reflect on the past year, I find myself deeply grateful for the journey we have shared. It is a privilege to serve alongside a community that continually seeks to honour God in both the quiet moments and the big milestones. Everything we strive for as a church—every program, every meeting, and every outreach—is simply an extension of our desire to walk closely with Christ and love our neighbours as He does.

This past year was largely about stewardship and preparation. We focused on ensuring that our spiritual and physical foundations are healthy and sustainable. I am pleased to share that we successfully completed the installation of our **new roof**. While roof infrastructure isn't always the most exciting topic, this project ensures that our church home remains a safe, dry, and welcoming space for ministry for many years to come. Beyond the bricks and mortar, we have seen the living stones of our church grow. We have been blessed to welcome several new families into our fold, and it has been a joy to watch individuals take intentional steps in their discipleship journeys.

1 Peter 2:4–5 (NIV84) — 4 *As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—* ***5*** *you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Our **Sunday services** continue to be the anchor of our week, providing a time to refocus on God's Word and find encouragement in one another's company. Our internal ministries have also seen wonderful momentum as we adapt to the needs of our growing congregation. The **Kids Zone** and our **youth programs** have expanded, as we remain committed to providing a space where children and teens feel seen, heard, and supported while exploring their faith. Furthermore, our **Food Pantry** remains a vital part of who we are. It is more than just a service; it is a way for us to share a tangible expression of God's care with our neighbors, meeting physical needs while offering a listening ear and a prayerful heart.

As we move through 2026, our focus is shifting toward **intentional discipleship**. If last year was about securing the foundation, this year is about furnishing the home. We want to be a people who not only know the Word but know how to live it out in the rhythms of daily life. To support this, we are encouraging one another in practical ministry and community care. We are also embracing new **digital tools** to bridge the gap between the church and those in our community who may not yet feel comfortable walking through our doors. Our goal is to make the message of hope accessible to everyone, regardless of where they are starting from.

With our **50th anniversary** on the horizon, we have much to celebrate, but even more to look forward to. Let us continue to walk together with humility and kindness, keeping our hearts unified in the Spirit. We recognize that while our own strength has its limits, the grace of God is more than enough for the road ahead. Thank you for being a part of this family, and I look forward to the season to come.

2 Corinthians 12:9–10 (NIV84) — 9 *But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.* ***10*** *That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight*

in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

God bless,

Pastor Wayne

Associate Pastor Report – Children and Family Ministry

This year has been an amazing year, to see how the Lord has been working in the hearts and lives of so many people. Each week volunteers faithfully served, giving their time, energy to the work of the Lord here at Heart Lake and we are very thankful to each of our volunteers and everything God continues to do.

Kids Zone Ministry

This year we continue to teach God's Word each Sunday to all our children. One exciting highlight this year has been the introduction of our Kids Zone Bible Bucks. Kids can now earn Bible Bucks through attendance, helping to clean up, and memorizing verses, and use them to "purchase" prizes in our Kids Zone store. This has been a great addition to Kids Zone, as the kids have become more engaged in our weekly Kids Zone ministry, and it has been a fun way to encourage Bible learning.

Kids Zone Intern

This year, Leyondra stepped down as our Kids Zone Intern, and Isabella was hired for this role. We are grateful for all the hard work Leyondra did here this past year, and at the same time, we are excited to see what Isabella will do. She is already doing a fantastic job, and we look forward to seeing how God will continue to use her in ministry.

Kids Zone Camp

Our Kids Zone Camp experienced tremendous growth last summer, with attendance increasing to 160 campers!

Throughout each of the six weeks of camp, children enjoyed Bible lessons, crafts, games, gym activities, outdoor water activities, and much more. We are excited to see how we can reach our community with this year's The Rainforest Falls camps, as we have seen an even higher increase in registration than even last year.

Kids Zone Events

We also hosted several successful Kids Zone events throughout the year, including, Camp Palooza, Merry Kids Zone Christmas, Hot Dog & Pancake Sundays. These events created wonderful opportunities for fellowship, fun, and community outreach while helping children feel connected and excited about church.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry also had an incredible year. One major highlight was the Winter Youth Retreat. This retreat was an unforgettable experience where many young people grew closer to God and built stronger friendships with one another.

It was encouraging to see so many students stepping out in faith, supporting each other, and deepening their relationship with Christ. Events like these remind us of the incredible potential and impact young people can have for God's Kingdom.

Thank You

Finally, we want to say a huge thank you to all the ministry volunteers. None of this would have been possible without your faithful service, dedication, and love for our children and youth.

Whether you served weekly, helped at events, taught lessons, organized activities, or simply showed up with a willing heart, your work has made a lasting difference.

Thank you for your hard work, commitment, and passion for our young people grow in their faith.

Pastor Mario

HLBC Council

Dear Heart Lake Baptist Church Family,

It has been another year of practical stewardship, careful planning, and steady progress at Heart Lake Baptist Church. Much of Council's work this year focused on projects that help keep our building safe, welcoming, useful, and ready for future ministry. Some projects were completed quickly; others required quotes, permits, inspections, fundraising conversations, and patient discernment. Through each step, we have seen God provide people, skills, resources, and wisdom at the right time.

One of the most significant areas of focus has been the larger building renewal work. Council continued to advance Phase 1 basement planning and Phase 2 sanctuary/lobby renewal, while also managing urgent property needs such as the backflow preventers, roof repairs, lighting upgrades, HVAC maintenance, and facility improvements. These projects are not simply repairs; they are investments in hospitality, safety, youth ministry, children's ministry, accessibility, and the long-term usefulness of our church building.

We've seen God's faithfulness throughout many moments over the past year. Here are just a few highlights of what we've been able to accomplish together:

- ✓ Approved practical facility supports including new tables (Jun)
- ✓ Gym Walls repair was completed (Aug)
- ✓ Damaged Fence Repair (Aug)
- ✓ Received A Legacy Gift notification (Oct)
- ✓ Ground Floor LED Lighting Conversion (Oct)
- ✓ Ran the November Giving Campaign
- ✓ Conducted the Annual Meeting in person (Nov)
- ✓ Snow Removal Contract Renewal - walkway coverage included (Nov / Dec)
- ✓ HVAC Preventive Maintenance Agreement (Nov / Dec)
- ✓ Christmas fundraiser for Food Pantry children (Dec)
- ✓ Backflow Valve Work (Jan)
- ✓ Laundry Tub Faucet and Urinal Repair (Jan)
- ✓ Garden Mulch / Front Grounds Improvement (Jan)
- ✓ Church Credit Card Setup (Jan)
- ✓ Filled the Children's Ministry Intern position (Mar)
- ✓ Ran A Breakout Offering (Apr)
- ✓ Conducted A Special Business Meeting in person (Nov)
- ✓ North and East Roof Repair completed (Apr)
- ✓ Phase 2 Renovation Approval (Apr)
- ✓ New Rental for Sunday afternoon (May)
- ✓ Baptism Tank Heater (May)

LOOKING AHEAD

Council's project focus remains on wise sequencing: completing inspections and follow-up work already underway, moving the sanctuary and basement renewal forward responsibly, developing a clear fundraising path, and ensuring that building decisions continue to support ministry growth rather than simply respond to urgent repairs.

WITH GRATITUDE

I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Elders, Pastors, Staffs, Ministry Leaders, Council Members, Property Volunteers, and everyone who helped carry these projects forward. Special appreciation goes to those who reviewed quotes, met with contractors, checked permits, monitored finances, repaired spaces, cleaned and maintained the building, and gave generously toward the work. Your service often happens quietly, but it makes a visible difference in the life of our church.

As our building continues to age, Council remains committed to stewarding it carefully so that HLBC can continue welcoming families, serving children and youth, supporting community outreach, and gathering for worship in a safe and hospitable space. Financially, this year required careful decisions as capital projects, repairs, and regular ministry needs all placed pressure on available funds. The Giving Month, Break Out Offering, Building Fund conversations, grants, memorial gifts, rental opportunities, and future campaign planning all form part of the broader effort to keep ministry strong and sustainable.

It remains an honour to serve alongside Council and Elders colleagues who seek God's leading with prayer, patience, and practical wisdom. May the work completed this year strengthen HLBC for the ministry God is calling us into next.

With gratitude and blessings,
Adekunle Oduyemi,
HLBC Council Chair

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV)

Elders Annual Report

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Matthew 16:24

The Lord has blessed our church this past year. We have seen many new People start attending, we have seen many come into membership. We have witnessed many Baptisms and have seen many express their desire to be members and get baptized.

We have shifted from our focus of foundations into discipleship. We have learned what it is to be a disciple of Christ.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to be chair of our elder board and am blessed to be surrounded by spiritual leaders, as Elders this year our focus has been to serve this church, to stand for biblical truth and to focus on God's will, we consistently keep you all in our prayers.

I wanted to encourage you all in your daily Christian walk.

I pray that you all remain in the word, that you always put the Lord first and seek his wisdom and guidance in every aspect of your lives. That we be a church always centered on God's Word, one that is not afraid to stand for truth, one that loves one another, one that prays for one another and one that forgives one another.

Being a disciple of Christ is not easy as we may face many things, but remember who is with us, who will go before us, who will be there to pick us up when we fall. Who will comfort us in time of heartache. Who will carry us through times of trouble.

As we move forward to a new year, I pray Heart Lake continues to grow, I pray we continue to be a biblical church, and that the light of Christ may shine from Heart Lake to all of Brampton.

As we keep our focus on Discipleship, let us go out and make disciples, our community needs Christ.

I look forward to serving heart lake as we move forward and all the Elders look forward to what God will do with our Church.

In your service and in Christ

Leandro D'Amico
Chair of Elders

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and walk in love, just as Christ also loved us and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

Ephesians 5 1-2.

Membership

Submitted by: Nancy Knecht

Heart Lake Baptist Church's congregation is continuing to see growth. On Easter Sunday, we had approximately 400 people attend both of our services. Our Good Friday evening service was well attended with over 200 people. During this year, there were 23 new members who joined our church and 8 people were baptized. Altogether, we have 179 active members at Heart Lake Baptist Church and 13 non-resident members. It is wonderful to see so many new people attending our weekly 9:00 am and 11:00 am services.

Summary

Active membership as of June 30, 2026 – 179 (includes 7 new members voted in on June 7)
Non-resident members - 13
New members – 23
Baptisms - 8

Attendance and Ushers

This attendance report covers the period from July 6th, 2025, to April 19th, 2026. There were two church services at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM for the whole period. It is to be noted that the attendance is for physical presence at the church's premises. Some people continued to attend Online.

The average attendance for the 9:00 AM service was 62. Generally, children were not present at this time. Easter Sunday had a high 9:00 AM attendance at 104, and 285 for the 11:00 AM.

The average attendance for the 11:00 AM service was 192 (comprising both adults and children). **Overall, the average Sunday attendance for the whole reporting period was 248**. The average attendance for children is 36.

The Christmas Eve service was well-attended with a total of 259 attendees. Also, the Good Friday service had 230, while Easter Sunday had 389.

There have been some changes in ushering volunteers in the reporting period. Jermain Lobert, Alecia Lobert, William Lougheed, Jeremiah Lougheed and Alisha Aaron have left the team. Gerald Ajong, Talia Hyman, Philipa Masaenoh, Marcia McDonald, Blessed Olutade, Kurtis Corbilla, and Marie-France Foti have joined the group.

Ushering is a commitment for at least a year, once you make your name appear on the schedule you have made that commitment. As Ushers we remember Ephesians 2:10 which says, "For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus into good works which God had before ordained that we should walk in them". Let us continue to serve God faithfully, allowing His light to shine in and through us, and bringing "Glory to His name".

Submitted By:
Benson Agi.

Family Life Ministry

By God's grace another year of fulfilling my duties as a Family Life Coordinator has gone by. I am thankful to Pastor Wayne and Pastor Mario who oversaw my events of the year with their valuable suggestions. I would like to give a shoutout to Peter Wallace who always tirelessly grills for our BBQ events. A big thank you to all the volunteers for their commitment and passion in helping consistently. It's a blessing to have volunteers who have a heart to help throughout the year.

The New Year started with our annual Fall Kickoff BBQ. I would like to thank Lois for overseeing my planning and all the volunteers who put in hours of work to make this event a memorable one. We had over 200 people attend the BBQ. Children were treated to a bouncy castle. The different ministries of HLBC were present.

Our 1st Newcomers Lunch in October was a good way to welcome our new attendees at HLBC. They obtained an opportunity to meet the elders of the church and had an insight into the different church activities that they could help. As always, our volunteers made this event a success.

"Café Connect" continued to be a strong place to connect both our regular members, new walk-ins, and visitors. It is an after-worship service time for us to interact with each other.

HLBC's annual "International Sunday" was in February. The morning worship was attended by members from 35 countries around the world. Our members were dressed in their traditional attire for the service. This was followed by an "International Potluck" dinner and an evening of fellowship. Around 125 people attended by bringing in a variety of traditional food. A big thank you to our volunteers who helped with the set-up and clean-up after dinner.

We had baptisms in August, October, November, January, April, and May. We celebrated these new beginnings with cake and coffee.

On Easter morning HLBC celebrated our Risen Saviour with an "Easter Service". We had around 390 of our congregants enjoy hot cross buns and coffee. Thank you to our volunteers who came in early to help set up and clean up after service.

Our 2nd "Newcomers Lunch" was organized in April.

I have been serving the community through the food pantry. I collect supplies from Regeneration, Trinity Food Bank, and Real Canadian Superstore on a weekly basis. I also deliver pantry items to some of our guests who are unable to come in person.

Thank you again to all those who help behind the scenes to make our church events successful.

In His Service
Hannah Jaikumar

Decorating Committee

The decorating committee has continued to enhance our church spaces with seasonal displays that create a warm and welcoming atmosphere. This year, several new Christmas decorations were added to complement the sermon series theme and enrich the overall worship environment.

A sincere thank you to the dedicated team of volunteers who faithfully organized both the decorating and take-down for Christmas and Easter, helping to make the sanctuary and lobby especially beautiful during these meaningful seasons. Appreciation also goes out to Mario, Wayne, and Melissa for their assistance with many different tasks throughout the year.

It remains a joy to refresh and update our spaces throughout the year so they can continue to support fellowship, ministry activities, and gatherings within our church community.

Alpha

Alpha is a journey which allows participants the opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening atmosphere over 10 thought provoking weekly sessions.

Each week includes time for connection followed by a video on topics such as “Who is Jesus?”, “How Can I Have Faith?”, and “What about the Bible?” After the video we have a time of discussion where no question is considered too simple or too hostile.

This winter/spring we hosted 6 guests. Everyone enjoyed the weekly meals, Dave’s joke of the day and the small group discussion after the video talk. Our guests asked lots of questions and there was good honest sharing during the small group discussion time.

The Alpha weekend was a highlight as usual with good food, games, teaching on the Holy Spirit and a time for individual prayer.

Feedback from our guests was positive with all affirming that the Alpha experience was both enjoyable and helpful in their faith journey.

We continue to encourage our church family to keep Alpha in your prayers and be open to inviting your family, friends and work colleagues to a future Alpha course.

Our sincere thanks to Amanda Hollis, Deb Parker, Roopa Punnen and Maria Critelli for helping us during this session.

Submitted By: Dave & Lois Hardy

Property

We have had a very busy last year, completing many necessary maintenance projects with many volunteers. The next couple of years will be very busy with the new capital projects especially the sanctuary and other new and exciting future projects. We are always striving to provide a clean and welcoming property, so that everyone who comes can enjoy God's grace and teaching. We are always looking for help with all projects. Thank you to all our volunteers!

Community Garden

Spring /Summer 2026 was our 3rd year of working at the garden.

Process - Willing members of the church community signed up for spots at the garden on the basis of first come first serve.

Health / Economic Impact - Produce from the gardens is both organic and economically beneficial especially in a season of tight economy.

Community building - The garden continues to be a place for connection and conversation. The crops attract church members as well as passerby. It was interesting to see how many people left church on Sundays and just gravitated towards the garden to talk about plants and other topics.

We had different guests who just stopped by with some just applauding the initiative and others asking for food.

We are a model - A guest to our church found the initiative laudable and thought he would share the idea with his congregation to do the same.

Ministry of hospitality - The members of the garden community also donated some of their crops to support the food bank as well as to bless members of the church. We hope to see this more as the Lord blesses the ground.

Challenges - Few challenges arose, but those had a quick fix because community members have a platform through which communication is happening. For example, when the hose got broken, it was announced on the forum, and someone immediately replaced it.

We had 11 plot owners and in terms of compliance except for 2 people, the garden was cleaned up in real time. We are looking forward to the 2026 and continue to thank HLBC leadership for being spiritually sensitive in steering the church.

I pray that through this ministry; more meaningful connections will be made to the glory of God.

Done by Suzanne Killah

CAP Money

As part of our discussions around stewardship, Council felt that offering a course on managing personal finances could be beneficial. In early 2023, a CAP Money team was formed.

The CAP Money Course covers topics that help people at various life stages and financial situations manage their finances effectively. The free course also includes access to an online budgeting program. The tools taught through CAP Money are valuable life skills that can help individuals achieve their financial goals.

This year, we ran both Fall 2025 and Spring 2026 sessions. In the fall, six participants completed the course, and the Spring session is currently underway with six participants enrolled.

News about the course continues to spread widely. During the fall session, one participant learned about the course through her sister in New Zealand, while the participant herself lived in Niagara Falls. Many participants have also heard about the course through church connections. CAP is a program that can benefit anyone, and participants have ranged from university students to seniors aged 75+, with many different life stages represented in between.

CAP Canada always partners with local churches, whether through the CAP Money Course or CAP Debt Centres. CAP Debt Centres support individuals in becoming debt-free. They are currently seeking churches interested in hosting a Debt Centre, so if this is something that interests you, please speak with Lois.

Our CAP Money team this year included Kelene Moss, Christina Philips, Andrea Wright, Dede Atuahene, and Lois Hardy.

Comments from HLBC CAP Money Course participants:

“I am more confident in my future financially.”

“Learned a lot about prioritizing and money management.”

“My feelings about my finances have changed completely. I now watch what I spend and have started to save money.”

“It allows me to look at my finances differently. I now have the tools to use.”

Additional feedback from participants highlighted how valuable the course was in helping them feel more informed, organized, and confident in managing their finances. Participants appreciated the supportive and welcoming environment, practical budgeting tools, and the opportunity to openly discuss financial challenges without judgment. Many expressed that the course encouraged healthier financial habits and provided strategies they could continue using in their daily lives.

Submitted by
Dede Atuahene

Food Pantry

God has blessed our food pantry ministry with over 6 amazing years serving our community members facing challenges. God continues to meet our every need, whether for volunteers or food. Our food pantry volunteers are exceptional: they serve with such passion, dedication, and humble hearts. This year over 62 volunteers donated 2961 volunteer hours. Volunteers are vital to this Ministry as the need remains great. Our incredible team performs many tasks to ensure we have enough food and supplies to share on Thursday nights. These tasks include shopping, sorting, dividing, packing, picking up donations and supplies from Regeneration or grocery stores, setting up, cutting up boxes, serving guests, carrying groceries, praying with the guests, and cleaning up.

This year we helped 173 different families, averaging 42 families (or 167 individuals) each week. As usual, we saw an increase in families leading up to Christmas and were able to help with Christmas presents for the children.

Again, this year we benefited from a Region of Peel food donation program and received a $10,000 monetary grant from the City of Brampton. We received about 100 food rescues from Second Harvest, and weekly donations from Regeneration. Our Spanish speaking ministry is flourishing, and our guests have found a sense of community and an opportunity for spiritual growth. Ministering to the Spiritual and emotional needs of our guests is an important focus of our work, and we are grateful for the opportunities this ministry provides. Our sincere hope is that this Ministry is a beacon of hope and a light for Christ in our community. I want to offer my heartfelt thanks to all of the individuals and organizations who have helped the Heart Lake Baptist Church Food Pantry this year, especially Regeneration; Shoppers Drug Mart, Westway Plaza; the Region of Peel; and the City of Brampton.

We are so grateful to the congregation of Heart Lake Baptist church, our biggest supporters. It is incredible how God uses your faithful generousity to support His good work. Thanks for the tremendous support, prayer, encouragement, and donations that have helped this Ministry flourish. You are an incredible blessing to our guests, and you make such a difference in their lives. God loves a cheerful giver, and I feel that our church is full of cheerful givers. Please continue to pray for God's direction and leading in this Ministry as we strive to do His will in all that we say and do at the food pantry.

Jennifer

Lighthouse Library

The Lighthouse Library continues to welcome attendees of HLBC through our doors. Currently we are open Sundays after 2nd worship service and when possible, between 1st and 2nd service also. When we are closed, there is a returns box located outside the library door where you can leave your returned items.

Our library collection includes children's and youth books, adult books both fiction and non-fiction, audio books, and children's & adult DVDs. Within the Christian fiction genre, readers can find mysteries, romance, family sagas and action. In non-fiction, we have biographies, Christian living, parenting (from toddlers to teens), budgeting, prayer, relationships and more. Do ask us if you are looking for a particular book or even a recommendation!

We are pleased to advise that during the 2025 calendar year, the library resource was used by 21 households to access 198 items!

In addition, the library provides a welcome space between and after church services for children and adults alike to find a quiet space to leaf through a book or browse our shelves.

To continue to provide a relevant service to the attendees of HLBC, we strive to provide a variety of items. It is essential to our long-term success that users return the items they have borrowed. We appreciate your diligence in this! In our computer system, patrons are set up in groups by family, and borrowing limits are in place (i.e. only 1 DVD per family, and a maximum of 5 items). When any items are overdue, you cannot borrow further items until the ones you have out are returned

Most importantly, thank you to our committed & passionate volunteers – Marion Burritt, Shannon Stocks, and Kelena Moss. These dear people are the backbone of this ministry, and we would not have the privilege of this ministry without their hard work and great attitudes!

From the bibliophiles on our side of the desk, to the bibliophiles on the other side of the desk, thank you for your support as we continue to minister to you by providing resources to illuminate your path.

Respectfully,

Sheila Howlett-Soltysiak
Library Coordinator.

Life Groups

"Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."
1 Thessalonians 5: 11

Attending a Life Group is a good way to get to know people in our congregation and to find a place of belonging within the church community. We continue to offer online and face to face groups each week to try to provide a good fit for everyone who would like to be involved. The format that we use at Heart Lake includes a study time where we either discuss the Sunday message or choose a video study from RightNow Media or another preferred study. Most groups like to have a time of worship and end with a time of prayer. Usually, the groups that meet in person include a snack time in their program. Periodically, groups might take on a service project together.

During this ministry year, we have had several new members join our Life Groups. We have added one evening group and a men's group. In our groups that have been together for some time, we have found a deeper level of sharing and support. Many of our Life Group facilitators and hosts have served faithfully in this ministry over several years. Their leadership and hospitality have been outstanding, and we are so grateful for the level of dedication and commitment of all our leaders.

We are very thankful for the excellent study notes that Pastor Wayne and Pastor Mario have provided for us to help guide our discussions and we have enjoyed the infographics that Ronald Figueroa has made to capture the main points of the message each week. An additional mention goes to Melissa Burritt who has printed study guides for us for the studies on RightNow Media, directed calls in the office and coordinated space for meetings at the church.

As we close out this ministry year, consider joining a group in September. Each group meets weekly with breaks during Christmas and Easter. A Life Group is a place where you will find fellowship and encouragement as well as opportunities to learn and grow in your faith.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Parker
Life Groups Coordinator

Worship & Media Teams

It has been an eventful, but exciting last year. We've had several new members join the worship team in all areas, including audio/visual, musicians, and singers and behind the scenes helpers. God has given me the encouragement as the worship coordinator and a strong group of people to provide the best worship for a congregation.

So, a big thank you to everyone involved in the worship ministry. We have been adding new songs this year, to complement the ones already in our repertoire. The coming year will have its challenges as we upgrade the sanctuary and changes to the audio/visual will be necessary however the worship ministry is looking forward to the new year as this one ends.

Young Adults

LEADERSHIP: Allen Gnanam ~ November 2025 to Present

Hearts Desire & Focus:

- Testify to the glorious infinite love of the Father, who sent His Son Christ Jesus to die on behalf of sinful people, so they would be declared not guilty of their sin and no longer be enemies of God and have the Spirit of God seal them and live in them as children of God by faith in the work of Christ, not by their own works. (Romans 5:8-11) (Ephesians 1:13, 2:8-9) (1 Corinthians 6:19).

- Feed the Lord's children with the Word of God because I love the Lord Jesus (John 21:17) (Titus 2:1).

- Teach the ways of God so that His Children will not grieve Him (Psalm 95:10), and will become a generation that desires to know God more and more (Psalm 24:6)

- Refresh the Lord's children with Christ like love (Philemon 7)

MY MOTIVATION:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died. And He died for all, so that they who live would no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

WEEKLY STUDIES:

1. Bible Study every Sunday in between services (10:15am- 10:50am): 1 Timothy

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

1. Last Saturday of every month at the church:
    a. 7pm to 9:30pm
    b. Sports and food
    c. Topical Bible Study based on a different parable every month

SPECIAL EVENT:

1. Christmas Dinner at Kelsey's on December 20, 2025

RESULTS:

1. Young adults are opening up about their struggles and sharing their personal testimony.
2. Young adults were asking questions about truths found in the bible that they didn't understand
3. Young adults encouraging other young adults through their life experiences.
4. As a leader I am encouraged to see young adults sacrificing their time to come to weekly bible studies and monthly meetings to learn the Word of God and share their personal testimonies.

Young at Heart

This year went very well. A lot of enthusiasm. Plenty of fun. With a pinch of pepper and salt added to it. We began by going on a trip to Websters Lake followed by a trip to the town of Dundas. It was cold, but we enjoyed ourselves. A bus load of 50 people.

In October we had Clyde, Kelly and Candy. Kelly and Clyde from church performed for us. They both have wonderful voices.

In November we had a Christmas party which was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

We do not have anything in the months of December and January as they are usually very busy months.

In the month of February, we had Coffee and Conversation which was nice and full of fun.

In March, we celebrated Easter with a treasure hunt for the seniors with an awesome lunch. Avam gave us some delicious chicken. Thank you, Avam.

In April we had a potluck with our favourite recipes and exchanged the recipes.

Finally, in May we had a trivia challenge with Pastor Wayne.

I would like to thank all the volunteers; Maria, Dolly, Patrice, Seleina, and Rose. Thank you all of you for being there and helping to make each event memorable.

We also had a garage sale in July at Woodhall Park, an Art Exhibition in August at the church, and participated in the Christmas Carol Night with our choir. All 3 were great hits.

Thank you to Pastor Wayne and Melissa for being part of us and making everything a success.

God Bless.

Roopa Punnen

PILAS Student Ministry - Gerry and Barb Normand

On April 25, 2011, we hit Guatemala obeying God's invitation and in this season of change we continue to seek His will and direction. We want to sincerely thank our church family for their steadfast support of the ministries we lead in Sumpango, Guatemala.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Gerry Normand

pilas Student Ministry
Preparando e inspirando líderes adolescentes de Sumpango

Barb De Kryger

PILAS LEARNING & FUN CLUB (4 afternoons a week, 82 students grade 3 to 6)

We have a new and strong team in place for 2026!

God has provided solid Christian teachers with specific strengths and subject expertise.

Darlyn is back for her 5th year as the coordinator and she also teaches the Bible class, continuing to disciple the kids after most participated in the ALPHA course in 2025.

Karla is also in her 5th year and is responsible for Communication & Language.

Wendy is new with PILAS and teaches Math.

All three are also involved in homework comprehension along with another new hire Vivi, a young leader who helps with administration and support for the team.

We're excited to be teaching as well, responsible for inspiring the kids to keep learning in the "Curious Facts" class and helping them relate with each other and feel heard during "Social Time".

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

Every program and activity focus on pointing people to Jesus Christ, helping them discover who He is, encouraging them to follow Him, and live a life that honors Him.

- Movies with a Message. Monthly. 40+ participants.
- Parent Training & Encouragement. Monthly. 40+ participants.
- Elderly and women's weekly outreach. 20+ participants.
- 2026 focusing on The Gospel of John movie. Home visits. *(An exciting new addition is Anita, our dear missionary friend from the medical clinic in El Arado.)*
- Un Nuevo Encuentro outreach event. 500+ participants. (See April 2026 PILAS Progress Update video for more details.)
- Four ALPHA sessions started in April 2026 (a total of 40 youth attending).
- Suspension of Club Conexión in the villages, emphasis on the Learning & Fun Club.

- Non-renewal of The Bridge contract has brought the programs back to the PILAS house. *(With the exception of the men's program which transferred fully to Bryan (our mentee) as he assumed The Bridge building and this ministry.)*

LEADERSHIP / EDUCATION

The decision to suspend the flagship PILAS Leadership Development Program & PILAS More Than Tutoring program has allowed us to focus more on other areas of the ministry. We continue to mentor and support our final two leadership students as they complete High School this year. Financial support has also been made available to many students and PILAS staff, ranging from primary school right up to university level.

Financial Report

The finance team at HLBC works hard behind the scenes to ensure our finances are in proper order.

Prashanth Ebenezer joined the finance team in June 2025 as our bookkeeper. The rest of the team for 2025/26 has been composed of Tanya Stephens-Smikle (Payroll), Monica Stocks (Head Teller and Envelope Secretary – debit/online giving). Also new this year is Helen Barayuga (Envelope Secretary – Sunday offerings). They are joined on the finance committee by Kathy Hildago and council members Adekunle Oduyemi, Shenali De Mel & Lois Hardy.

Serving with Monica as tellers are Alicia D'Amico, Ada Agi, Jan Hartford, Shenali De Mel, Nancy Knecht, Marion Burritt, and Lois Hardy.

Our cheque review and signing team who work with Prashanth are Shenali De Mel, Chris Yoshiki, Kathy Hidalgo, Ada Agi, Tanya Stephens-Smikle & Ron Gumbley.

Thanks to Sue Gumbley who fills in when needed as teller or envelope secretary.

Thank you to all the people who faithfully serve in some finance capacity. You are appreciated!

The finance team ensures that council has up to date financial information at each council meeting so they can make appropriate decisions. We also let the congregation know how the finances are doing each week through the tithes & offerings thermometer included in the "What's Happening at Heart Lake Baptist Church" email. There you'll find what the tithes and offerings are for the current month and if there's any year-to-date shortfall.

Finances continued to be tight for most of the year. We started Summer 2025, with a bit of a surplus from our June year end which helped a lot. A combination of lower offerings and a late payment of the Canada Summer Jobs grant left us needing to borrow $20,000 temporarily from reserves in August. At Christmas we launched the Building Fund fundraiser to begin collecting money for the planned renovations, over and above our budget requirements. The ups and downs continued in 2026 and in March we asked people to pray and bring an extra offering on April 12th to help eliminate the $26,000 YTD shortfall. We were blessed to receive just over $23,000 through the Breakout Sunday offerings! It is humbling to see how God moves the congregation to respond when we place the need before you.

It would be great to end this fiscal year (June 30th) with funds to carry forward to 2026/27. Regular giving of tithes and offerings is necessary for us to be able to support the staff and ministries of the church. Your continued support is very much appreciated!

May God bless you as you give to His work.

Submitted by Lois Hardy, Treasurer

Balance Sheet

	Current Year		Previous Year
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
TD CHEQUING-OPERATING ACT	$20,608.22		$17,975.29
TD-BUILDING FUND	4,285.24		0.00
TD-MISSION FUNDRAISER	1,100.65		1,100.65
Subtotal Td Chequing-operating Act	25,994.11		19,075.94
TANGERINE SAVINGS ACCOUNT	25,849.03		31,775.92
RSTRCTD-Capt Projects	5,000.00		31,941.77
Subtotal Tangerine Savings Account	30,849.03		63,717.69
HST 5%	213.78		202.38
HST 13%	12,843.55		6,811.82
BENEVOLENT FUND	7,670.13		17,074.62
Prepaid Insurance	10,236.78		9,634.14
Subtotal Current Assets	87,807.38		116,516.59
FIXED ASSETS			
BUILDING	2,551,334.01		2,474,894.66
ACCUM. DEP'N - BUILDING	-1,835,284.95		-1,763,367.87
Subtotal Building	716,049.06		711,526.79
COMPUTERS	25,619.49		25,619.49
ACCUM. DEP'N. - COMPUTERS	-23,614.80		-21,906.53
Subtotal Computers	2,004.69		3,712.96
FURNITURE & FIXTURES	97,723.24		97,723.24
ACCUM. DEP'N. - FURN/EQUI	-81,532.84		-70,978.70
Subtotal Furniture & Fixtures	16,190.40		26,744.54
Subtotal Fixed Assets	734,244.15		741,984.29
TOTAL ASSETS	$822,051.53		$858,500.88

	Current Year		Previous Year
LIABILITIES			
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
OPTIONAL BENEFIT DEDN	-$68.48		$2.10
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES			
MORTGAGES & LOANS			
CBOQ-YORKMINSTER MORTGAGE	34,856.68		38,065.89
CBOQ MORTGAGE	425,778.08		453,688.44
Subtotal Long-term Liabilities	460,634.76		491,754.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES	460,566.28		491,756.43
FUND BALANCE/EQUITY			
EQUITY	$330,636.22		$303,026.76
Equity Reserve	30,849.03		63,717.69
TOTAL EQUITY	361,485.25		366,744.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$822,051.53		$858,500.88

Income and Expense Statement

	Current Period	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget	YTD Prior Year
REVENUE					
GENERAL					
LOOSE OFFERING	$11,510.00	$18,750.00	-$7,240.00	$22,500.00	$17,689.63
REGULAR OFFERING	382,602.53	402,083.30	-19,480.77	482,500.00	381,491.87
BUDGET SHORTFALL FUNDRSER	23,065.67	0.00	23,065.67	0.00	0.00
RENTAL INCOME	20,120.50	20,833.30	-712.80	25,000.00	11,912.00
INTEREST	715.59	666.70	48.89	800.00	830.56
Subtotal General	438,014.29	442,333.30	-4,319.01	530,800.00	411,924.06
OTHER REVENUE					
Grants-Student Fed Gov	34,848.00	0.00	34,848.00	0.00	23,678.00
City of Brampton Grant FB	1,065.00	0.00	1,065.00	0.00	9,585.00
Christmas -Gifts for Kids	3,929.82	0.00	3,929.82	0.00	0.00
Pilas Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,221.94
Fundraiser- Building Fund	9,285.24	0.00	9,285.24	0.00	0.00
Fence Replacement	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,294.28
Mission Team Fundraiser	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	407.85
BENEVOLENT OFFERING	21,801.11	0.00	21,801.11	0.00	22,524.09
Subtotal Other Revenue	70,929.17	0.00	70,929.17	0.00	62,711.16
TOTAL INCOME	508,943.46	442,333.30	66,610.16	530,800.00	474,635.22

	Current Period	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget	YTD Prior Year
EXPENSES					
EMPLOYEES					
SALARY BENEFITS	$223,437.90	$203,570.10	-$19,867.80	$244,284.00	$204,657.96
PENSION	9,945.61	9,835.00	-110.61	11,802.00	10,214.45
CPP EXPENSE	10,197.06	9,535.10	-661.96	11,442.00	9,370.03
EI EXPENSE	4,379.08	3,727.60	-651.48	4,460.00	3,756.15
BASIC BENEFITS	19,868.90	20,625.10	756.20	24,750.00	19,527.82
EXPENSE ACCOUNT	899.87	1,666.70	766.83	2,000.00	1,123.88
CELL PHONE	2,176.92	2,166.60	-10.32	2,600.00	1,692.24
CON ED/BOOK ALLOWANCE	1,276.24	3,708.40	2,432.16	4,450.00	2,044.92
TRAVEL ALLOWANCE	1,832.26	2,083.30	251.04	2,500.00	1,900.23
PASTOR/SPOUSE CONFERENCE	0.00	750.00	750.00	900.00	0.00
Subtotal Benefits	50,575.94	54,097.80	3,521.86	64,904.00	49,629.72
Subtotal Employees	274,013.84	257,667.90	-16,345.94	309,188.00	254,287.68
PREMISES					
BUILD. & PROPERTY MAINTNC	19,806.04	13,333.30	-6,472.74	16,000.00	11,479.70
Capital Reserve-	0.00	14,166.70	14,166.70	17,000.00	0.00
INSURANCE	11,177.96	11,250.00	72.04	13,500.00	3,319.38
JANITORIAL SERVICES	6,044.45	7,083.30	1,038.85	8,500.00	6,479.15
MORTGAGE INTEREST	20,439.29	20,243.30	-195.99	24,292.00	21,674.34
UTILITIES	13,801.08	15,000.00	1,198.92	18,000.00	14,370.19
Subtotal Premises	71,268.82	81,076.60	9,807.78	97,292.00	57,322.76

	Current Period	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget	YTD Prior Year
OTHER PROGRAMS					
ADVERTISING	494.05	833.30	339.25	1,000.00	298.73
BANK SERVICE CHARGES	869.54	625.00	-244.54	750.00	613.19
EFT Service Charges	85.15	250.00	164.85	300.00	241.67
Tithe.ly Service Charges	2,414.80	3,083.30	668.50	3,700.00	3,052.57
Elavon Fees	848.03	333.30	-514.73	400.00	315.77
CBOQ CONVENTION SUPPORT	0.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,500.00	0.00
BENEVOLENT DISBURSED	28,729.42	0.00	-28,729.42	0.00	19,749.17
Gifts for Kids Disbursed	3,024.91	0.00	-3,024.91	0.00	0.00
CE -KIDS ZONE EVENTS	1,190.99	2,250.00	1,059.01	2,700.00	1,259.59
CE - SUNDAY SCHOOL	1,638.58	4,583.30	2,944.72	5,500.00	1,837.62
CE - BIBLE CAMP/VBS	-4,361.19	833.30	5,194.49	1,000.00	-487.43
CE -YOUNG ADULTS	107.89	1,000.00	892.11	1,200.00	796.90
CE - LIFE GROUPS	310.76	333.30	22.54	400.00	222.60
WOMEN'S MINISTRY	0.00	83.30	83.30	100.00	0.00
ADULT EDUCATION	0.00	250.00	250.00	300.00	0.00
CE - SENIORS PROGRAM	178.15	333.30	155.15	400.00	97.53
CBOQ ASSEMBLY COST	0.00	875.00	875.00	1,050.00	400.00
COUNCIL INITIATIVES	408.66	1,666.70	1,258.04	2,000.00	1,269.24
CONNECT TEAM	188.33	250.00	61.67	300.00	129.02
DECORATING	946.21	583.30	-362.91	700.00	61.96
FAMILY LIFE-CHURCH EVENTS	1,834.77	2,750.00	915.23	3,300.00	2,218.40
FLOWERS & GIFTS	649.66	833.30	183.64	1,000.00	449.21
GUEST SPEAKERS	200.00	333.30	133.30	400.00	100.00
HOSPITALITY	1,227.08	1,250.00	22.92	1,500.00	795.97
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	0.00	333.30	333.30	400.00	0.00
LIBRARY	12.04	250.00	237.96	300.00	0.00
SOUTH ASIAN WELCOME CENT.	835.00	1,391.70	556.70	1,670.00	817.50
EFC	500.00	416.70	-83.30	500.00	500.00
REGENERATION	562.50	937.50	375.00	1,125.00	550.00
RISING ANGELS	2,482.50	3,687.50	1,205.00	4,425.00	2,167.50
PILAS Program	4,137.50	4,137.50	0.00	4,965.00	4,054.33
MISSIONS TRIP-BASE FUND	-787.39	0.00	787.39	0.00	0.00
B & G MINISTRY	6,008.30	6,008.30	0.00	7,210.00	5,890.00
WORSHIP	872.59	2,500.00	1,627.41	3,000.00	2,382.58
OFFICE SUPPLIES	3,285.48	3,500.00	214.52	4,000.00	3,885.87
ALPHA	0.00	416.70	416.70	500.00	0.00
CAP - MONEY/MISSION	963.20	1,250.00	286.80	1,500.00	1,246.49
PHOTOCOPIER	3,642.15	4,166.70	524.55	5,000.00	4,125.80
PROTECTION POLICY EXP	513.25	1,500.00	986.75	1,800.00	1,723.79
SOFTWARE/LICENSES/SUPPORT	5,631.36	6,666.70	1,035.34	8,000.00	7,446.48
TELEPHONE & INTERNET	2,841.13	3,333.30	492.17	4,000.00	2,831.85
TORONTO ASSOCIATION	600.00	500.00	-100.00	600.00	600.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	281.74	6,250.00	5,968.26	7,500.00	1,697.89
CE -YOUTH GROUPS	6,115.23	5,708.30	-406.93	6,850.00	4,009.12
Subtotal Other Programs	79,482.37	77,537.20	-1,945.17	92,845.00	77,350.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	424,765.03	416,281.70	-8,483.33	499,325.00	388,961.35
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	$84,178.43	$26,051.60	$58,126.83	$31,475.00	$85,673.87

YTD Income & Expense Summary

Month	Apr-26				
Income	**YTD Actual**		**YTD Budget**		**Variance**
Tithes & Offerings	$394,112.00		$420,833.00		-$3,655.00
Breakout Fundraiser	$23,066.00				
Rent & Interest	$20,836.00		$21,500.00		-$664.00
Subtotal of Income	$438,014.00		$442,333.00		-$4,319.00
Expenses					
Salaries & Benefits	$239,166.00		$257,668.00		$18,502.00
Premises	$71,269.00		$66,931.00		-$4,338.00
Programs	$52,015.00		$77,537.00		$25,522.00
Mortgage Principal	$26,030.00		$26,030.00		-
Capital Reserve	-		$14,167.00		$14,167.00
Subtotal of Expenses	$388,480.00		$442,333.00		$53,853.00
Adjusted Net Income	$49,534.00		$0.00		
Capital Expenses	$4,833.00				
***Capital Reserve Trfr**	$17,000.00				
***June Missions**	$6,900.00				
***Audit Fee**	$7,500.00				
Net Income	$13,301.00				

Mortgage Principal:	
July Opening Balance:	486,665.00
Less: Current Balance	460,635.00
Net Amount:	26,030.00

Capital Expenses

Fire System BackFlow Preventor $15,372
July carry fwd of $7,800 plus HST rebate of $8,888
North & East Roof Repair - $36,015
Paid $31,942 from allocated reserves,
$4,073 from general reserves
March - Domestic BackFlow Preventor $4,833
*June year end budgeted items

Nominating Committee Report

Officers – 1-year term – July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, no limit on number of terms

*Clerk – Nancy Knecht
*Treasurer – Lois Hardy

Nominating Committee – 3-year term, July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2029, max. 2 consecutive terms

*Leandro D'Amico (1st term – ends 2029)
Continuing on Nominating – Monica Stocks (2nd – 2028), Hilda Cupeta (1st – 2028), Tracy Maramba (1st – 2027), and Edwin Nganji (2nd – 2027)

Deacons – 3-year term, no maximum number of terms

Finance – role now covered by the Treasurer
Property – Jonathan Burritt (1st term ends 2027)

Finance Committee – 3-year term, max. 2 consecutive terms

Continuing on Finance – Monica Stocks (head teller), Lois Hardy (treasurer), Prashanth Ebenezer (bookkeeper), Tanya Stephens-Smikle (2027), and Kathy Hidalgo (2028)
Plus, two Council Members – Shenali De Mel, Adekunle Oduyemi

***These positions are to be voted on at the June 14, 2026, Special Report Business Meeting**

Note: Additional nominations may be made in writing, signed by two Members whose names are on the active Member's role of the Church who have the consent of the nominee. Such nominations may be given to the Nominating Committee not later than the Sunday immediately before the applicable Meeting of Members (i.e. June 7)

This report is submitted by the Nominating Committee: Monica Stocks, Angela (Dede) Atuahene, Hilda Cupeta, Tracy Maramba, Edwin Nganji, and Pastor Wayne. If you have any questions, please ask any nominating committee member.

We wish to recognize and thank Dede Atuahene for her faithful service on the Nominating Committee.