

## CHURCH ENGAGEMENT

Joining the Mapleview Staff in March of 2025 has been one of the brightest highlights on my journey following Jesus, and an absolute answer to prayer. Everyday I'm thankful for the opportunity to be part of this incredible community, both as a worshipper, and staff member. It truly is a privilege to serve this congregation, and be a part of this incredible staff.

Church Engagement encompasses many aspects of the operation of the church from administration, including the assistance of managing and reviewing policies and insurance, assisting with event preparation, the onboarding of new volunteers and maintenance of records, and ensuring our newcomers feel welcome and supported with getting connected in our Mapleview family.

Being in the Welcome Centre every Sunday allows for amazing opportunities to meet new people and hear their stories of how they found Mapleview. From "I saw the sign on the road," to "I watched some of your online services," or my favourite, "I don't know why, but I felt drawn to come here," I love hearing how God is working in people's lives and leading them here. We meet people that are visiting relatives or friends; those who feel there's something missing in their lives and are looking for answers; people who followed Christ growing up and fell away and feel God calling them back; Christians who have recently moved to Canada, who are searching for a church to call family and home. So many people with different situations are making Mapleview their church home and we are happy to journey alongside them as they grow in their faith.

In the past year, we received approximately 130 Connect Cards from people visiting Mapleview; approximately 10 new people every month. That's 10 new lives hearing the Gospel and potentially being one of those who eventually raise their hand to receive salvation.

On the administrative side of things, a lot of work has been done to review and update policies and procedures. Additionally, the implementation of a new volunteer onboarding process was launched, and we've been diving into new systems to assist with risk management, training and the maintenance of records.

The growth on our volunteer teams and interest in serving has been such a blessing. This year alone we saw over 50 new adult, and junior volunteers join our various teams! We are so blessed to have over 300 volunteers giving their time, their gifts and their heart to serving our congregation alongside our staff. Having a strong, vibrant team of volunteers who are passionate about Jesus and serving others makes all the difference at Mapleview.

2025 truly has been an incredible year and I'm so thankful to the Lord for all He has done. May we continue to actively seek after His will with expectant hearts and follow through in obedience to whatever He calls us to in 2026 as we pray together, "Thy Kingdom come."

Respectfully submitted,  
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