

KINGSVIEW CHURCH

A Free Methodist Church in Canada Congregation

2025 Annual Report to the Society

April 26, 2026

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Nominating Committee Report

We recommend the following roster to the Society. Some nominees are up for re-election (to a second term). Others are standing as new nominees at the 2026 Annual Society Meeting scheduled for **April 26**.

Official Board:

Brent, Lenore, Christine and Rick are continuing on elected terms. Tim Gonyou is standing for 1st Delegate (see below).

- Sharon Howell is nominated
- Prospective nominees are in process

Finance Team:

Mary Craddock-Keating, Amma Davis, Lenore Friesen, Marco Moreno and Karen Robins are continuing on elected terms.

- Mary & Karen joined the team mid-term

Property Team:

Kossi Avochinu, Shawn Bullock, Hamid Givetash, Kasper Hinds, Lusper Weir and Aart Van Ewyk, make up this team and are continuing on elected terms.

Pastors' Cabinets:

Nancy Brown, and Ann-Marie Smith are continuing on elected terms for Pastor Darrin's support. Dennis Patten is nominated.

Sharon Howell, Vinola Pakkianathen and Lois Tomc are continuing on elected terms for Pastor Sabrina.

Delegates:

Delegates for General Conference 2027: Tim Gonyou is nominated for 1st Delegate (he would remain on the board); Jaden Hinds is nominated for 2nd Delegate; a Reserve Delegate is needed for next year's conference.

A Note on Recruitment:
The Committee works diligently to find candidates and discern a good fit for various roles. It is challenging to fill all the nominations. If you or you think someone you know has gifts in a specific area, please contact any committee representative.

Appreciation:
We always make a point of expressing gratitude for those that have completed and/or are stepping down from a term of service.

Thank you, ***Randy Simmons*** for your dedication to serving as Treasurer and going beyond to help the team with the transition to new leadership.

Sharon Howell is stepping down as First Delegate, a role she's faithfully and capably served in for many years (she's letting her name stand directly for the Board this year).

Nominating Committee:

The Nominating Committee is Heather Campbell, Carolyn Tomc, Dean Taylor—all are continuing elected terms—and Pastor Darrin (as a non-voting member).

Official Board

The official board is responsible for the general supervision of the ongoing operation of the local church and, as such, establishes policies that govern the day-to-day operation of the church and its ministries. We are intentionally developing this team to prayerfully discern direction and make decisions.

Team: Brent Brown, Lenore Friesen (appointed Treasurer), Tim Gonyou, Sharon Howell (First Delegate), Christine Pakkianathen, Randy Simmons (resigned), and Rick Smith.

Message from the Board:

It is with humble gratitude that we (the Board) report to you our friends and family of Kingsview for the 2025 ministry year. The Board maintained our regular cadence of monthly meetings throughout the year, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. We met occasionally face to face and most often we gathered digitally using Zoom.



Board & pastors with Rev. Jervis Djokoto, FMCiC Director of Church Health at the 2025 fall retreat.

We continue to be grateful for the leadership of Pastor Darrin in his role of Lead Pastor. His presence and leadership are a blessing to us and we, as a Board, are so thankful for he and Sharon and their ministry as a family. We are also very thankful for the way in which Associate Pastor Sabrina provides oversight of and participates in various ministries at Kingview. We are also blessed by Kasper, Krista and Jaden and the roles they play in the life of Kingsview FMC.

It is a pleasure to watch our Pastoral team work so well together to benefit the life of our church family. Praise be to God! One highlight for us as a Board was to get together for our Board retreat held back in the Fall at a Christian retreat centre north of the city. We were blessed by the leadership of Rev. Jervis Djokoto, FMCiC Director of Church Health as we had a chance to pray for further clarity regarding God's leading and direction over Kingsview.

The Board wants to express our gratitude to many of you who serve in various teams and committees here at Kingsview supporting the ministry God has given us and our staff. We recognize that our roles on the Board are important but the day-to-day functions of so many volunteers is a key to what makes the life of our church so special. We pray that our role as the Official Board enables you all as you attend, serve and grow in relationship with Jesus.

Respectfully submitted, *Brent, Lenore, Tim, Sharon, Christine, and Rick*

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Finance Team

This team is responsible for the administration of Kingsview's financial assets, as directed by the official board. A new role was created within the team in 2025, the Rentals Property Manager, to help oversee Kingsview's rental agreements and serve as a liaison with our Property Team.

Team:

Mary Craddock-Keating (appointed), Amma Davis, Lenore Friesen (Treasurer), Marco Moreno, and Karen Robins (appointed as a non-voting member). Members of the team and additional tellers appointed by the board oversee the weekly offering. Marcia DaCosta our Administrative Assistant, Nancy Burrell, our bookkeeper, and Pastor Darrin are resource people to the team.

Ministry Highlights:

- We were blessed again by a bequest from a late member's estate (in addition to 2024 amount)
- Finance team has been re-established and regular meetings have also been re-established
- Worked closely with the pastoral staff to partner with CAP Canada, a Christian agency that works with local churches to provide financial coaching.
- Surplus from rental income invested in the Free Methodist Foundation (supports other ministries)

Financial Review (all $ figures in thousands)*

	2022	2023	2024	**2025**	2026	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	**Actual**	**Proposed**	Comments
Income						
General Offerings	$287	$276	$269	**$259**	**$260**	Consistent with last 3 years – 9% for economic factors
Other Income	$80	$69	$87	**$81**	**$93**	Includes Rental income, benevolent funds, designations
Benevolent/Bequests	$34	$76	$243	**$230**	**$0**	Significant Estate Gift in 2025
Total Income	$401	$421	$600	**$570**	**$353**	
Expenses	$285	$368	$458	**$397**	**$515**	2026 Budget includes $143K for Lift & other repairs
Net Position	$116	$54	$142	**$173**	**($162)**	*Recommend a deficit position and spending previous years' surpluses to support initiatives in flight
Actual Net of One-Time Gifts	$82	($23)	($101)	**($57)**	**($162)**	

*All recommendations are subject to Board review and Society approval

Prayer Requests:

- That God will continue to lead the Finance team in our meetings, discussions and interactions
- To develop a spirit-led reporting and budgeting process for upcoming and future years
- Increased giving to meet the vast needs in our community
- Discernment to assist the pastoral team in assessing where funds should be directed

Looking Ahead (for 2026):

- Plan well for the future of Kingsview; invest now in areas that will position us well in the future
- Build up our Capital Reserve to a healthier level

Property Team

The Property Team together with Finance serve as the Trustees and responsible for routinely inspecting the church's building, property, and equipment to ensure that all are being maintained adequately, and to prioritize maintenance and replacement projects within the constraints of the budget. The team responds to maintenance requests, organizes workdays as needed, and ensures that the church facilities are kept clean. They manage all of our contracted services; including custodial services, landscaping & snow removal, etc.

Team: Kossi Avochinu, Shawn Bullock , Hamid Givetash, Kasper Hinds, Aart Van Ewyk, and Lusper Weir. Official Board Liaison: Richard Smith. Finance Team Liaison: Mary Craddock-Keating.

Ministry Highlights:



Church sign is finished!

- Accessibility Lift Project architectural & engineering drawings were approved by the city
- The front church (digital) sign frame was repainted and address added
- Repainting completed in the fellowship hall and exterior of church garage
- Repairs made to the air conditioning units and the sanctuary furnace
- New retractable garden hoses installed at the front & rear of the church building
- Repairs were made following some minor vandalism to windows, ext. electrical outlets, etc.
- Drainage issues at 17 Kingsview were completed and are working well
- New lighting was installed around 17 Kingsview, including the interior & exterior of the garage
- Spring & Fall Work Days were very successful and exceeded expectations; 20 or more volunteers participated in cleaning, repairing, and upgrading the interior & exterior of the building
- 17A rental unit was refreshed between tenants; painted, new carpet, doors, handrail, etc.
- The very large tree between 15 & 17 Kingsview was cut down
- Rental properties management was successfully transferred to Finance (see report, above)


Kossi and Steve making lawn improvements.

Prayer Requests:

- A number of significant projects are underway; pray for the financial & volunteer resources needed
- The continued health & strength of team members & volunteers to be able to actively engage

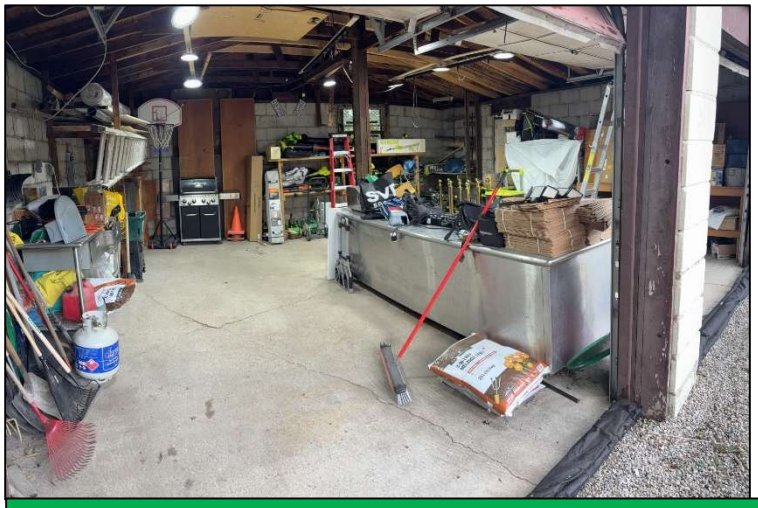
Looking Ahead:

As we look into 2026 the Property Team plans to focus on some key items, including:

- Completion of the installation of the Accessibility Lift
- Replacement of both church building air conditioning units
- Installation of new exterior door locks
- Construction of a storage shed to support the Baobab Bike Clinic ministry



Arborist cutting down large maple tree.



Reorganized garage with new lighting.



Ethan and Lusper replacing light bulbs.

Discipleship Ministries

Children, Youth, Small Groups, Men's and Women's groups, Membership and Baptism prep all fall under the umbrella of Discipleship. Thank you to all those who volunteer and give their time in this vital area of ministry!

Children's Ministry Highlights: (Marcia DaCosta)

It's hard to believe that another year in ministry has flown by so quickly! We give God thanks for our children, their families as well as our amazing team of volunteers who are committed to being a part of the Children's Ministry here at Kingsview.

As we shift to focus on the calendar year for the ministry, we started our year with our rotating curriculum by utilizing various practical learning strategies and techniques to better explain the foundational aspects of our faith in a way that was age appropriate for each class. John 14:6 was our focus for the year – "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." – as we walked the children through what Jesus meant by Him being the Way, Truth and the Life and what that means for them as young Christians. The children remained engaged and it always puts a smile on the faces of the Teachers to hear them recalling things they learned in Sunday school or singing songs from the lessons - even when they are not in Sunday School! To God be the glory! Our children also continued to participate in our worship services and were also given the opportunity to be judges in our annual Men's Chili Bowl Competition.

The ministry took the customary break in August and then in September, we welcomed back all the children in the ministry with a welcome back party! The main aim of this event was to get to know the children better and be more intentional in being a more relational ministry. The weeks following, were primarily focused on preparing for our 2025 Christmas Musical which was titled "This is Gonna Be Big". With Dean Taylor no longer part of the ministry, all core and support volunteers jumped in and worked overtime with the children to ensure that the musical was a success. While consistency in attendance proved to be a challenge sometimes, we give God thanks that the Musical came together nicely in the end and those in attendance were truly blessed. We are grateful to the Youth who joined us again to be a part of the musical. Special mention to our Backdrop Team, Huhanna, Jeanae and Karen P. who worked tirelessly and did an excellent job on the backdrop. Also, thanks to volunteers Karen R., Christine and Merna who assisted with the finishing touches.

In September 2026, several of our older kids will be moving to Youth Ministry, which will change the ministry's dynamic, but we continue to trust God as He leads and directs. Looking ahead, our focus is to not only teach lessons to the children but to be a more relational ministry so that as seeds of faith are planted through the lessons, we can purposefully walk alongside them in their faith journey.

Sunday School & Nursery Teachers: Nancy Brown, Marcia DaCosta, Josiah Hallett, Sharon Howell, Sarah Sohail, Sonia Sohail, Sharon Wade-Taylor, Carolyn Tomc, Aart Van Ewyk Merna Wilson and Fatimah Zane.

Support Team: Jeanae DaCosta, Krista Hinds, Stacey Lee, Karen Pakkianathen, Michelle Pokua, Karen Robins and Sharoon-John Sohail.

Prayer Requests:

- For more male volunteers in Children's Ministry especially as we now have a significant number of boys attending
- Pray for the Curriculum writing team as we wrap up writing the third and final year of the curriculum and then move on to review and edit all lessons in the three-year curriculum.
- Pray for our Kingsview Kids and their families. Pray that they will feel God's presence around them daily, not just while in Sunday school but at home, school etc.



Youth Ministry:

Our church's youth group welcomes all youth from grade 6 through to grade 12.



Support Team:

Grant Caven, Sarah Sohail, SJ Sohail and Pastor Sabrina

Highlights:

- **The Year's Focus –** In 2025 we learned about Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Through discussions and activities youth developed the understanding that we needed a way back to God after sin entered the world through the fall of humans. Jesus is the only one who could heal the relationship that was broken by sin. Jesus made the way, is teaching us truth and is giving us real life. Jesus helps us lead lives full of meaning and purpose and God's Presence.

- **New Support Team –** A new youth support team was formed, with Grant Caven, Sarah Sohail and SJ Sohail working with Pastor Sabrina. This team has been building stronger relationships with the youth and facilitating the sessions. Many thanks to the parents and volunteers who stepped in from time to time to help during an interim period after April's departure.

- **Operation Christmas Child –** After the passing of Winifred Sookdeo, the youth group decided that they would officially take on the role of OCC Champions to lead the effort. They had previously helped Winifred by building boxes but this year the youth led the congregation, encouraging participation to bless youth across the world through carefully packed shoeboxes.

- **Conferences –** In 2025 we participated in two youth conferences! At the Today's Teens Conference we learned a lot about living out our faith at school and developing leadership skills. We enjoyed listening to OJ the DJ and spending some extra time with him as a group at the end! We also went to the packed out Friday night concert at the Change Conference – it felt good to be with so many other youth enjoying Christian music and hearing a message.



- **GlowZone Outing –** For our summer event we spent a Tuesday evening at GlowZone where we battled it out in lasertag and arcade games. It was lots of fun!

- **Intergenerational Events –** the young men of the youth group enjoyed a couple of male bonding events. A social at Grant's home

and a morning of axe-throwing provided opportunity to connect, interact, and have fun with older men from our congregation. And of course, the Gather Ladies continued to deepen relationship with the young ladies but invited both guys and girls into deep conversation at the Becoming event "A Father's Love".

- **Spring Retreat –** a huge highlight is our overnight event of the year at the weekend retreat with other FMCiC Churches at the MapleGrove Retreat Centre. We joined in all the activities and represented our group and church well! The speaker, Rev. Luke Haggat, challenged us to take our masks off and be real with God and others.



In Their Own Words:



- "The Today's Teens conference was a very good experience spiritually and I feel like I felt the presence of God in the room."
- "One of my highlights was Maple Grove because they talked a lot about things that I needed to hear and helped me as well as making friends with new people and strengthening the connections I already had."
- "This past ministry year, we learned about how we are seen by God even though we might make mistakes and we are not perfect. I think that it made me see God more as a friend who wants to help me instead of a disciplinarian."
- "…when I feel like I'm drowning and like I don't have anyone I always have God, and the people in my youth group have helped me to see that more in my life. That you always have even one person even when it feels like you have no one."

Prayer Requests:

- That the youth would continue to grow in their relationship with God and develop strong spiritual disciplines like reading the Bible and praying daily
- That the youth would excel and boldly live out their faith in their schools, families, and communities.
- For wisdom, strength, and encouragement for the support team and parents
- For continued unity, growth, and spiritual impact within the youth ministry

Women's Ministry Highlights:

The women's ministry continued to grow, serving the needs of and ministering to the women of KFMC and beyond. The Gather Sisters' leadership included the desire and determination to welcome and enfold others into a space where they could participate, bring ideas and also help lead in the ministry. This past year has been deeply rewarding for our ladies group as we've continued to build meaningful connections within our congregation. From celebrating milestones like weddings, to walking alongside the young women in the "Becoming" group, to sharing impactful moments during our overnight retreats, each experience has strengthened our sense of community. These connections, along with many others across Kingsview, have been a true blessing and a reminder of the value of fellowship and support among women.

- **Becoming –** The passion for intergenerational interaction and mentoring of the younger women is an important component of the women's ministry. However, we invited both young women and young men to "The Father's Love", where our guest speaker, Rev. Wayne Russell, two panel discussions, and breakout conversations explored how to build platonic, dating and marital relationships on the foundation of God's love.

- **Showers of Blessings –** Two of our young ladies accepted their young men's proposals and we were thrilled to celebrate with them. Gather Leaders shared life experiences with Rebecca and Sarah in a quiet luncheon, and our entire ladies group lavished them with love and blessings in the wonderfully decorated fellowship hall during a joint bridal shower. There were many special moments, especially when the senior ladies approached each bride with a rose and notecards filled with words of wisdom and encouragement tailored to each one.



- **Retreats –** In 2025 our ladies got away for, not just one, but two weekend retreats organized for us and by us! Both the snowy winter wonderland in January and the colours of fall in September drew us closer together as we marveled at the beauty and rested at Singing Waters. In the fall retreat we celebrated that we are God's beautiful handiwork, were guided through a prayer walk, sang around a campfire, painted as we reflected on God's love for us, and experienced His healing touch through story and prayer. What a joyfully refreshing time!



- **November Social –** Ever longing for more connection, our ladies gathered after church for an informal time to socialize, plan, gather feedback and enjoy a tasty lunch together.

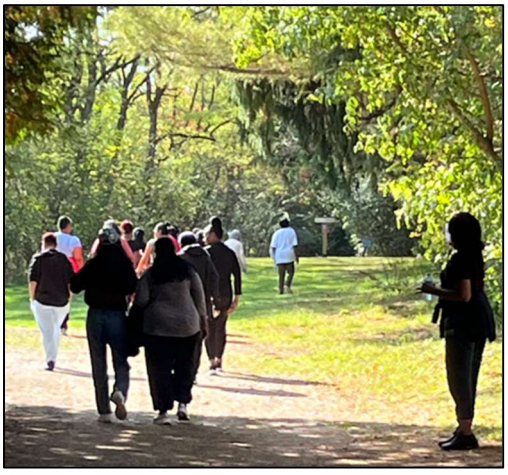
Looking Ahead:

- The information gathered from the survey done in November provided a good picture of the gifts and interests across the group as well as passion to serve in the coming months.
- We are eager to start a regular time of connection, typically on 3rd Sundays and aligning with a PB&J session.
- Plans are underway for a women's Bible/Book study in the near future

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for deepening of relationships among the women of KFMC and for others to be drawn into the kingdom of God and our church as a result of our love for each other
- Pray for continued discernment of gifts and calling as many of our ladies seek to serve in meaningful ways to bless other women and nurture our younger ones
- Pray for the upcoming generations of young women that they would grow strong in their faith and in their character, experiencing God's will and purpose for their lives



Men's Ministry Highlights:









- We continued our pattern of monthly breakfast fellowship gatherings in 2025; the core group faithfully prepares a meal, followed by fellowship time, then bible study/discussion and we close praying for each other.
- The men hosted the 2025 Chili Bowl, led by Shawn and his team. Many of the youth joined in MC'ing the event, judging, and handing out prizes. This event continues to be a highlight for the congregation and builds unity among people of all ages.
- We had an excellent turnout for the "mini-retreat" held at Lakefront Promenade Marina in Mississauga in June. We enjoyed BBQ ribs (over charcoal!) and plenty of other food that the guys shared. There was lots of good fellowship during games of Bocce, Horseshoes, Dominoes, and just hanging out. Our discussion focused on finding clarity for God's call in our currernt season of life, and we heard from and encouraged each other. A rainstorm coming in off the lake ended our time a bit early, and sadly prevented us from enjoying some time on the water.
- Another intergenerational event was a BBQ and games night at Pastor Darrin's house. Lots of good food came off the grill that evening, followed by some competitive Bocce in backyard, and a few intense (and often creative) rounds of a large-size Jenga puzzle, which really engaged the youth & young at heart.
- In pairs or trios, we had frequent times for spiritual conversation & prayer that happened over meals, coffee and even on a boat 😉
- In the fall, we returned to our regular pattern of monthly breakfast fellowship events; with more of the guys regularly taking responsibility for the prep & clean up of our events. We also pulled the Fall Work Day together (along with others from the congregation) and ensured the day was a success, in Shawn's absence.

Prayer Requests:

- For more of the men at Kingsview to join this vital ministry on a regular basis; we have a very solid core group and there are more seats around the tables...
- For deeper connections and support of one another as we explore important topics for men and grow into more vulnerability with one another.

- For us to create more opportunities for intergenerational interaction (and more guys to engage in them).

Preaching & Teaching Highlights:

Our focus continues to be on deepening discipleship at all age levels; from Sunday school to Seniors' ministry and everyone in between. We design sermon series, develop curriculum and choose material aimed at developing biblically grounded followers of Jesus.

- We began the year with the *Wesley Challenge* series based on the devotional by the same title, by Chris Folmsbee, we reflected on very practical aspects of developing a more authentic spiritual life; which included physical, relational, & motivational questions.
- We jumped right into a series that also encompassed Black History month, called *Unjust World, Just God* exploring Old Testament passages about God's characteristic justice.
- During Lent, Holy Week and Easter we explored the Free to be Holy series, based on material by Matt O'Reilly from Seedbed. Together with weekly online discussion sessions, it proved to be very challenging and rich discussion as we gained a greater understanding of Sanctification.
- After Easter, we began exploring spiritual gifts adapted from the S.H.A.P.E. material by Erik Rees. Through 7 weeks of preaching and mid-week, small group sessions online, many found new insight into their spiritual gifts, passion, talents, personality and life experiences.
- On June 8, we were blessed with a visit from Pastor Neddy and Paula Moriarity from International Child Care Ministries (a ministry of FMCiC); they shared, in particular, about the transformational ministry happening through ICCM in West Africa, where Pastor Neddy is the area director.
- In July we did a short series focusing on 4 aspects of worship before turning the Preaching Team loose with selected sermons that were the "Preacher's Choice."
- As a new ministry season geared up in September, we jumped into Part 2 of the S.H.A.P.E. material and considered how to utilize and develop our growing awareness of how we're called to serve others and the Lord.
- Toward the end of October we ran another Bible Study Intensive week, this time with Rev. Dan Sheffield, discussing how to deal with differences. Dan brought many years' of experience to these sessions and his engaging teaching style was welcome. He challenged us to see the opportunities to serve our neighbourhood that "right in front of us!"
- We celebrated Kingsview's 62nd anniversary in November, with a internationally-flavoured potluck on a snowy Sunday. We were proud to announce that Sarah Amafu had been approved as a Ministerial Candidate with the FMCiC, and began her appointment as Assistant Pastor at Kingsview! (See pictures in the Prayer, Care & Hospitality section.)
- Guest and former Kingsview pastor, now retired, Rev. Ron Ashton joined us a couple of weeks later in an interview style presentation, encouraging the congregation to continue pressing into our unique vision and purpose.

- Advent preparation and observance was a highlight, again, as the Church Calendar year began. Our preaching series *Preparing Heart & Home* followed the traditional Advent themes starting on November 30; candle lighting, and seasonal décor added deeper meaning to the month before Christmas.
- The final service of the calendar year was a Hymn Sing Sunday in which Pastor Jabin Carrasco challenged us to follow God's call in our lives, and we had the pleasure of dedicating Jessica & Jabin's youngest child, Elizabeth.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray that we would continue discern the preaching and teaching topics that God is calling us to present to disciple our congregation.
- Pray with us that the Lord would raise up more disciples that are gifted for and willing to lead small groups, mentor others, teach, and preach.

Looking Ahead:

- Beyond the pastors and lay ministers (whom we always appreciate!), we want to invite others into the role of discussion facilitators as we continue mid-week devotionals and/or sermon study groups.
- Further develop the Preaching Team and begin developing other leaders that may have gifts in the areas of preaching & teaching.
- Use resources wisely to bring in guest speakers as needed to address specific topics of interest to our congregation and context.

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Missional Resources Team

The Missional Resource Team (MRT) is the ministry group that is mandated to mobilize our congregants as disciples engaged in primarily local missional activities and supportive of wider-ranging, even global, missions efforts.

Team:

Shawn Bullock, Joyce Nyhof-Young, Michelle Pokua, Dean Taylor, and Pastor Sabrina Hinds.

Ministry Highlights:

- **Refugee Sponsorship –** This year marked the completion of the Sohail family's resettlement. We celebrate the dedicated work of the Resettlement Team and give thanks for the family's growing independence, with most family members now employed.

- **Youth Unlimited –** we again blessed the ministry of Youth Unlimited's Young Parents Program through financial support, and occasional program space. We encourage congregational involvement. Let us increase our care for young parents facing significant challenges.

- **Operation Christmas Child –** Following the passing of Winifred Sookdeo, we honour her legacy of faithful service. The ministry remained vibrant. This year, 49 shoeboxes were assembled, with effective leadership by our youth emerging as a key strength for the future.



- **KFMC Community Day –** several teams of eager volunteers from across the congregation prepared our facilities and turned up to host the wider community for a fun and educational morning. We facilitated games like dominoes, basketball and pickleball, and activities for kids. Volunteers shared their expertise and resources in finances, health, gardening, bike repair, and ESL. There was a café and food, too!

- **BAOBAB Bike Clinic –** this outreach ministry grew stronger and more sustainable through responsiveness to the schedules of its volunteer base and improved administrative processes.



- **Dixon Ministry ESL –** Pastor Sabrina began regular participation in ESL conversation circles.

- **Community Garden –** a successful relaunch under the supervision of our in-house agrologist, Tom Young. Three garden beds were dug by local high-school students. Church and community

members worked together to plant and tend a variety of herbs and vegetables that were then donated to the Salvation Army Foodbank. Four substantive harvests were obtained.

- **Christians Against Poverty (CAP) Canada –** we ran our first CAP Course on the summer 2025 Community Day. A Money Course attendee from the community offered, "A warm thanks to [the CAP Coaches] for such a chill yet engaging and informative session."

- **Kingsview Village Junior School –** supported their Fun Day with volunteers and resources

Thank you, volunteers, for every way that you serve your neighbours near and far in the name and strength of our Lord Jesus! May God bless you abundantly.

Looking Ahead:



- **2026 Community Day –** Help us connect with more of our neighbours this year. Invite them in to get to know us better!
- **Community Garden:** we plan to increase food production for local organizations. We are grateful to have received a $1,000 bursary from Landscape Ontario to support this work.
- **School of Experiential Education (S.E.E.)** – we have begun exploring a relationship with S.E.E, focusing on supporting vulnerable youth and young adults through donations and presence.
- **BAOBAB Bike Clinic –** this beloved local ministry plans to construct a shed for the clinic which will help volunteers be more efficient and in turn increase overall ministry effectiveness.

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for continued stability and flourishing for the Sohail family
- Pray for wisdom as the MRT explores new ministry partnerships, particularly with S.E.E. and global missions
- Pray for leadership development, especially in new efforts and areas of transition
- Pray for opportunities to live out our faith through tangible acts of service and witness – prayerfully consider how you might participate in the mission of God through these ongoing and emerging opportunities.

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Prayer, Care & Hospitality

The Prayer & Care Ministries at Kingsview cover a variety of ways that we demonstrate Jesus' love for each other. The needs of people continued to be numerous and intense; we experienced the loss of several congregation members, and many more grieved the loss of family members and friends. Moments and seasons of joy were shared in our Kingsview family as well, often through the ministry of Hospitality. This team approach is to *rejoice with those that rejoice and mourn with those that mourn* (Rom. 12:15).

Teams:

Prayer & Care:	Connie Asiedu, Agnes Dorsett, Ivy Graham, Victoria Hogg, Carlton & Marguerite Howell, Dennis & Fredricka Patten, Norma Reynolds, Felicia Richards, and Yvonne Weir
Hospitality:	(Event Coordinators) Belinda Adjei-Twum, Shawn Bullock, Sara Castro, Ann-Marie Smith, and Lois Tomc

Ministry Highlights:

- We started 2025 with a Pray & Fasting Challenge, calling the congregation to 21 days of prayer & fasting, together with daily online sessions and weekly sermons.
- Our dedicated Prayer Team met regularly throughout the year bringing many concerns on behalf of congregation members, their families, the FMCiC, and beyond.
- In January we dedicated three of Tejah Dorsett's children: Amaree, Ari'yon and A'Kyla.
- We celebrated a double bridal shower followed by two wedding ceremonies in May: Sara Moreno & Manny Castro, and John-Roy Salmon & Rebecca Bruce.
- We came alongside many grieving families throughout the year, and said farewell to several of our church family members (see Memorials, below)
- We journeyed with others through health challenges; serious diagnoses, admission to hospital, surgeries, rehabilitation and recovery at home.
- From June to September, we hosted a monthly Church BBQ which was well-received by all
- We baptized Brian & Chantel's infant son, Malachi.
- We had a wonderful Anniversary Celebration in November. It was announced that Sarah Amafu had been approved as a Ministerial Candidate in the FMCiC and appointed as Assistant Pastor to Kingsview. Following the service we share in a delicious potluck dinner, Kingsview-style!
- Throughout the year, our Benevolence ministry supported people in our congregation and community in practical ways including grocery cards, help with health expenses, emergencies, and referrals to other services.
- Our Generous Christmas Giving campaign, once again was able to provide grocery cards to local families in need.
- The Advent Lounge was a hub of festive fellowship activity & hospitality again this past year, and it also hosted the Service of Comfort & Light for those grieving.

Prayer Requests:

- Find ways to engage additional gifted volunteers in each area
- Build on the solid foundation of prayer, care & hospitality that Kingsview capably demonstrates

Looking Ahead:

- We have established a good rhythm of weekly gathering, prayer & fasting at the beginning of the year, and fasting during Lent. We are considering what's next for the prayer ministry.
- We are looking ahead to offer additional training to those interested in volunteering to help with pastoral care.
- Re-establish a full Hospitality Team to oversee, organize and implement a regular schedule of hospitality events and work toward a broader understanding of hospitality as a ministry.

Opportunities:

If you are interested in serving in any capacity in prayer, care and/or hospitality, or would like to receive further information and/or training in any of these areas please contact Pastor Darrin, Connie Asiedu or Yvonne Weir.









Anniversary dinner: (clockwise) Nancy & Brent, Tim & Jean enjoying the buffet; Sharon checking out the dessert table; Kossi and Belinda working the kitchen; Pastor Sarah, Odelle & Noelle smiling for the camera.

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Worship Ministries

This group prays for our musicians and singers, creatively plans services and reviews our song selections. They plan learning opportunities for the music and audio-visual teams as well as booking guest speakers and musicians.

Team: Pastor Darrin & Sharon Lindsay, and Dean Taylor.

Ministry Highlights:



Celebrating Sunday school grads.

- We had a joint service with Grace Free Methodist Church on January 26; members of the worship teams joined to lead the music & pastors served communion together.
- In February, we celebrated Black History Month with music throughout the month, including guest Worship Leader, Patricia Russell on Feb. 23. A tremendous tribute was given to some remarkable Black Leaders, who have made a great impact in our communities and country.
- We blessed April & Norman Lansing, before they moved to the Kingston area. They have been faithful members of the vocal & sound tech teams, respectively, for many years.
- We continued with the Hymn Sing Sundays (every month with 5 Sundays) which has been a blessing for our congregation.
- Our Lenten focus on holiness was emphasized in song as well with, *Yet Not I But Christ in Me*, and *Trust in God* and a few youth & young adults joined in special music & drama.
- The Easter Sunday worship & baptism services were a highlight, including several youth & young adults baptized or affirmed! We also had five child dedications/baptisms in 2025.
- At the end of April, we had a special worship service focused on Indigenous music, led by Jonathan Maracle of Broken Walls.
- In September, we had a successful Lunch & Learn session, which has helped to fine tune our worship experience. The confidence monitor is an excellent support to the worship team.
- We blessed Sara (Moreno) Castro, as she moved to the U.S. to be with her husband, Manny. Her last Sunday was Oct. 26; Sharon, Sara & Dean led worship together and we prayed for Sara & Manny. This is a big loss of leadership, leaving only Dean and Sharon as Worship Leaders!
- We added a Christine Pakkianathen to the announcement team, and Karen Robins, to the vocal team which has been a big help! Krista Hinds stepped away from vocals to serve elsewhere.
- Tim Gonyou and Kiru Pakkianathen joined the media & sound tech teams, respectively.

- We've been blessed by special speakers in 2025: John-Mark Cockram, from ICCM, Paula Moriarity & Neddy Nanjowe Dingili, Dan Sheffied, Sok Em, Ron Ashton and Jabin Carrasco; in addition to our Lay Preachers, Sarah Amafu, Steve Frieswick, and Dean Taylor.
- The Advent & Christmas Seasons are always a highlight with the traditional elements for kids and adults alike, decorating the trees, readings and candle-lighting and Christmas carols.
- PB & J, Kingsview Youth and the Children Ministries thrilled us again with their Christmas Presentations in December!



Pastor Sok & Sreyneth Em (R-L) our FMCiC connection in Cambodia.

Prayer Requests:

- Join us in praying for continued growth with our worship experience in bringing glory to God and worshipping Him in spirit and truth!
- For the continued development and integration of a new generation of artists, singers, musicians, and media/audio/video technician volunteers to join our church family.
- In particular for another worship leader (or two!) that are willing and able to step into this important role.

Looking Ahead:

- We are looking for ways to introduce more intercultural elements to our worship experiences.
- We are planning more Lunch & Learn opportunities and to have more regular large group practice sessions to introduce new music and audition new members
- We are gradually integrating some of the (younger) developing worshippers into the teams

Teams:

Worship Leaders: Sara, Sharon, Dean
Vocals: Nancy, Michelle, Ceceile, Lizzy, Karen (April & Krista)
Musicians: Heather, Sekou, Pastor Sabrina, Sylvia, Pastor Darrin, Sharon
Announcements: Lois, Sharon, Christine, Tim, Clayjah, Huhanna, Maya, Karen
Media: Jeanae, Tim, Marco, Kiru, Lizzy
Audio: Erick, Marco, Kiru (Norman)
Video Streaming: Adrian, Jaden, Christopher
Scripture Readers: Vinola, Felicia, Vicky, Christine, Ann-Marie, Stacey, Dia, Maya, Karen, Shannon
Congregational Prayers: Ann-Marie, Yvonne, Connie, Kasper, Tim, Dean
Communion Prep: Agnes, Stacey
Ushers: Dennis, Lusper, Shawn, Kossi

2025 Memorials

We remember and honour those that have gone on before us this past calendar year. May the Lord continue to pour out His grace on all that are grieving and their families. "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*" Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

Thelma Small:
January 17, 2025



Ursula (Sol) Orale:
January 18, 2025



Wendy Salazar Vera:
September 15, 2025



Lois Ratnarajah:
January 31, 2025



Jesse Hombrebueno:
November 5, 2025



Winnifred Sookdeo:
May 13, 2025



Shawn Riley-Kennedy:
December 27, 2025

We also want to remember Rev. Walter McIntyre, former Associate Pastor at Kingsview, who passed away on March 25.

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2025



Sabrina Hinds,
Associate Pastor



Darrin Lindsay,
Lead Pastor



Dean Taylor
Lay Minister



Sarah Amafu,
Lay Minister/Ministerial Candidate



Wendy Salazar,
Administrative Assistant



Marcia DaCosta,
Administrative Assistant

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