

DOOR OF HOPE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026



**A DOOR OF HOPE,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST,
IN A FRAGILE AND
UNCERTAIN WORLD.**

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REPORT FROM THE LEADERSHIP GROUP



**Our Leadership Group (L-R):
Troy Roberts, Ben Fair, Kristie
Misdorn, Dorothy Roberts, Anne-
Maree Harback & Andrew Fair**

This past 12 months has provided another opportunity for our Door of Hope community to intentionally seek God, listen, and put into action what we hear. We commenced our Strategic Plan cycle with 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting. We gathered together and shared what we were sensing from the Holy Spirit. What did we hear?

We heard a desire to enrich our cross-generational connections, acknowledging that our community is richer because of the seven generations with whom we do life.

We heard a willingness to be a community living out mission; mission among our social networks, local community, nation, and across the globe. Jesus' mission for us is to be disciples who make disciples and reveal His love to the world.

We heard an invitation to demonstrate Kingdom living in an AI-driven world. The current culture in which we live brings many challenges and uncertainties, and expressing God's Kingdom brings life to us and to those with whom we connect.

Our Leadership Group continues to grow in unity and wisdom, and it was a privilege to release Dorothy Roberts for her sabbatical in November. It has been a joy to see the fruit of that time in Dorothy's life and ministry.

Generosity has been a hallmark of the Door of Hope community this year, and we give thanks to God for His provision and encouragement in the area of giving and generosity. Our regular giving, MissionsGive Offering, funding of new auditorium chairs, and significant donations have demonstrated the work and fruit of the Holy Spirit. Thank you, Door of Hope.

Our prayer for the Door of Hope community is that we will continue to be centred on Christ; living out our values of praying, growing, connecting, giving, becoming, and inviting, while being together on mission. May we continue to do so in a fragile and uncertain world, resting in the care and love of a good God who loves everyone, all the time.

3 STRATEGIC GOALS

- 1. Enriching our cross-generational connections**
- 2. Being a community living out mission**
- 3. Demonstrating Kingdom Living in an AI driven world**



STAFF OVERVIEW

OUR ELDERSHIP (L-R):

TIM HERON, ANNA VAN STRALEN, ANDREW FAIR, PAUL HAYES,
SCOTT BEESTON, SARAH ALWAY, RENE CONTRERAS

WE WELCOMED NEW PEOPLE:

**Courtney
Verhaegh**

Executive
Assistant

**Zac
Beeston**

Accounts
Payable

**Zeke
Torrents**

Creative
Arts

**Paul
Vogelpoel**

Maintenance

**Steve
Smith**

Gardening

MISSIONS GIVE

The month of June was MissionsGive Month, an opportunity for our Door of Hope community to celebrate, pray, and engage with our MissionsGive Partners locally and around the world.

Our strategic goal of being a community living out mission expands as we see how our partnerships and prayers impact communities through:

- *Church planting;*
- *Rescuing and restoring the most vulnerable women and children;*
- *Discipling young people into flourishing adulthood;*
- *Training for cross-cultural ministry;*
- *Caring for people experiencing food insecurity;*
- *Walking alongside Indigenous Australians;*
- *Sharing the Good News of Jesus around the world.*

Over the past 12 months, the generosity of the Door of Hope community has seen our MissionsGive total reach \$56,000. In addition, we have received numerous financial gifts to sponsor youth attending the mid-year youth camp and to support young adults joining the October trip to GSAM in India.

We were blessed to add a new MissionsGive recipient to our partners this year: Indigenous Ministries-Global Mission Partners. In partnership with Indigenous Australians, Global Mission Partners is helping to equip and train emerging leaders within Indigenous-led ministries. The organisation continues to walk alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as they carry out the work of the Churches of Christ in Australia. Their Indigenous-specific ministries focus on supporting Indigenous communities and raising a new generation of Christian leaders. Door of Hope plans to send a team on an Indigenous Immersion Experience in regional NSW in April 2027.

Bev and Luke Vos, along with Lucia, Elii, and Ezra, have been serving in Uganda for the past seven years. In June, they returned to Australia, concluding their time in Africa, and were recommissioned by Door of Hope for their next phase of ministry in Far North Queensland.

**MissionsGive also supports Door of Hope Community Assistance, Levi House Chaplaincy, MadWheels Youth, Christmas Hampers, strategic outreach projects, Youth Alive Tasmania, and Emergency Relief.*



ONLINE COMMUNITY

God has been so gracious in opening doors to new ministry opportunities and to new people online this year.

We continue to provide ways for those who do not have access to a local church, or the ability to attend in-person on a Sunday, to find community through our online options. Online is also a way for our in-person congregation to connect during the week or on Sundays when in-person attendance is not possible. With continued crossover between online and in-person attendees, we have a growing hybrid community.

Our Facebook communities have grown and provide a way for members to share prayer requests or questions about our services. We have daily devotionals and other content in the groups to encourage personal growth with God and prayer for community needs.

Online Church Team volunteers have increased by 45%, helping to fill new roles and fill out existing teams.

Online Zoom Connect Groups have new leaders and new members joining two groups at the beginning of 2026. They are a vital way for our hybrid community to connect and grow relationships.

We also ran Online Alpha this year with 9 participants signing up for the course.

Prayer requests have continued to come in via the Prayer Form on our website with an average of 56 prayers per month.

The online activity of our Online Pastor, Bec, has allowed her to journey alongside people from India, Thailand, Kenya, Uganda, and Pakistan. She has helped bring at least 4 people to faith in Jesus and continues to help many grow closer to God. Her activity on Facebook has allowed her to connect with over 5,000 people. Bec shares weekly prayers and scripture devotionals and occasionally posts reflective videos on topics like forgiveness and grief.

118 Weekly attendees for online Sunday Services

84 Online Community (*36% increase*)

16 Volunteers (*45% increase*)

56 Prayer Requests/Month on average

CREATIVE ARTS



The last 12 months have been such a joy for our Creative Arts team!

We have loved the increasingly intimate connection between all elements of our Sunday services and the way we now see them more holistically as part of Door of Hope's disciple-making pathway.

We have had special guest contributors: Mark Sayers, Christoph Ochs, Living Pages Theatre Co., Michael F Bird, Jody Destry (CCVT), Tim Freyer (Power to Change) and Ryan Vallee (Alpha Australia).

We led our community through topics such as Psalm 23, the parables of Jesus, the genres of scripture, Jesus as the Lamb of God, church history, community personal evangelism and disciple-making, and we took on huge topics like love and even the book of Leviticus!

Other highlights have included hosting combined church services, 'around the piano' Sundays, 'Stop and Pause' Sundays, Easter and Christmas celebrations and of course church on the beach at Picnic Point!

605
AVERAGE WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE

487
IN PERSON

85
VOLUNTEERS

32
BAPTISMS

We have enjoyed some extra creativity this last year with visual artists creating accompanying pieces for our Psalm 23 series, and some of our musicians co-writing an original song for our Leviticus series – now available on Apple Music/Spotify/YouTube – called "Leviticus".

10 of our team were inspired and encouraged by attending the Renaissance Conference in Brisbane – a gathering of Christian creatives from around Australia designed to help people "encounter the Creator, equip the creative and empower the local church to be cathedrals of creativity". This conference has proven to be a hugely influential experience for our team, and we'll be sending 10 more in October this year.

Also for the next 12 months, we're excited to be working on projects like our new podcast, *After Sunday* and YouVersion Bible reading plans that will help our community reflect and keep talking about big ideas and themes throughout the week.

GENERATION

As Dorothy Roberts went on a three-month sabbatical, though very much missed, the teams stepped up and did extremely well as they leaned into each other and worked together. This was a great blessing to Dorothy upon her return. It is exciting to see God leading the Generation Team with passion and fresh vision for the season ahead.

The Hope Discovery Family Centre has enjoyed a foyer space renovation. The addition of books, upgraded seating and indigenous art have continued to create a more inclusive and inviting space. The stakeholders:

(South Launceston Early Learning, Windsor Allied Health, Hope Discovery Parties, Outside School Hours Care, Playgroup and Kids ministry) continue to meet quarterly, sharing important information, initiatives and planning opportunities for training and connecting with our wider community.

Playgroup has continued to attract new families as well as having a core group of regulars, the planning messenger group has evolved into a prayer space for our volunteers which is really encouraging!



This year we have added excursions to the bike centre, booking 2 sessions and having a sausage sizzle, creating more time for rich conversations and fun! We have welcomed Rod into the space for story time which he extends often with a small group to look at other books he has brought in. South Launceston Early Learning still come over for a visit and they have committed to providing a few meals from their kitchen to assist families with a newborns or those who are going through a lot of sickness.

Hope Discovery Kids is enjoying the benefits of using three different spaces for our children. This allows for age-appropriate experiences from the welcome and play time, through to their service and discussion time. We are continuing to build a multi-generational team focused on relationship building and discipling our children. We have changed the focus of our YouTube channel; we no longer live-stream our grade 1-5 program but continue to upload content, including our pre-school program as a resource for parents and churches. This has allowed for a more engaging experience for the children coming in person.



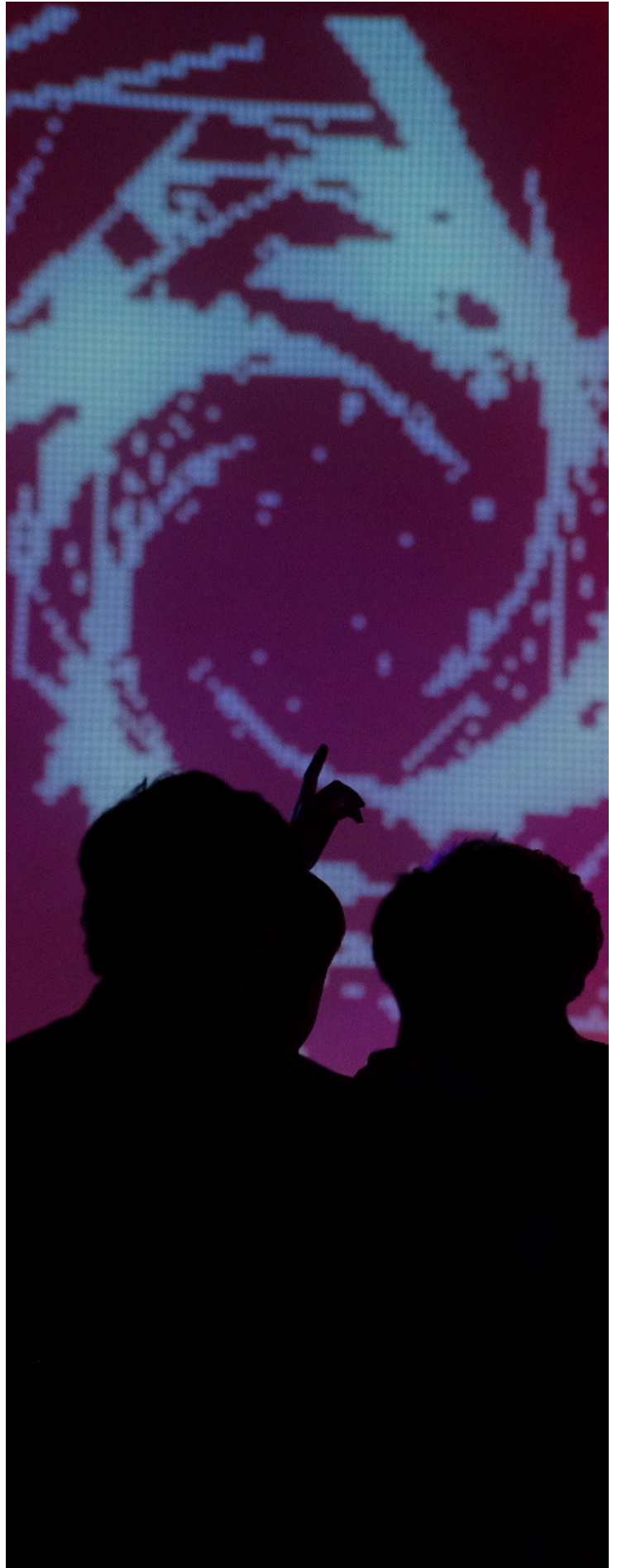
GENERATION

Hope Youth has had an amazing year with so many opportunities from God to invest in this upcoming generation. We celebrated having our first Release camp where we saw 40 of our own youth come and dig deeper into their relationship with God. We also saw many salvations and baptisms across our ministry, as well as 3 separate Youth Alpha courses started across various schools. Hope Youth has partnered with organisations such as Youth Alive to host their Main Event, where we saw over 1000 young people come and encounter Christ. We had an average attendance 73 teens each youth night and an additional 54 children on our +kids nights. God is building our church through our young people, and we are ready for the harvest.

Young Adults Connect Groups have moved from being led by more mature adults to now being led by Young Adults (with supervision). This has been very exciting as we see growth in the now 5 Connect Groups; new young adults finding their place and growing in their relationship with God while more established young adults being trained to make disciples of their peers. Another focus has been to increase cross-generational connections by having different Connect Groups being hosted by more mature couples at their homes for dinner or more senior leaders of the church coming to share and spend time at the Connect Group gatherings. The response to these initiatives has been overwhelmingly positive, both coming from the Young Adults and the more mature people.

Our disciple-making ministry team focuses on building a biblical understanding of Jesus' approach to disciple-making. This year has seen more young staff joining in our monthly gathering. Dorothy Roberts, Ben Fair, Melissa Richards, Zac Ferguson and Heather Pannowitz also participated in the Multiply Conference by Power to Change in Melbourne. This has further equipped these leaders in the disciple-making approach within their respective ministries.

***Praise God for what He is doing
through the generations.***



OPERATIONS

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

- Introduced a new gardening team to maintain the grounds through regular pruning, mowing and planting.
- The Maintenance team built and installed new courtyard furniture and foyer coffee tables, improving the presentation and functionality of these spaces.
- Two working bees focused on improving the gardens and church storage area.
- Re-asphalted the centre section of the storage laneway to improve access and safety.
- Relocated and consolidated the two maintenance workshops into the boiler house, improving site organisation and efficiency.
- Completed repainting works across the site to improve presentation and upkeep.
- Expanded Carenet's kitchen capacity through grant-funded upgrades, including new fridges, improved ventilation and reconfiguration of the area.
- Secured two grants to fund the installation of a lift to improve accessibility, and concrete cancer repairs to support the preservation of the site's heritage assets.

INNOVATION

Businesses:

Central Storage has modernised and converted a number of self-storage units to increase capacity.

Tenants:

- Osmos has joined us in the Southern end of the building with several new tenants in the storage end.
- Dedicated tenant resources page on our website.
- New Tenant Handbook approved and now in effect.

Operations:

- New policies and manuals:
 - o Safety Management Plan - Incident and Emergency Response Plan.
 - o Staff Handbook approved and now in effect.
 - o Artificial Intelligence Acceptable Use Policy approved and now in effect.
- Undertook a safeguarding review for children and vulnerable people, to support continuous improvement and uphold high standards of care and protection.
 - The recycle program, led by Phenton Gardam, collected 30,514 containers and raised \$3,051. All money raised is used for building improvements.

For the previous financial year:

- We averaged 40,418 people movements per month (an increase of 2% from last financial year). Our busiest month was September, with 51,147 people movements.
- Our overall busiest day of the week was Wednesdays, followed closely by Thursdays and Tuesdays.



MADWHEELS (MAKING A DIFFERENCE WHEELS)

Door of Hope has a fully equipped automotive workshop where our dedicated team of volunteers restore donated cars and, in turn, gifts them to people in our community in need. Recently, MADWheels also celebrated gifting over 200 vehicles since its inception in 2004.

MADWheels Youth provides a mentoring program for young people, training them in mechanical skills. This year, the program enjoyed a full quota of high school students and a happy team of volunteers.

17 Vehicles gifted

7 MADWheels Youth Students

12 MADWheels Volunteers

12 MADWheels Youth Mentors

ALPHA

Alpha at Door of Hope has continued to be an amazing tool for sharing Jesus with our community this year, with dozens of people attending courses throughout the year, several first-time decisions for Jesus and baptisms, and countless invitations made.

Ben was privileged to be invited to national Alpha gatherings in August and March to hear and learn from leading voices in this area of disciple-making – Glenn Packiam and Ger Jones, as well as contribute to an ongoing national discussion around the future of evangelism in Australia.

We'll continue to be offering back-to-back in-person courses throughout the next year, in addition to a Youth Alpha, Online Alpha and supporting student-led Alpha in several local high schools connected with Door of Hope.

We're also excited about working with several other Launceston churches (7-8) to offer post-Easter Alpha courses in 2027 right across the city, with a combined "Launch Party" to kick it all off!

Please continue to pray for our Alpha team – who are amazing hosts and volunteers, and most of all, the invitations that get boldly extended all throughout the year.

4

In-person courses

41

Participants

22

Volunteers



The Pastoral Care Team and Prayer Team continue to care for members of our congregation and also members of the wider Launceston community. The Pastoral Care team provides emotional and practical care while the Prayer Team provides prayer support.

We also have an International Prayer Team praying for the average of 56 prayer requests per month received on our website from people from all over the world. Some have resulted in ongoing connections with our Online Pastor and ministry.

In addition to Primetime, an opportunity for our more senior congregation members to gather, connect and be encouraged in their walk with God, two other gatherings have started for that purpose; Men's Breakfast and Gather Women's Collective. These gatherings have been well attended and the feedback given has been encouraging. There are now 19 active Adult Connect Groups, including Online Groups and Discovery Bible Groups.

While the Hamper Team had aimed to provide 220 hampers in 2025, the Lord challenged the team and encouraged generous giving resulting in 400 hampers given out to families in need of some extra support for the Christmas season. Praise the Lord!

Our team works in partnership with Baptcare, Safe Choices, Glenhaven Family Care, Community Corrections, Launceston General Hospital social workers, 17 Northern Tasmanian schools, as well businesses within our Door of Hope facility.

The Emergency Food Pantry has seen an average of 30 food parcels given out each month. Our Chaplain Jo doesn't just provide food assistance, she also spends time listening to and caring for the recipients, often offering prayer support by the Prayer Team. We have seen the Lord work many miracles in the lives of these recipients as a result.

A team continues to visit Levi House (our on-site supported, long-term housing facility) weekly, to connect and show the love of Jesus with the residents there.

A small team also continues to connect with some who are incarcerated. They also support some clients (and their families) of Community Corrections by offering food assistance and meet regularly to support them as they navigate life after their prison sentence has finished.

The volunteers in the above teams do a marvellous job, often unseen and unacknowledged. They meet 4 times a year to receive encouragement and training.

PASTORAL CARE



30

Emergency food parcels per month

400

Christmas Hampers

4

Volunteer training opportunities

3

Gatherings for our Seniors,
Men and Women

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financially, we have seen God's provision through general tithes and offerings with the total amount being \$995,848. (Additional specific giving has included Missions Give, chair fundraising, giving towards Youth and a bequest.) This has allowed us to focus on paying capital and interest on our loan, ensuring the financial stability of our church and positioning us well for the future.

God has been faithful in providing financial resources for His ministry in our city and beyond. Each year we undergo an annual external audit to review our financial statements and practices. We also report to the ACNC (the governing body for not for profits and charities) annually. All audited financial statements are published by the ACNC for the public.

INCOME

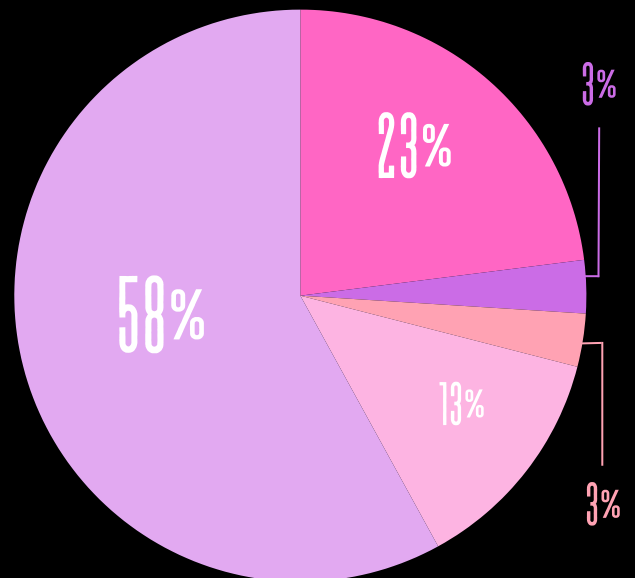
Business Income - 58%

Tithes & Offerings - 23%

Property Rental - 13%

Grants received - 3%

Other Income - 3%



EXPENSES

Staffing Costs - 48%

Ministry and Other Expenses - 20%

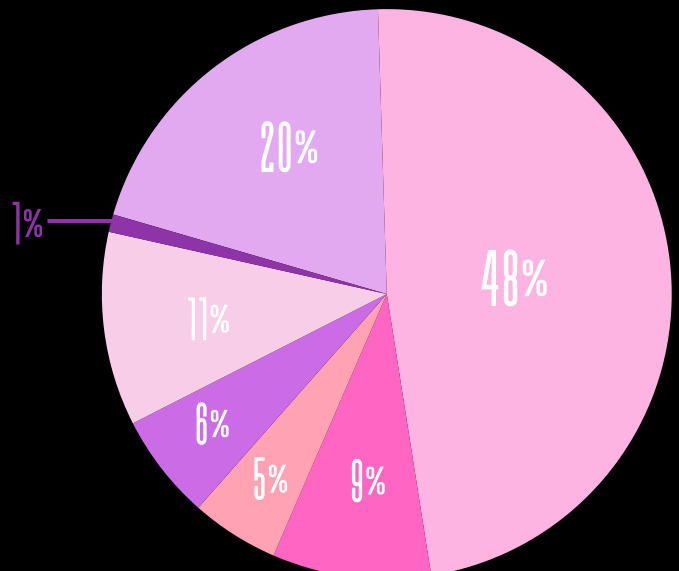
Sitewide Property Costs 9%

Capital Expenses - 1%

Depreciation - 11%

Interest on Loans - 6%

Insurance - 5%



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