



Share the Good News through Worship, Word, and Action

Vestry Key Messages

May 28, 2025

- Two committees reported on their activities with respect to the MAP (Mission Action Plan). The communications committee reported that:
 - They are following up on ways to promote awareness of our vision and mission
 - Rev. Eimsook is posting regularly on Facebook, and we will be also posting regularly on Instagram. They are also considering other options to expand our social media presence.
 - Some options for the Greenwise Gazette have been suggested by vestry and will be taken back to the committee.

Buildings and Grounds reported that:

- The pollinator garden has been planted with a new section, and signs identifying the plants have been added.
 - Some success has been noted in getting parishioners involved in the redevelopment of the front lawn which includes the creation of an edible forest garden and a seating area or rest area for the neighbourhood.
 - The Sunday school and some families have been involved with the Children's Garden already this summer and the hope is that it will continue throughout the summer.
- Rev. Eimsook will be taking vacation from July 1st to 29th. She has also been elected to attend General Synod from June 23 – 29 so she will be away from Immanuel from June 22nd until the 29th of July. Deacon Susan Page can be contacted for emergency pastoral care during this timeframe.
 - The windows in the hall, office, and second floor will be replaced June 4 – 7.
 - April had an operating deficit of just under \$5,000. Total revenues were \$20,558. Contributions from parishioners were \$17,702, slightly below the budgeted amount. Rentals were \$755. Funding from designated funds was \$1,549 and was for the replacement projector for Children's Ministry, the Saturday Lunch program at First Baptist church, and Sunday coffee and refreshments.

Total expenditures were \$25,483 and are tracking well to budget.

Year-to-date the accumulated loss is a total of \$29,250 which is higher than this time last year, and higher than the budget by \$6,500. While expenses are very close to budget, parishioner giving is lower than anticipated, resulting in the higher than expected loss. We still have a ways to go to get us to a balanced budget.

- Vestry approved the cost to replace the fridge in the kitchen which ceased to operate about a month ago.

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- We have confirmation from our supplier that we will be doing a peach sale fundraiser this summer. It will likely be August 23rd. The planning committee will be forming soon.
- Updates from Synod which took place at Immanuel May 22 – 24.

The 85th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle took place in Regina on May 22 to 25, 2025. The Synod brings together clergy and lay leaders from across the Diocese to discuss and decide on matters of Church law (the Canons) and policy. Immanuel hosted the Synod sessions and services held on May 22, 23, and 24.

Rod Ashley, Pat Hall, and Richard Simpson, who were elected as Synod Delegates at the Immanuel AGM this year, and Rev. Eimsook Joung and Rev. Canon Deacon Susan Page represented Immanuel at the Synod.

Highlights of the Synod

A major over-haul of the Diocesan Canons, which govern the operations of the Diocese and Parishes is currently underway, led by the Legislation Committee. Synod approved a wide range of amendments to Canons, as recommended by the Committee. The work on revising and updating the Canons is ongoing, with the possibility of a special Synod being considered to finalize the necessary changes.

The Synod approved a proposal to establish a new permanent trust fund, Endowing Our Future, for the purpose of reducing the Fair Share contributions currently being paid by Parishes across the Diocese. The basic idea is to build up the fund with direct contributions, bequests, and property sales so that the interest earned from the principal could be devoted to Diocesan expenses and thereby relieve Parishes of some of their Fair Share obligations. Synod delegates approved the proposal with the required two-thirds majority. More information on Endowing Our Future will be made available over the coming weeks.

Synod delegates also elected Diocesan representatives to the Provincial Synod and to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Rev. Eimsook Joung was elected to attend the General Synod which is taking place June 23 - 29. Pat Hall and Richard Simpson were elected as lay delegates to Diocesan Council and Canon Deacon Susan Page was elected as a clergy delegate.

The Rev. Judith Paulsen, Professor at Wycliffe College in Toronto and author of *A New and Ancient Evangelism*, spoke to the Synod on the meaning and importance of evangelism. Her message described an approach to evangelism based on the scripture, drawing examples from Acts 10 and elsewhere, emphasizing that God is the primary evangelist and the need for prayerful "listening" rather than the "sales pitch model". Immanuel Vestry is exploring ways of sharing Dr. Paulsen's ideas more broadly with the congregation.

Vestry's next meeting is set for Wednesday May 28 at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to attend and observe.

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