



Annual Report  
2024/25

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## DEAN’S REPORT



**IT’S ALWAYS DELIGHTFUL** when we have a reason to celebrate. Indeed, 2025 marks the 70th year of St. Andrew’s Hall’s (SAH) ministry as a theological college of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and a faithful witness to the gospel on the campus of the University of British Columbia. The vision of our founders, faithful laypeople from across Western Canada, was to build a Christian community where gospel-based learning and shared life would serve as a witness to the university and beyond. **For seventy years, SAH has equipped leaders—ministers, elders, and laypeople—in churches across Canada to nurture and develop Christian community.** At the same time, St. Andrew’s Hall has modeled its commitment to intentional Christian community through its residential life, which serves as a spiritual home away from home for scholars, students, and their families in the heart of one of Canada’s great research universities.

Today, St. Andrew’s Hall walks confidently into the future God is fashioning, equipping Christian communities for faithful witness through the Centre for Missional Leadership’s programs, people, and publications. In partnership with the Vancouver School of Theology, we fund Presbyterian theological

education and provide professorial resources to help train future Presbyterian ministers. At the same time, SAH lives out its call to discipleship as an intentional Christian residential community—home to more than 250 scholars, staff, students, and their families who share life together through worship, meals, service, and recreation.

What makes this community possible is the amazing people who make up St. Andrew’s Hall. I’m deeply grateful for the dedication of our Board, the welcoming and hospitable care of our staff, the wonder and delight of our students, and the generosity and prayerful support of donors like you.

**Join with me as we celebrate 70 years of St. Andrew’s Hall—its witness, its impact, and its possibilities today as we move into the future God is creating.**

Grace and peace,

The Reverend Ross A. Lockhart, PhD



## LETTER FROM THE BOARD CONVENER



**FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS**, I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of St. Andrews Hall.

Under the leadership of two conveners and our indomitable Dean, a collaborative, curious and thoughtful board has emerged—one deeply committed to serving the college and God’s mission.

**Together, we’ve fully embraced the vision of SAH “to discern and equip the future church that God is bringing.”**

While refining our board process and updating policies, we’ve begun exploring the potential for a larger facility to support our growing role as a community hub—driven by initiatives from our residents, students, and staff. This vision is shared by the Centre for Missional Leadership, whose expanding programs respond to the evolving needs of the Presbyterian Church across Canada. The growing demand for more housing on the UBC campus also makes this expansion a sustainable opportunity.

We also remain committed to delivering first-class academic training for ministry leaders, through our continued partnership with the Vancouver School of Theology. Our scholarly output at SAH is impressive.

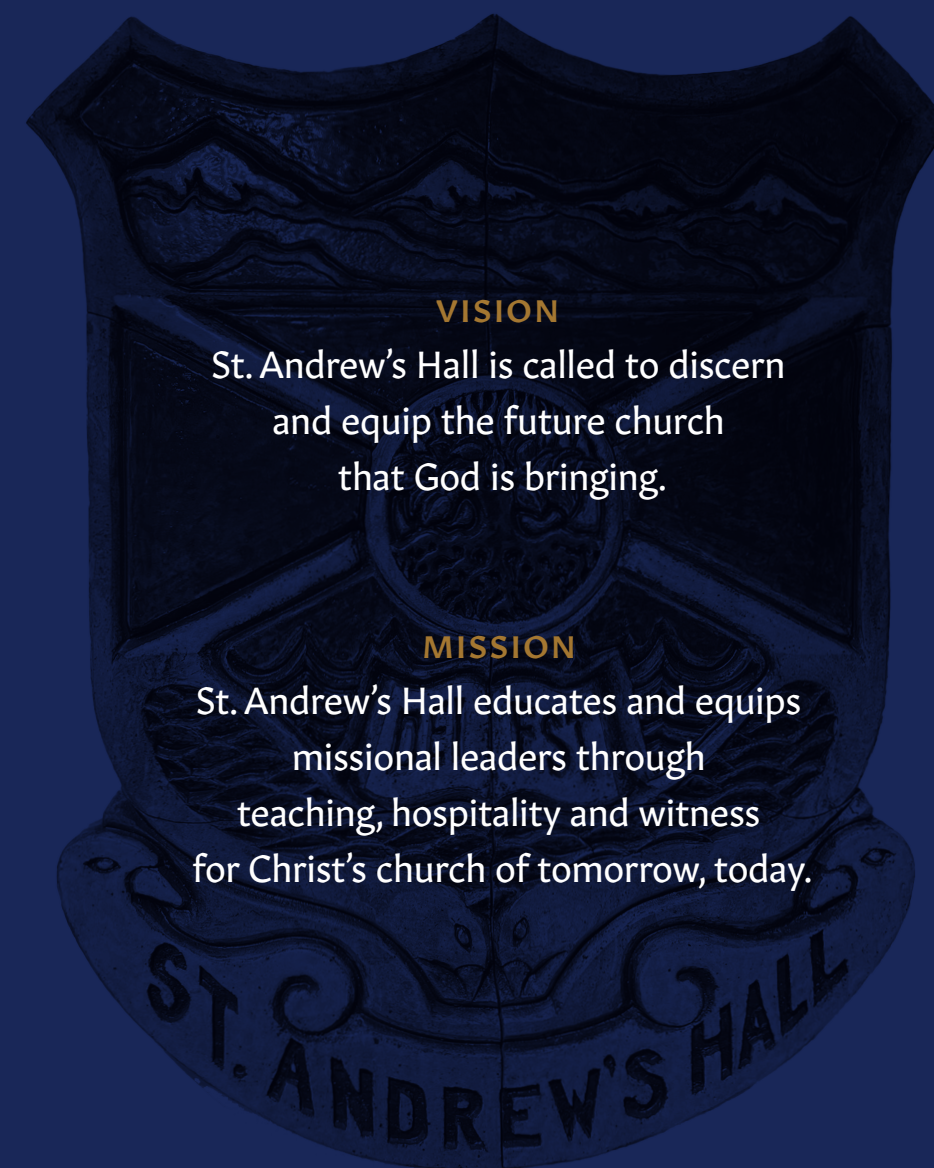
As our Dean brings forward new ideas, the Board

now faces the important task of discerning priorities. At our upcoming strategic planning retreat in June, we aim to set a clear direction for the next three to five years. **SAH’s 70th anniversary celebration in October will offer a fitting opportunity to share this vision with our alumni.**

As the incoming Board Convener, I feel both humbled and hopeful. I trust God will guide us in this journey of discovery and I’m grateful to walk it together.

Mary Rozsa de Coquet,  
*Convener of the St. Andrew’s Hall Board from June 2025*

“I have just completed my term on the SAH Board. I am inspired by how board members work together, giving their time and talent to create a culture of joyful excellence. SAH is a complex organization with many moving parts; the Dean and the Board often make weighty decisions. However, *the Board functions like an orchestra where members follow the conductor, listen carefully to each other, and play in harmony.* Who is the conductor? It’s the Holy Spirit! We check in after each meeting to see what the Spirit has been saying to us. This is why the SAH Board is great, and I have been blessed by it. — VICTOR L.



### VISION

St. Andrew’s Hall is called to discern and equip the future church that God is bringing.

### MISSION

St. Andrew’s Hall educates and equips missional leaders through teaching, hospitality and witness for Christ’s church of tomorrow, today.



## PROGRAMS

### THE CENTRE FOR MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP

*Equipping Christian Communities*



**THE CENTRE FOR MISSIONAL LEADERSHIP** (CML) at St. Andrew's Hall is led by The Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville and a dedicated team **focused on equipping congregations and their leaders for faithful mission in Canada's increasingly secular and pluralistic context.** Together, the CML shares a deep passion for proclaiming the joy of the gospel in ways that respond to the diverse and pressing needs of Christian communities across the country.

This past year, **CML's Missional Certificate** program welcomed fourteen congregational cohort teams, many from churches without clergy. Under the guidance of The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau, participants engaged themes such as neighbourhood exegesis, prayer, discernment, hospitality, and missional evangelism through shared meals and conversation. The experience has been deeply enriching, and we look forward to welcoming new cohorts in September 2025.

CML also supports PCC congregations without clergy through our long-standing **Sacramental Elders course**. For more than twenty years, this course has enabled ruling elders in congregations without an ordained minister to offer the sacraments—under Presbytery approval—by providing free, online training in the theology and practice of worship, baptism, and the Lord's Supper.

In August, CML also hosts the **Guder Scholars program**—named for Senior Fellow The Rev. Dr. Darrell Guder—which brings early-career ordained leaders



to Vancouver for a week of learning and community. Last year's theme was "Missional Leadership and Preaching," led by Dr. Jason Byassee. This year's theme is "Missional Leadership and Discernment," featuring Dr. Christopher James (Dubuque Theological Seminary), who will deliver a public lecture (in person and online) on August 6, 2025 at 7 p.m. PT.

CML enriches the life at St. Andrew's Hall through the **annual "Pastor-in-Residence" program**, which provides a PCC minister with rest and renewal while also blessing our community through chapel preaching and sharing insights on their experience of ministerial leadership. This year we were delighted to host The Rev. Matt Brough from Prairie Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg.



Since its founding in 2015, CML has also contributed significantly to missional scholarship, **producing ten monographs.** Within this past year alone,

The Rev. Dr. Mark Glanville published *Preaching in a New Key: Crafting Expository Sermons in Post-Christian Communities* (IVP, 2025), and Dr. Ross Lockhart released *West Coast Mission: The Changing Nature of Christianity in Vancouver* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024).

**We are grateful to God for the growing impact of CML's people, programs, and publications. We welcome further opportunities to equip congregations through guest preaching and teaching opportunities across Canada.**



Over the past year, CML hosted or co-sponsored a range of events, including:

- ▶ A lecture by Dr. Lynne Taylor (University of Otago) on adult conversions in Australia;
- ▶ A gathering on Artificial Intelligence, faith, and ethics at the UBC Law School; and
- ▶ A session with Dr. Dustin Benac (Baylor University) on friendship in pastoral leadership;
- ▶ A Wycliffe College event featuring The Rev. Dr. Tim Dickau on "Reimagining Church, Land, and Community."



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CHAPLAINCY & CAMPUS MINISTRY

Living Christian Community Together

**ST. ANDREW'S HALL NOT ONLY EQUIPS** Christian communities and their leaders for witness, but is itself a Christian community of witness. **It operates a residential facility for over 250 students studying full-time at the University of British Columbia or its associated theological colleges.** This residence is not only a vital source of revenue, but is also a significant site of Christian hospitality, worship, and witness within the diverse and often secular university environment.

Our ministry of hospitality and witness is led by Chaplain The Rev. Sumarme Goble, along with



Community Co-ordinators Ms. Silva Kraal, Ms. Yanfen An, and Mr. Zachary Gaouad, all of whom live on-site and care deeply for our residents.

Weekly worship services are held in the St. Andrew's Hall chapel throughout the academic year. The chapel also hosts a Korean-language worship gathering for UBC students on Thursday evenings, as well as a campus-wide addictions recovery group on the weekends. Throughout the year, we host special events to foster community among residents, celebrate major Christian holidays, and share the gospel through small groups and Bible studies led by Rev. Goble. This year, Rev. Goble also offered programs such as the Alpha Marriage Course and the Sanctuary Mental Health Ministry. Rev. Goble also represents The Presbyterian Church in Canada within UBC's multi-faith chaplaincy network.

St. Andrew's Hall believes that maintaining a Presbyterian residence on the campus of one of Canada's leading universities—home to a diverse and international student body—is an essential expression of gospel witness. For 200+ residents of St. Andrew's Hall—from undergraduates in quad rooms to singles and couples in studio and one-bedroom apartments to families with newborns, children and teenagers in our townhomes—the **Christian community of St. Andrew's Hall is a powerful and transforming witness within the larger university community.**

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Preparing Leaders for Christian Communities

**ST. ANDREW'S HALL IS DEEPLY COMMITTED** to preparing the next generation of Christian leaders through graduate theological education. **We support certified candidates of The Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) pursuing a Master of Divinity at VST by providing financial, professional, and pastoral support.** SAH currently has three part-time seconded professors at VST and provides generous funding assistance to the school.

This year, St. Andrew's Hall is pleased to report that 36 PCC students from across Canada are enrolled at VST. These students reflect the vibrant beautiful diversity of global Christianity now rooted in Canada, with backgrounds from India, Brazil, Indonesia, South Korea, and various regions of Africa.

SAH works diligently to **enrich the formation of those preparing for ordained ministry in the PCC.** We provide generous scholarships and bursaries—including housing bursaries for certified candidates—and nurture spiritual life outside the classroom through weekly worship and student retreats at nearby Camp Douglas.

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“It’s a privilege to be part of the SAH community. People of all ages from many parts of the world live and learn together peacefully in a truly welcoming, caring, and safe place. SAH is an absolute gem nestled in the middle of a bustling academic campus, offering a vibrant university experience while also serving as *a warm and inviting home, where lifelong friendships and connections are formed.*” — SILVA K.

“Our family’s move to Canada in 2018 led us to the blessing of St. Andrew’s Hall, a place that instantly felt like a cozy and safe haven for us, including our then six-year-old son. The vibrant community and peace here created an atmosphere akin to the old TV ad tagline from my childhood in India: “Neighbour’s envy, owner’s pride.” We are truly blessed! SAH offers a uniquely supportive environment, evident in its efforts to foster community connection. Beyond social engagement, SAH prioritizes the well-being of its residents through its supportive structure, staff, and community initiatives. *It’s a place where intentional efforts are made to care for the holistic needs of its community members, making it more than just about housing.* This remarkable place holds many significant “firsts” for us, and memories we will forever treasure. It is woven with countless moments and friendships we deeply value and has blessed us beyond measure. Thank you!” — NEENA D.



## CELEBRATING OUR 2025 GRADUATES



**William Burr**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

William Burr has been a student at VST for the past five years and is excited to be completing his Master of Divinity. He grew up in Ottawa and completed his BA in English Literature at the University of Toronto. He then spent a year in France working as a guide at the Vimy Ridge historic site, where he fell in love with French language and culture. After earning a Master's degree in journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa, he moved to Saskatchewan to work for Radio-Canada for three years.

While living in Regina, he discovered meditation, which led him to have intense and unexpected spiritual experiences that made him realize he wanted spirituality to be at the centre of his life. After a few more moves, he discovered the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, which eventually led him to the Vancouver School of Theology.

VST has been an amazing adventure for Will, showing him that spirituality can indeed be lived in community, shared, discussed, and embodied. It has allowed a part of himself that was largely private to become shared and witnessed. Will hopes to pursue congregational ministry. He continues to work part-time for Radio-Canada and loves to paint and make music. He recently joined Voices United, a choir that performs sacred classical music.



**Krishna Durbha**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Born and raised in India, Krishna Durbha was initially reluctant to embrace the Christian faith. However, during his MBA studies, the faith and lifestyle of a classmate deeply impacted him and led him to follow Christ. Looking back, he believes that prayers of his mother—who had returned to church after many years—and the intercessions of a local church played a crucial role in his spiritual transformation.

During college, Krishna was mentored by seniors in faith through the Union of Evangelical Students of India. The desire to serve the church arose soon after graduation, but he was encouraged to remain a faithful witness in the marketplace. For nearly ten years, he worked in banking and finance until a friend challenged him with Scripture (Matt. 13:45, 46), prompting him to leave his career and pursue theological studies.

Krishna began his theological education at Singapore Bible College, specializing in Pastoral Counselling (MAPC). His association with the Presbyterian tradition started in 2007. After serving in the Indian church until 2018, he and his family moved to Canada, sensing God's calling. He completed an MA in Theological Studies from Regent College in 2020, worked at a para-church ministry in Vancouver, and later returned to do a Master of Divinity at VST.

Krishna and his family are deeply grateful to God and St. Andrew's Hall for their generous financial, spiritual, and emotional support and they humbly seek your prayers as they continue to serve faithfully as instruments of God's work.



**Dr. Afonso Issa**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Originally from Goiânia, Goiás (central Brazil), Afonso moved to Canada in 2020 with his wife, Louinne, and their four children—Letícia, Luísa, Alice, and Tiago—to study at St. Andrew's Hall/Vancouver School of Theology. In Brazil, they were involved in small group ministries, campus ministries, and children, youth, and young adult ministries within both traditional and charismatic Presbyterian churches.

Upon applying to VST, Afonso expressed his desire to pursue ordained ministry as a congregational pastor. Afonso and his family were welcomed to St. Andrew's Hall, where they were provided housing for theological students and financial support by St. Andrew's Hall. They cherished the community at St. Andrew's Hall, including weekly soup nights, the pastoral care of Rev. Sumarme Goble, and the guidance of Rev. Ross Lockhart and Rev. Rebecca Simpson.

In their first year, Afonso and his family became involved with Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church and its church planting project, Around the Well, focused on the UBC campus. With continued support from four Brazilian Presbyterian congregations, the Presbytery of Westminster, and St. Andrew's Hall, Afonso is grateful to have completed his degree. Afonso and Louinne are eager to serve the Presbyterian Church in Canada but remain open to wherever God may lead them. They are especially thankful to St. Andrew's Hall for its care and support.



**Patricia St. James Smith**

MASTER OF DIVINITY

Born and raised just outside of Montreal, Patricia graduated as a registered dietitian and began her career out west, where the jobs (and stunning scenery) were plentiful 35 years ago. Her career took her across British Columbia and eventually to the Yukon, where she completed her Master's in Nutrition Education and met her husband, Jim. After ten years in the North, they moved back to Jim's home province of Nova Scotia, to the Garden of Eden (that's actually the name where we live!). From coast to coast, she has cherished the beauty of Canada.

In Nova Scotia, Patricia taught at St. Francis Xavier University and continues to work three days a week as a dietitian in long-term care. Suddenly, after being called by God, and with overwhelming support from the Presbytery of Pictou, she began studies toward her MDiv.

The past four years have brought spiritual growth, with highlights including her ongoing pulpit ministry at Barney's River/Marshy Hope Presbyterian Church over the past six years. The congregation's graciousness and willingness to accompany her through experiments inspired by coursework have been a true gift. Patricia would like to thank them as well as her home church, Blair Presbyterian on Eden Lake. She'd like to thank all those who have encouraged her to keep going, including the elders at both churches, the faculty and staff at St. Andrew's Hall, and especially her husband Jim—for his encouragement, patience, and embrace of cooking, cleaning, and the many surprises of domestic life.







GRADUATES  
BEARING WITNESS IN CANADA

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**Rev. Young Tae Choi**  
Chaplain – Canadian Armed Forces  
Vancouver, British Columbia

02

**Rev. Daniel Martinez**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Duncan, British Columbia

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**Rev. Vincent Ka Yu Tan**  
Victoria Chinese Presbyterian Church  
Victoria, British Columbia

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**Rev. Janet Taylor**  
Braeside Presbyterian Church  
St. Albert, Alberta

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**Rev. Chandra Mannix**  
St. Giles Presbyterian Church  
Calgary, Alberta

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**Rev. Daniel Surya**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Lethbridge, Alberta

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**Rev. Roberto DeSandoli**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

08

**Rev. Shelly Chandler**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Orillia, Ontario

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**Rev. Jonghwa Joshua Kim**  
Galilee Presbyterian Church  
Toronto, Ontario

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**Rev. Mike Aldred**  
Brant Hills Presbyterian Church  
Burlington, Ontario

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**Rev. Dr. Nigel Parker**  
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Sherbrooke, Quebec

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**Rev. Bonnie Langille**  
First Presbyterian Church  
Hopewell, Nova Scotia

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**Rev. David Coull**  
Bethel Presbyterian Church  
Sydney, Nova Scotia

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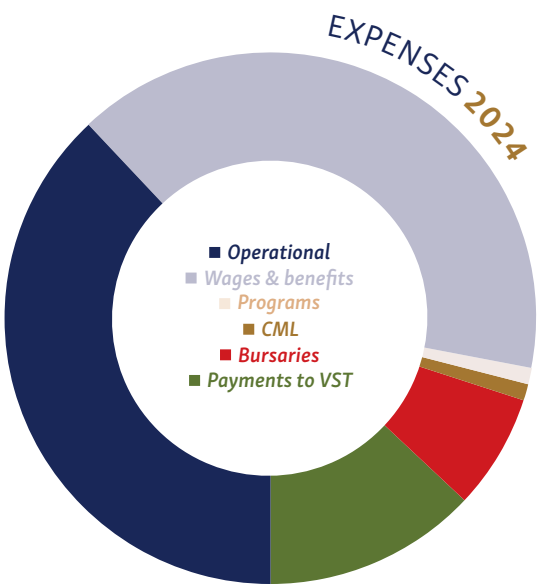
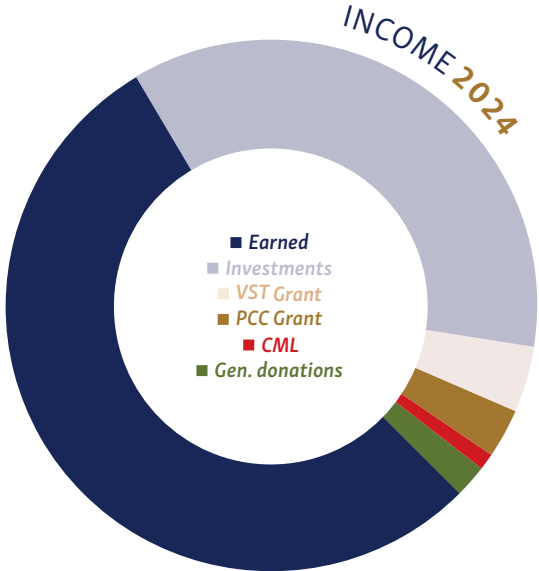
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“SAH is a unique source of hope for the church and the wider community throughout the world. *My continued participation in the life of SAH has only gone to foster more confidence in its work, mission, and vision.* I have been involved as a former board member, supporting and shaping a welcoming community for students and the housing residents. As a participant in the CML programs, my ministry at St. Columba has been tremendously enhanced. And our daughter enjoys being a resident at SAH while she studies at UBC. As the Clerk of Presbytery of Vancouver Island, I have also promoted the funding of our ministers to take advantage of the many opportunities of learning at CML. *SAH has been a tremendous source of hope for myself and many others.* Great leadership and staff!” — REV. JOHN P.



A FINANCIAL FOUNDATION

	ACTUAL 2024	BUDGET 2025
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Earned	2,300,645	2,207,870
Contributed	232,882	197,653
Operating grants - VST	114,541	118,093
Operations grants - PCC	60,367	58,560
CML grants/gifts	9,337	8,000
General donations	48,637	13,000
Investments	1,595,350	566,950
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>4,128,877</b>	<b>2,972,473</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Operational office & admin	1,054,929	1,278,394
Wages & benefits	1,104,031	1,230,773
Programs	48,321	41,495
CML	45,708	60,800
Bursaries	150,056	173,900
Payments to VST	379,630	391,020
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,782,675</b>	<b>3,176,382</b>
Balance	1,346,202	(203,909)
Unrealized gain on investment	955,625	215,909
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE/EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,301,827</b>	<b>11,091</b>



“ St. Andrew’s Hall (SAH) is more than just housing: it’s a welcoming community. When I arrived in Canada, so many challenges arose, such as being away from my family, cultural and climatic differences, and losing the social roles I’d had in Brazil. The SAH community was the hand of God reaching out to welcome me and accompany me through this transition. The Tuesday worship services at the SAH chapel helped me stay connected to the roots of my faith, contributing to my spiritual and emotional stability amidst so many changes.

—LUCAS B.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As St. Andrew’s Hall approaches its 70th anniversary, we are discerning the future of its ministry with hope and intention.

In June, the Board will gather for a strategic planning retreat to chart direction for the years ahead. Over the past five years, SAH has navigated the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, expanded the impact of its chaplaincy and CML ministries, supported candidates for ordained ministry at VST, and renewed its residency facilities.

Looking forward, we recognize the increasing pressure on congregations without clergy and the growing need to equip elders for leadership. We are beginning to envision the next phase of SAH’s physical presence at UBC, including a study to explore how future building plans might further our mission.

We are also mindful of the changing landscape of Christian witness in a secular and pluralistic Canada. Our calling is to be nimble and responsive in our understanding of both scripture and culture, and to equip every baptized Christian to live out the gospel where they live, work, and play.

Join us as we continue to nurture, equip, and bless Christian communities and their leaders across Canada and beyond.

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