



Share the Good News through Worship, Word, and Action

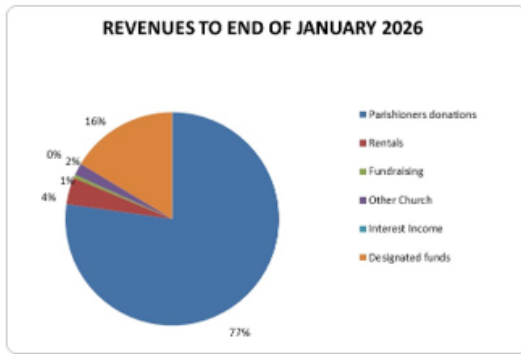
Vestry Key Messages

February 26, 2026

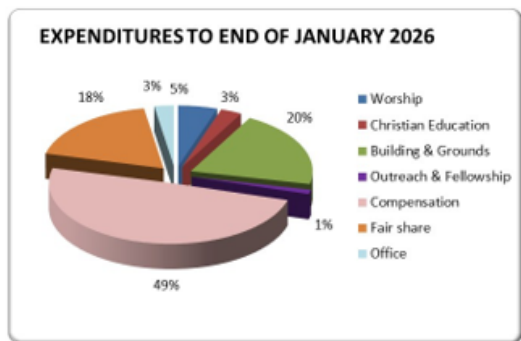
Welcome to our 2026 Vestry! Vestry includes our two clergy members – Rev. Eimsook and Deacon Susan. Our wardens are Ken Brown (appointed) and Tomi Adewumi (elected). Synod representatives are Pat Hall, Joanne Shurvin-Martin, and Richard Simpson. The remaining vestry members are PL Bastian, Laura French, Andrew MacPhail, Terry Page, Maureen Pardoe, and Jenny Williams.

Vestry will be commissioned during the Sunday Service on March 15.

Financial Results:



January revenues were \$20,382 comprised of donations from parishioners (\$15,822 or 77%), facility usage (\$835 or 4%), interest income (\$0 or 0%), other (\$373 or 2%), fundraising (\$105 or 1%) and designated funds (\$3,352 or 16%).



January expenditures were \$25,842. Major categories were: Buildings & Grounds (\$5,268 or 20%), Employee Compensation (\$12,760 or 49%), Outreach & Fellowship (299 or 1%), Christian Education (\$727 or 3%), Office (670 or 3%), Worship (\$1,342 or 5%) and Fair share (\$4,771 or 18%).

The month of January had an operating deficit of \$5,355 which was very close to the budget. Total revenues were consistent with the budget at \$20,382. Contributions from parishioners were \$15,822 which was slightly below budget.

Total expenditures were slightly below the budget at \$25,842.

The financial statement is always available as part of the vestry minutes which are printed and found on the table in the narthex. You can also request more information by emailing info@immanuelanglicanregina.ca.

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- The Zoom presentation by author Judith about effective evangelism was recorded. Please contact Max in the office if you wish to view it or would like to borrow Dr. Paulsen's book.
- Vestry approved a request for funds to cover the cost of blinds in the Hall.
- Vestry approved the following projects for use of the interest on the Immanuel Trust:
 - Play, Eat, Sing during Lent - \$750
 - Young Adult events for 2026 - \$1,000
 - Children's Ministry Worker to the end of 2026 - \$23,000
 - Digital Ministry for 2026 - \$11,000
 - Special Services (International, Indigenous, etc.) - \$2,500

Note that just under \$100,000 has been spent or approved so far, leaving about \$30,000 not allocated to a project yet. We expect to receive another approximately \$50,000 in the summer.

- Vestry discussed the possibility of a showing of Don List's production detailing the creation of the Ceremonial Garden at the Indigenous Christian Fellowship location. The film is 25 minutes long, and vestry decided to show it at coffee time on a Sunday later in April or early May.
- Feedback Cards from the Annual General Meeting:
 - **Kudos!** So nice to see the young people participating and leading today's AGM meeting.
 - **Have you considered an energy audit to try to reduce our expenditures?** *In the last couple of years, we have replaced the windows in the hall, replaced the front door, and had all the furnaces checked. These are generally the items that come up at an energy audit. Please speak to Terry Page directly if you think we should be doing more.*
 - **What about shared services with other churches?** *Sharing in ecumenical services is an important expression of unity and a symbol of Unity and Presence! It is worth exploring.*
 - **Have you considered a movie night where you show first run movies and offer popcorn and pop?** *Tomi Adewumi and Andrew MacPhail agreed to follow up on this as part of the Young Adults program, but ensuring it is multi-generational. The Immanuel youth recently had a movie night at the Moonlight Cinemas that went very well.*
 - **Where is the morning prayer service each month?** *A decision has been made to offer a Sunday morning prayer service in each month during the year that has 5 Sundays, except during Lent and Advent. A mid-week morning prayer service was offered in the fall however attendance was so low that a decision was made to stop offering it. If this is still something people are looking for, please suggest a day/time that might bring more people out.*
 - **Why are there prayers/blessings done as people are leaving the Church instead of after communion?** *Currently, it creates a roadblock at the exit after Church. Thank*

you for identifying the congestion at the exit when the service ends. The reason I stop and pray for our members is because they mention an issue, illness or a family problem, so I respond to them by praying for them. We will find ways to deal with the congestion. The wardens and I will discuss how we might improve this pastoral situation.

- **Incumbent's Report - #3 (Pastoral House Visitations)** *The point is noted and we will provide the relevant numbers if it is helpful in the next AGM. I am not sure the numbers are helpful of the questioner as the pastoral response is between the priest and the parishioner. The numbers are not as important as the quality of care.*
- **Incumbent's Report – Indications of growth in Bible study and other activities are not quantified – to make informed decisions we need numbers.** *This is a helpful suggestion, but the decisions are made by me, and I do not base it only on numbers.*
- **Incumbent's Report - #5" Please explain this statement: "I may not agree, but I hope to earn the right to introduce changes".** *There may be activities that the church engages in which might not be a priority for me as the priest. My focus is on the spiritual and faith development, the building up of the biblical knowledge of the congregation. I am focused on Christian discipleship, evangelism, and mission. The church is on a journey and we are growing. Therefore, the priorities are evolving because new members bring new life, new issues and new priorities. I will make my suggestion at the right time to the right people.*
- **Please outline in detail the changes and process in which you are planning as the worship leader, to develop & implement positive changes that you feel are necessary for Immanuel.** *I will outline this after discussions and consultation with the worship, team, choir, altar guild, and the vestry. My instincts as the priest is greater participation and involvement by all. Our music could be relevant, contemporary. I would love to see more contemplative services and the use of diverse musical instruments to enhance the worship experience.*
- **What is disagree with them? (related to #6)** *I have always believed that the churches that engage in evangelism which is sharing the good new of Jesus Christ grow. Evangelism must be natural and generous! Faith and conversion are the result of the work of the Holy Spirit and the presence of an authentic expression of the life and witness of the local church. In order to do this,*
 - i. *The members of the church must have a living experience with Jesus Christ.*
 - ii. *They must know what they believe and why they believe it.*
 - iii. *They must have a good grasp of the Bible.*
 - iv. *We need training in evangelism. The zoom presentation that Richard Simpson organized with Dr. Judith Paulsen can help us.*
 - v. *Remember you cannot give what you don't have.*

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- vi. Evangelism leads to conversion, baptism and welcome of new members.*
- vii. This must be followed up with discipleship which is the process of learning and growing. It is only when we grow, our membership will change from an aging congregation to a multi-generational community.*

We must identify and nurture the gifts of our members so that we can experience every member ministry.

Vestry's next meeting will be Thursday March 26 at 6:30 pm.

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