

INTERNATIONAL WORSHIP CENTRE

SECRETARY'S REPORT Period: Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025

Dear IWC Family Members,

Blessed greetings in the name of Jesus!

Acts 42:42-44 and v.46-47 ⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." The early church in the Book of Acts demonstrated what a church looks like – not only was it built on teaching, prayers, and fellowship but the boldness to share the good news not only within their own neighborhood (Jews) but they willingly go to their God-given assignment to reach out to the Gentiles. At IWC, our mission to "Follow Jesus, Make Disciples" and plant churches continues as we become a sending church releasing leaders and members to Canada and beyond to share the good news of Christ. IWC exists for Christ's mission – the great commission. Here are some of the 2025 highlights:

A. LEAD & DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENTS

The **LEAD Department** led by Ptr. Ghigie Gonzales continued to equip the saints by offering year-round sessions following our Leadership Training Track. In 2025, courses were delivered through various formats, including online learning, hybrid sessions (a combination of online and face-to-face meetings), and in-person classes. Sixty-six (66) new members were added to our membership who graduated across all our Sites with 3 from Brandon and 7 from Portage la Prairie. For the school year 2025, 30 students graduated from EMPOWER (Launchpad/SOL).

The **DISCIPLESHIP Department** led by Ptr. Bong Sumayod continued to provide materials being used by all LGs for their spiritual growth and maturity. In 2025, 37 downloadable outlines were prepared and posted on the website and church app. Life Links is the platform used thru Facebook to reach both leaders and apprentices providing encouragement and notice of events. Across the six sites, there were 104 active life groups meeting regularly with few open cells. Membership to LGs has grown from 144 in 2024 to 166. In addition, 105 people attended the Encounter God Retreat for Western Canada sites.

B. WIN DEPARTMENT

The WIN Departments are composed of the following: Kidztown, Uprising, Rendezvous, Pursuit, and 60+ Adventures.

Kidztown – led by Mitch Salinas continued to facilitate meaningful classroom learning for our young church attendees in both the Tagalog and English services. Combined average attendance across both services ranged from 55-65 children which was supported by 40 dedicated volunteers. In April 2025, 19 children aged seven and older received their First Communion. The annual Vacation Bible School (VBS)

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camp ran from July 7–11, 2025, with the theme “*True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World*” attended by 135 students and supported by dedicated 60 volunteers as children learned, worshipped, and grew together in faith and trust in the true God, King Jesus.

Uprising - led by Micoi, assisted by his wife Eunice Vidallon, continued to engage the youth for Christ. Average Friday attendance is 51 students. The January Worship night was attended by 73 students. Two Career nights were held in March and October to assist Grade 12 students in exploring their careers. The Uprising Youth Camp (UYC) Unshakable was attended by 94 campers (48 female, 46 male) including 34 volunteers and staff where 23 youth were baptized in water as an affirmation of their faith. A Student-Serve night was held that allowed some Uprising students to take part and learn thru the ministry giving them opportunities to use their skills.

Rendezvous - led by Erika Joy Del Mundo with a team of core leaders, continued its mission to reach and disciple the young adults through three key expressions: Monthly Gatherings, Alpha, and Overflow. Eight Monthly Gatherings were held providing a welcoming environment for newcomers. The Young Adults Camp reached the highest number of campers despite a last-minute venue change due to wildfire. It was attended by 102 campers, including 45 first-time attendees, 9 sponsored campers and 8 were baptized in water. Two Alpha Series were conducted on in-person and on-line platforms introducing Jesus to newcomers. Two outreach initiatives were conducted: one in partnership with Union Gospel Mission and two, the Campus Outreach (*The Common Grounds*) from October to December. In December, the ministry led the annual Angel Tree Outreach, blessing 10 children of incarcerated parents.

Pursuit – led by the couple Ian and Genee Reyes, continues to inspire couples to build resilient, loving and strong marriages in Christ. In February, they hosted a two-day event entitled “*I Do, Still Do*” attended by over 100 couples with speakers Joel and Jennie Magpantay from Chicago, USA as guest speakers. This culminated into a ‘date night’ with the couples creating memories together. Coupled by this event was the “*Navigating the Parenting Journey*”; an all-day Parenting Summit where attendees learned to navigate the different seasons of parenthood while embracing the joys and challenges of raising children.

60+ Adventures - led by Rael & Hailene Magtuloy, continues to be an active and growing fellowship for seniors; meeting every last Saturday of the month for encouragement, prayer, and spiritual growth. In every season of a person’s life, the seniors remain actively involved in pursuing the church’s mission along with opening and leading three (3) Life Groups. Four (4) graduated from Empower, 5 declared their faith in water baptism, and are actively serving at the Gilbert Park Outreach.

C. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

YDC, led by Marcus Madrid supported by many volunteers continues to provide a safe, Christ-centered space where youth and young adults grow and develop meaningful relationships. Weekly activities include Monday Badminton, Pickle Ball, Billiards, and Table Tennis: Run by Jude Marcaliñas, Yvonne Mugot, Aries Salinas, and Jerald Cabio. Tuesday Volleyball is run by Marcus Madrid, with Polo Salonga, Jason Ibalio, Kaye Palma, and Vanessa Matias with around 42-48 participants, ages 18-25 years old. Wednesday YA Basketball with approximately 20-25 participants, ages 19-25. The Thursday Taekwondo led by Sifu Mark Chornley was on pause due to personal reasons. During the summer of

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2025, YDC opened the door for Point Guard Academy having youth participants ranging from 8-13 years old, 2 sessions; 8-10 years old in first session, and 11-13 years old in second session. A total of 50+ players participated from both sessions. YDC is more than a sports - it is touching the players' lives, understanding their struggles, celebrating their victories, and simply listening to their stories. It is an ongoing journey and continues to be IWC's entry to share the gospel.

D. MULTI-SITES REPORTS

IWC St. James – led by Ptr. Junie & Fatty Josue with Cristy Rodriguez as Site Coordinator, had a steady attendance of 200 in the Tagalog and 300 in the English services with up to 700-800 and more during Special Events services. This year, 89 people were baptized in water and 25 baby dedications and 9 weddings officiated. Sunday Services are working well including 'live streaming' reaching beyond borders of the city. Being the Centralized church, all ministries such as Kidztown, Uprising, Rendezvous, Pursuit and 60+ are led out of the St. James site and consistently are being run well; thanks to all the leaders, core teams and volunteers. YDC open gyms continued to be the evangelistic arm of the church where people engaged in sports were given opportunities to hear the gospel. Corporate monthly prayer meetings were held from this location every first Wednesday of the month and "Prayer and Fasting week" were done throughout the year, specifically at the beginning of each year, seeking God in intercession for God's will thru the year. In the summer, the site was engaged in the community not only with outreaches at Gilbert Park led by the Magenta & Purple networks which offered not only spiritual food but offered free barbecue and garage sales. IWC supported the Samaritan's Purse Operations Christmas Child and was able to complete 2,621 boxes across all sites, thanks to everyone's generosity. Across all the networks at St. James, newcomers are coming, few are opening cells and team outreaches were conducted. Notable among them was the Red Network who started one at Filcasa in December, bringing the church to the community. Fourteen leaders (14) attended the Exponential Global Conference on Church Planting to equip them to further the church's vision. Giving increased from \$1.037M in 2024 to \$1.131M in 2025. What a great year indeed!

IWC-Brandon - led by Ptr. Erick and Grace Villanueva, with Sheldon Sanchez as Site Coordinator, had an average Sunday attendance of 71, supported by 28 volunteers. Three (3) people completed the Membership Class; 102 visitors came, 6 people were baptized in water, 3 babies were dedicated, and 14 new members joined Life Groups. The Brandon church continues to attract people from different ethnic backgrounds; many of whom are beginning to get involve in ministries. The Young Adults and Kidztown ministries remain active and are growing. A new program offering free music lessons for kids was launched, attracting children from the wider community. Weekly prayer meetings were held every Wednesday. While the church faced challenges in member commitment, retaining newcomers, and volunteer participation, it continues to pursue its mission. Several outreach activities were held during the year including a Women's outreach event. Plans are also underway to start a micro-church in Downtown Brandon to reach the indigenous community. Financial giving decreased from \$135K in 2024 to \$113K in 2025. Well done - Ptr. Erick, Grace and the entire team.

IWC-Neepawa - thru the amazing leadership of Ptrs. Cliff & Wenie Borres, supported by Naiden Maramara as Site Coordinator, Neepawa continued to be the fastest growing church in the entire IWC family due to the increasing number of contract workers coming to Neepawa. The Site welcomed around 255 newcomers, with an average weekly attendance of 140, supported by 60 volunteers, where 13 were

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welcomed as new members and three (3) completed the Empower leadership training. Around 57 people were saved, 32 baptized in water, 4 baby dedication, with 45 new people joined the LGs. One of the highlights of the year is the three leaders who graduated from Empower opened three (3) life groups. Neepawa's challenge continues where families or individuals move to other bigger cities across Canada. Michelle Otoc's leadership in community outreaches brought the church into the forefront engaging in activities especially the Operations Christmas child that brought donations of 600 boxes. Giving increased from \$200K in 2024 to \$214K in 2025. Kudos to Ptr. Cliff, Wenie and the entire team!

IWC-North - thru the leadership of Ptrs. Ghigie and Jimmy Gonzales supported by Bella Madrid as Site Coordinator, North continued to grow with an average attendance of 97-135 per Sunday reaching to 200+ on special occasions like Easter Sunday, Christmas and Mothers/Fathers' Days. Supported by 76 volunteers, there were 50 visitors and guests who visited the site, 17 active life groups with 2 newly opened, and 2 graduated from Empower leadership training. Around 17 persons were saved, 10 baptized in the Holy Spirit and 4 baby dedication. In April 2025, North moved to the Maples Community Centre after more than ten years at the Northgate Cineplex. This move fostered after service fellowship, next generation LGs and leadership meetings. The site is anchored by deep generational roots, which provide stability and identity. At the same time, the strong presence of younger generation signals momentum and future potential. The very low multicultural representation highlights an area for intentional outreach. Regular Friday Prayer meetings, Christmas outreaches and park services continues to be vibrant parts of North. One of the thrusts is succession planning thereby providing platforms for the next generation to serve. Praise & Worship is now led by Kim Paul Rivera and Stephanie Pursina for Kidztown. North has winded down from supporting PLP as the Site is now engaged on planting micro-churches; one in Riverstone Community and another at Steinbach. The P&W team is comprised of the next gen and is encouraged in all ministries. Giving increased from \$283K in 2024 to \$303K in 2025. Kudos to the core leaders and the entire North team!

IWC-Portage la Prairie - under the leadership of Ptrs. Ghigie and Jimmy Gonzales as interim pastors, supported by Agatha Guinto as Site Coordinator with all its core leaders and volunteers, are growing fast attracting families with small children. Erl Faeldonia and Clyde Tagalog are undergoing Internship under Ptr. Junie Josue. A steady average attendance of 40-45 supported by 21 volunteers, 28 visitors came to the site where 11 joined the LGs; 7 graduated from Enlist and 11 completed Empower. PLP currently have five (5) active life groups. Seven people were saved, 6 baptized in water and 2 baby dedication. The Site is engaged in reaching the community by participating in events such as the Indigenous Day and being one of the leads in the Filipino Association. One of the highlights was the outreach to the Oak Tree Towers, a resident for Indigenous community where the leaders and volunteers bring the church to them. The services became regular that it is now considered a micro-church. One of PLP's challenge is the fluctuating attendance where majority of the attendees are working on weekends. Prayer meetings are conducted every Thursday. Giving decreased from \$48K in 2024 to \$47K. Our sincerest appreciation to our two men of valor at PLP - Erl and Clyde together with their spouses, Wonah and Marjury, including all the core leaders and volunteers. Kudos PLP!

IWC-Transcona – led by Ptrs. Bong & Mina Sumayod, supported by Emiline Santillana as Site Coordinator, Transcona has a steady average of 75-90 people every Sunday, supported by 50 volunteers, 5 completed Enlist and 13 graduated from Empower. Transcona has a very good mix of multi-generational congregation composed mostly of 40% adults, 60% youth and teens and a small percentage

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of 60+. Around 80-140 visitors were received, 10 persons were saved, 12 water baptism, and 3 baby dedications. There are 12 active Life Groups. Transcona has a robust Digital and Social Media presence having a team of 9 persons. Emphasis on mentoring the next generation as future church leaders has increased. The "Empty seat campaign" challenged the members to invite friends to church and life groups. Their annual family camp at Manhattan Beach Retreat Centre fostered team building and enhanced relationships among the members. They continued the outreach at the Manitoba Housing in Louelda blessing the residents with hampers last Christmas. Giving largely increased from \$300K in 2024 to \$331K in 2025 with focus on building fund development. Kudos to the Ptr. Bong, Mina and the entire team!

E. MICRO-CHURCHES, MISSIONS & CHURCH PLANTING

The Digital and Creatives Team, led by Erika Joy Del Mundo, and supported by Reno Valles continued to strengthen IWC's online presence and digital engagement. Beyond content production, the team strengthened brand consistency by standardizing visual direction, refining caption strategy, and aligning digital messaging with the church's overall vision and mission.

IWC continues to support missions locally and internationally with around \$60K per annum allotted to reaching the poor and providing financial support to the ministries operating across the globe. A team of 12 people went to the LA Dream Centre to participate in the outreaches and get a glimpse of what serving is all about. The participants came back with renewed commitment to the cause of Christ by loving people.

In October, through our Exponential partnership, Jon Ferguson and Eric Metcalf came to Winnipeg for the 2025 Vision Conference themed "*Sown from One to Many.*" They were joined by Brian Hogan, a seasoned church planter in Mongolia. The conference was attended by more than 522 delegates from all sites, including Prince Albert, Taber, and Red Deer, Alberta, as well as the Winnipeg and Manitoba sites and friends from other Winnipeg churches. It felt like a joyful gathering of the entire IWC family. Participants experienced God-revealed teachings on evangelism, discipleship, and church planting. The breakout sessions for adults, leaders, and the next generation were engaging and well received.

The micro-church in Prince Albert (PA), Saskatchewan launched in 2024 and led by Charmaine and Gary Mercado had experienced setbacks. It has been facing challenges with steady attendance, usually around 15–20 people. There is also a lack of committed core leaders and consistent financial giving. Despite these struggles, Sunday services and outreach activities continue as the team shares the good news of Christ.

In March 2025, Rob and Aleli Villafranca, leaders from Neepawa, followed God's call to serve in Taber, Alberta. Today, the micro-church is growing and holds Sunday services attended by about 13–20 people. To introduce IWC to the community, they conducted outreaches by offering bread & eggs including gospel tracts and prayers. Out of the ten people they shared the gospel with, one accepted salvation. Rob has engaged with both Filipino and Canadian partners. The couple is also mentoring John and Kaira Avila for a possible micro-church plant in Red Deer, Alberta.

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The Langley micro-church now led by Mike & Tere David continued to have challenges in taking off, although the Zoom service meeting was happening every week with few attendees. In July, 2025; Ghie Miranda felt the call of God for Ottawa, Ontario. Let us pray that the Lord provide persons of peace that will partner with her towards reaching that area. A Life Group was launched by the Pink Network headed by Ptr. Lito and Cristy Rodriguez on Little Saskatchewan Interlake (Reserves) which we hope to become a micro-church later.

In October, the couple Alvin and Joanne dela Cerna felt prodding in their hearts to go to Steinbach and pray for that town. A few months later, a micro-church was planted with people who hasn't know the Lord yet. Today, the site is in its infancy stage; yet already planted a micro-church at Rest Haven Care Home ministering to the residents, staff and visitors alike. We also have potentials for church plants in these areas such as Killarney, Souris, and Morden Manitoba. Let us pray for persons of peace to join us.

On behalf of the Pastor's Council -- led by Ptr. Junie Josue, Lead Pastor, members -- Pastors Bong Sumayod, Cliff Borres, Jojo Cochon, Bella Madrid, Mel Trinidad, Atty. Marie Gravoso and myself; the Pastoral and Office Staff; we are truly grateful for your continued support and faithfulness in both giving and serving tirelessly.

Christopher Wright quoted in the book *Gaining by Losing* (by J.D. Greear) said, "*The church exists for a mission. Jesus did not give a mission to His church; He formed a church for His mission.*" At IWC, if we don't carry the mission of reaching Canada and beyond with the gospel, we are just a bunch of parishioners hanging out. Let's not only be a missional church but a sending one – ready to release leaders to their places of assignment.

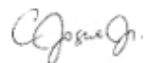
I believe the best years are still ahead of us. As we remain faithful, continue reaching the lost, and expand God's kingdom; we will see IWC multiplies into a movement— **Follow Jesus, Make Disciples, and Plant churches.** I sincerely pray that God, who began a good work in each of us, will bring it to completion in Him.

Together with you In Christ's Service,



Ptra. Virginia (Ghigie) Gonzales
Council Secretary
March 12, 2026

Noted:



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