

Year In Review 2025



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Introduction

Letter from Bishop Alan Hawkins

Dear brothers and sisters in the Diocese of Christ Our Hope,

A blessed Epiphany to you.

I trust that you are well and that your 2026 year is bringing you affirmation that our God keeps his promises to us as his people.

While we rejoice in many things that have happened in our midst—growing churches; new buildings (two building dedications this year); new church plants; ordinations and confirmations; and transfer churches and clergy—we are also acutely aware of great sadness in this world. God's primary chosen agent of mercy is his Church. We are called to be safe spaces and places for lament, for prayers, for the Eucharist, and for worship.

As I reflect back on this past year, I thought our Convocation and Synod was especially joyous. Many thanks are due to the staff and leaders of Wesley Memorial Church and the diocesan team who led and served us so well.



I commend this *Year In Review* for you to see how God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has worked in our midst.

Here are just a few of the ministry highlights from last year:

- I am encouraged by the international ministry partnerships we have been developing in Kenya, Sudan, and Rwanda we have developing. I am also encouraged by the number of missionaries we have abroad from this diocese. I have asked Bishop Steve to help coordinate a new "International" Deanery.
- I also rejoice with our brothers and sisters in the Great Plains Missionary District and the new growth they are experiencing. There are new churches joining them, and new leaders who will attend the Come and See event in April at Christ Church in Plano, TX.

- It is significant to note, the strengthening of our ordination discernment processes as and the development of our Colleges (Presbyters, Deacons, and Laity).
- And of course, I would be remiss to not mention all the great gospel work happening in each of our local churches throughout the diocese. The primary agents of mission in the world are the people of God in our local communities. They are the focus and heartbeat of this diocese.

Together with our Bishops and Deans, I look forward to seeing you this year at our Deanery gatherings, Episcopal Visits, Come and See Retreats, video calls, and of course at Wesley Memorial Church in High Point, NC for Convocation and Synod 2026 with our guest speaker, Bishop Eric Yassir.

The apostle Paul says, "we(sic) press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us(sic) heavenward in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14). We thank God for his blessing and provision in 2025 and we look forward to 2026 as we seek his face together.

In Christ,

+Alan



Meet the Team



**The Rt. Rev.
Alan Hawkins**
Bishop Ordinary



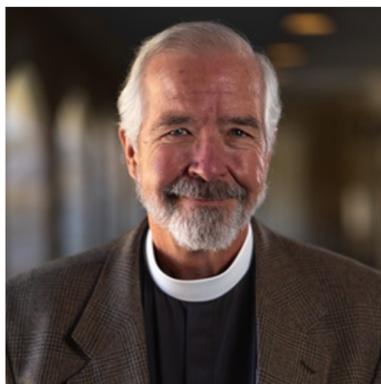
The Rt. Rev. Adam Andudu
Bishop in Residence



The Rev. Ashley Davis
Chaplain for
Clergy and Ordinands



**The Rev. Canon Dan.
Ben Bowman**
Canon to the Ordinary



**The Rev. Dr.
Brian Campbell**
Clergy Care



Ernie Didot
Director of
Communications



**The Rev. Canon Dcn.
Rachael Green**
Canon for Leadership
Development



Mr. Lee Hilts
Chief Operating
Officer



**The Rev.
Melissa Lewkowicz**
Next Gen Leadership and
Event Planning

Meet the Team



**The Rt. Rev.
Paul Donison**
Assisting Bishop



**The Rt. Rev. Dr.
Quigg Lawrence**
Bishop Suffragan



**The Rt. Rev. Dr.
Steve Breedlove**
Bishop Emeritus



**The Rev. Canon
Sergio Sapunar**
Canon for Ethics and
Safeguarding



Lisa Tanico
Communications Team



Wade Tanico
Communications Team



Staff Transition: The Rt. Rev. Jeff Bailey

Bishop Jeff Bailey, formerly the Canon for Leadership Development in our Diocese, is now the Diocesan Bishop for The Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO). We are grateful for his time with us and pray for wisdom and grace as he leads C4SO forward.

The Great Plains Missionary District (GPMD)

by Rev. Canon John Battey
Canon for Community Life and Missions,
Canon Missioner for Great Plains Missionary District

This past year has marked a holy and hopeful beginning for the Great Plains Missionary District. As we celebrate our first year as a ministry district, we find ourselves deeply grateful for what God has already done—and expectant for what lies ahead.

In just twelve months, we have engaged in more than a dozen conversations about potential new church plants across the region. These conversations have reminded us that the harvest is indeed plentiful, and that God is already stirring hearts and communities long before we arrive.

One particularly encouraging development has been with our planter in McPherson, Jason Palmer, who has been approved for ordination and church planting. Jason is meeting weekly with his interest group, faithfully nurturing what we pray will become a vibrant local congregation in the region.

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This first year has also been formative for us as a team. Our governance group met monthly, and through those rhythms we began building deep, trusting relationships that will sustain this work for years to come. We also launched a new website—www.greatplainsanglican.org—to serve as a clear front door for the district. It now includes church locations, upcoming events, job postings, and, most importantly, a shared vision of sending workers into the fields God has prepared.

Financially, we were able to award two church planting grants and one curacy grant in 2025. These tangible gifts reflect our commitment to investing in leaders and communities, and we hope to expand this support even further in 2026.

Looking ahead, our second year will be marked by intentional strengthening. We plan to deepen relationships with clergy and lay leaders, continue discerning future planting locations, and host our first “Come and See” event and district summer camp. We will also implement a clergy care program, launch a pulpit supply initiative, and expand our safeguarding structures—because a healthy mission requires healthy leaders and safe communities.

We are thankful for all who have joined us in this early season and for the way the Lord has graced our efforts. We are still young and learning to walk, but by God’s grace, we are walking together—toward a vision of the harvest ahead.



Wellspring Church

Morgantown, West Virginia

By Billy Williams

2025 marked the first full year of gathering for Holy Communion for Wellspring Church, a new church plant in our diocese located in Morgantown, West Virginia. Wellspring is the latest plant in a series of Anglican Churches emerging in West Virginia that include Redeemer in Parkersburg, Church of the Good Shepherd in Summersville, Christ the King in Beckley, and Hope Church in Charleston.

Morgantown, the home of West Virginia University, is situated three hours west of Washington DC and an hour south of Pittsburgh PA. It's a small town. When students are present the population doubles from 30,000 to 60,000 people. Morgantown is also home to two research hospitals, and has many amenities of a larger city. Within a short drive, a person here can also explore beautiful forests and whitewater rivers. For people around this state, Morgantown is also home for WVU Mountaineer sports. While a student at WVU, I became a Christian. I fell in love with this place and the people here. After graduating nearly thirty years ago, I chose to stay. I met my wife and made many of my closest friends here. Together, we have been seeking the welfare of this city. That seeking today takes shape in the form of an Anglican Church plant.

Where did the name Wellspring come from? I'm not sure what it is like where you live, but people here both inside and outside the faith community seem to be running on fumes. They are tired, busy, and overwhelmed. They are trying their best to

live "the good life" and looking for it in a wide variety of places, much like the writer of Ecclesiastes describes and finding that it is "vanity and a striving after wind." Many are trying to keep up with a laundry list of activity, driven by a fear of missing out, and a fear of not optimizing their life. In contrast, the Gospel offers an end to striving, rest for our souls, and living water. The word Wellspring for us embodies what happens when the Gospel takes root in a person's life—they can experience refreshment in Christ, and in turn, have this same refreshment to offer others. As people experience Christ, they experience the Wellspring of all life, and find comfort for tired, hardened hearts, and rest for weary souls.

Over this last year, we have witnessed a small core of people coming together to support this plant in prayer, in worship, and in faithfully giving of their time, talent, and treasure. It has been so encouraging to witness people gravitate toward faithfully worshiping our God in Word and Sacrament, growing in love for Him and for one another, and experiencing the refreshment that comes from knowing Christ.





Camp Booyah!

2025 was an incredible year for the youth in our Diocese! We started the year off with an amazing time at Booyah Brrrr in January, with over **260** people, over **200** of those participants being youth, and **60** leaders. We met the Lord in powerful ways and saw Him working in so many of our youth's lives.

In the summer, a total of **400** people attended Camp Booyah! Our theme for our summer sessions was **"Pray Then Like This"** taking Jesus' words and putting them into practice, leaning into prayer as our focus. We incorporated times of all-camp quiet time with God, a prayer labyrinth, individual works of art and poetry created as campers reflected on Scripture, as well as extended times of worship and solitude for our campers. We offered optional breakout sessions in the afternoons where we focused even more on the different forms of prayer. We learned so much about what it looks like to develop our relationship with God through prayer, and it was beautiful to see our youth understanding that more fully.

We are so grateful for all the ways the Lord continues to pursue the next generation and cannot wait to see all He does this coming year!

COMING SOON

Due to the growth in the Northeast region of our Diocese, we are working with a team of people to have our first ever North East Camp Booyah coming in August 2026! We are thrilled to be expanding this ministry to more churches in our Diocese, and especially in that part of our country!



A Global Church

Pastoral Visits & Ministry Report with Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail

The following is a summary of the ETNI activities, pastoral visits, Annual Sudanese Family Conference, and other ministry engagements by Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail. He is Bishop of the Diocese of Kadugli, Nuba Mountains in Sudan.

Due to the prolonged wars in Sudan, which began in 1955 and continue to the present, millions of Sudanese have been displaced internally and across the world. As a result, many Sudanese immigrants have settled in countries such as the United States, Canada, and elsewhere. However, many have not found adequate spiritual leadership or consistent pastoral care. Barriers such as language differences, variations in church structure and worship style, doctrinal misunderstandings, and a shortage of trained Sudanese church leaders led many believers to establish independent congregations and missions. In the absence of organized leadership structures and clear ecclesiastical systems, some of these ministries experienced division and fragmentation.

Within this context, Sudanese Anglican communities (as well as people from other nations, languages, and backgrounds) have increasingly organized themselves within the Anglican Church in North America, the Anglican Church of Canada, and particularly within the Diocese of Christ Our Hope. This growing work continues to require prayer, faithful leadership, financial support, and committed human resources. We trust the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen us in all things as we serve Christ and His Church.



Bishop Andudu with Canadians who decided to join Anglican Church of Canada



Bishop Andudu with Church of the Redeemer, Raleigh, NC



Kush Anglican - Harrisonburg, VA



Church of the Redeemer - Greensboro, NC



Sudanese Congregation at St. Bartholomew's - Buffalo, NY



Attendees at the Sudanese Family Conference



Bishop Andudu, Bishop Stephen Leung and participants in Vancouver, Canada

Pastoral visits and confirmation services were made to the following:

- St. Bartholomew's Church - Buffalo, New York
- Sudanese Congregation at St. Bartholomew's
- Church of the Lamb, Keezletown, Virginia
- Kush Anglican Church - Harrisonburg, Virginia
- Church of the Redeemer - Raleigh, North Carolina
- Church of the Redeemer - Greensboro, North Carolina

Annual Sudanese Family Conference

Over 300 participants attended this conference in July held for the fourth consecutive year. The purpose of the conference is to encourage Sudanese Christians in the diaspora, address leadership and family challenges, and provide strong biblical and spiritual teaching for believers, youth, and families.

Participants included people from various denominations and from different state and countries. Teaching sessions were led by Bishop Alan Hawkins and Bishop Andudu.

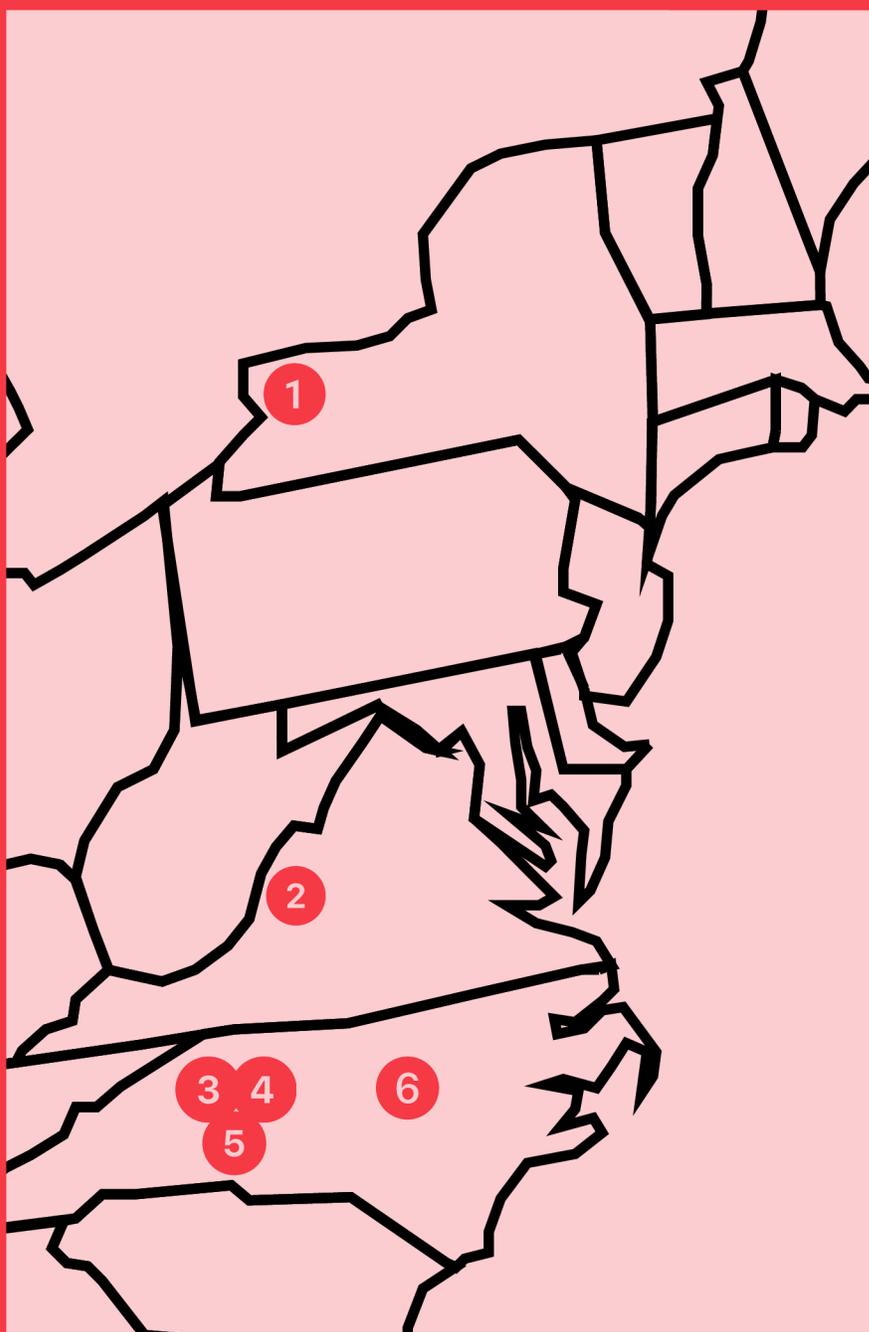
Church Planting in Vancouver & Ontario, Canada

In 2024, Bishop Stephen Leung of Canada and Bishop Alan Hawkins met to discuss the growing pastoral needs of Sudanese immigrant Christians. After observing the situation among Sudanese congregations, Bishop Stephen requested support from Bishop Alan in organizing and planting Sudanese Anglican churches in Canada. As a result, church planting visits were conducted with Bishop Andudu in both Vancouver and Ontario to encourage Sudanese believers and support the formation of Anglican congregations. Teaching was also provided on Anglican history, doctrine, and the importance of belonging to an organized ecclesial structure. Two churches decided to join Anglican Church of Canada.

A Global Church

Serving the Nations in our Midst

God has brought the nations to the Diocese of Christ Our Hope. In 2025, **6** non-English-speaking congregations called the Diocese of Christ Our Hope home, offering a unique glimpse of the church on earth as it is in heaven!



- 1 Sudanese Mission**
Buffalo, NY
- 2 Kush Anglican**
Harrisonburg, VA
- 3 East African Congregation**
Greensboro, NC
- 4 Sudanese Congregation**
Greensboro, NC
- 5 United in Christ Anglican**
Charlotte, NC
- 6 Emmanuel Anglican**
Raleigh, NC

Come & See Leadership

EMERGING NEW LEADERS

This year we expanded our Come & See Leadership Retreat to include three components, Church Planter Assessments, Diocesan Orientation, and the **new Commission on Ministry Assessment**. This was our first time conducting the Commission on Ministry Assessments. We had **11** clergy participate in the assessment process, and **18** applicants come to be assessed. **16** of those **18** applicants are currently moving forward with us in the ordination process.

Overall, the COM was a great success. The COM Assessment not only allows the Bishop and his staff to get to know the applicants at the beginning of their process, but the applicants have also had the opportunity to get to know the diocese and its leaders, as well as the history, positions, and posture of the diocese. As Bishop Alan is wont to say, "Clarity is Charity". This was also an opportunity for the next generation of leaders to get to know current clergy. As our diocese grows larger, these opportunities to gather in smaller numbers are important. It was a culture building opportunity and a sweet time of fellowship.



*“Clarity is
Charity.”*



Lessons Learned

One recommendation from our assessors was to create a more detailed list of pre-requisites before applicants are endorsed to attend the COM Assessment. We are working on this list and will communicate more in the near future.

Anglican Studies Program

ANGLICAN FORMATION

The Anglican Studies Program celebrated its **third year** of instructing and equipping students in 2025. The Anglican Studies Program invites those without an Anglican background into a time of formation that is deeply relational, and richly Anglican tradition. This year **45** students participated. We look forward to seeing more ordinands and lay leaders participate in 2026, preparing them for a lifetime of service in the Anglican Church.

45

**Total Students
in 2025**

30

**Lay
Leaders**

4

**New
Instructors**

19

**19 Total Hub
Students**

Hub Locations

**Christ Our Hope Offices
Greensboro, NC**

**Restoration Anglican
Washington, DC**

**Gordon-Conwell Campus
South Hamilton, MA**

Theological Education through Gordon-Conwell

In addition to our Anglican Studies Program, **14** students participated in our partnership with **Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary** with an additional 5 students taking part in at least one of the courses. These courses are taught by Anglican Clergy and gather in person three times over the course of the semester. During these 24-hour intensives, students in each hub participate in the daily office, meals together, and a Eucharist service in addition to the course seminar.

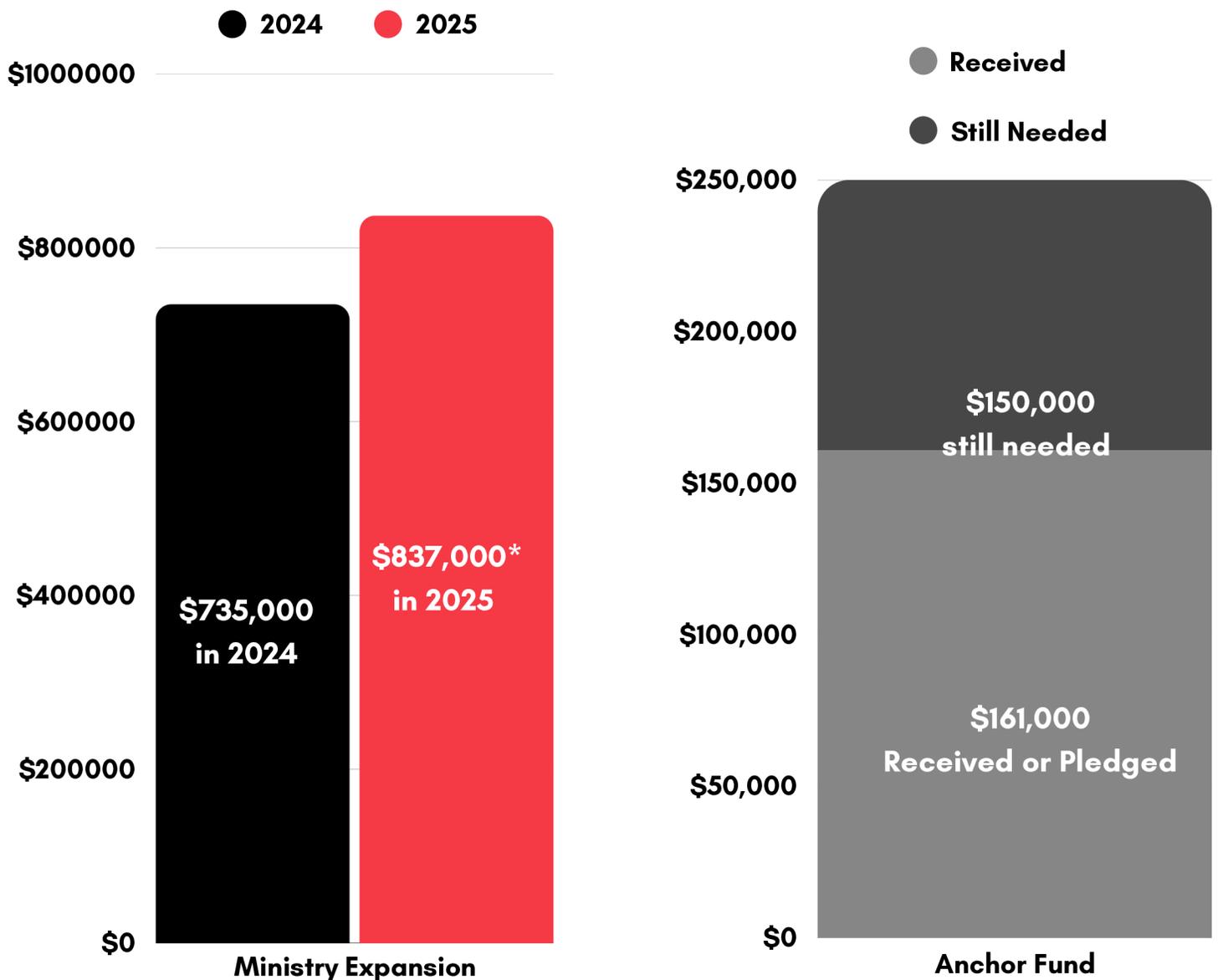


Budget and Finances

STEWARDING THE RESOURCES ENTRUSTED

God has blessed the diocese greatly. Because of his generosity toward us, we set aside **50%** of our income each year to support ministry expansion and church planting efforts. In 2025, the Diocese invested **\$677k** plus **\$160k** for the Great Plains Missionary District (GPMD) for a total of **\$837k**. The Diocesan grants were \$58k less than 2024 due to deferral of 2 large grants at the request of the recipients. These grants supported **13** church plants, **5** curacies, **4** ministry expansion, and **4** diocesan wide projects.

For 2026, our target for the Anchor Fund is **\$250k**. At present, we have received or committed **\$161k**. That leaves **\$89k** remaining to further support ministry expansion and operations.



*\$677,000 Diocesan Grants + \$160,000 GPMD

DCOH by the Numbers

GROWING THE FAMILY OF GOD

God is at work in the Diocese of Christ Our Hope building his family! There were **296** baptisms and **392** confirmations! We praise God for His work in the lives of His people. We rejoice at the opportunity to celebrate His faithfulness to mark, empower, and sustain His beloved children and to continue to build His kingdom.

Baptisms



296

Confirmations



392

Deacons



64

Priests



124

Total Churches & Church Plants



52

