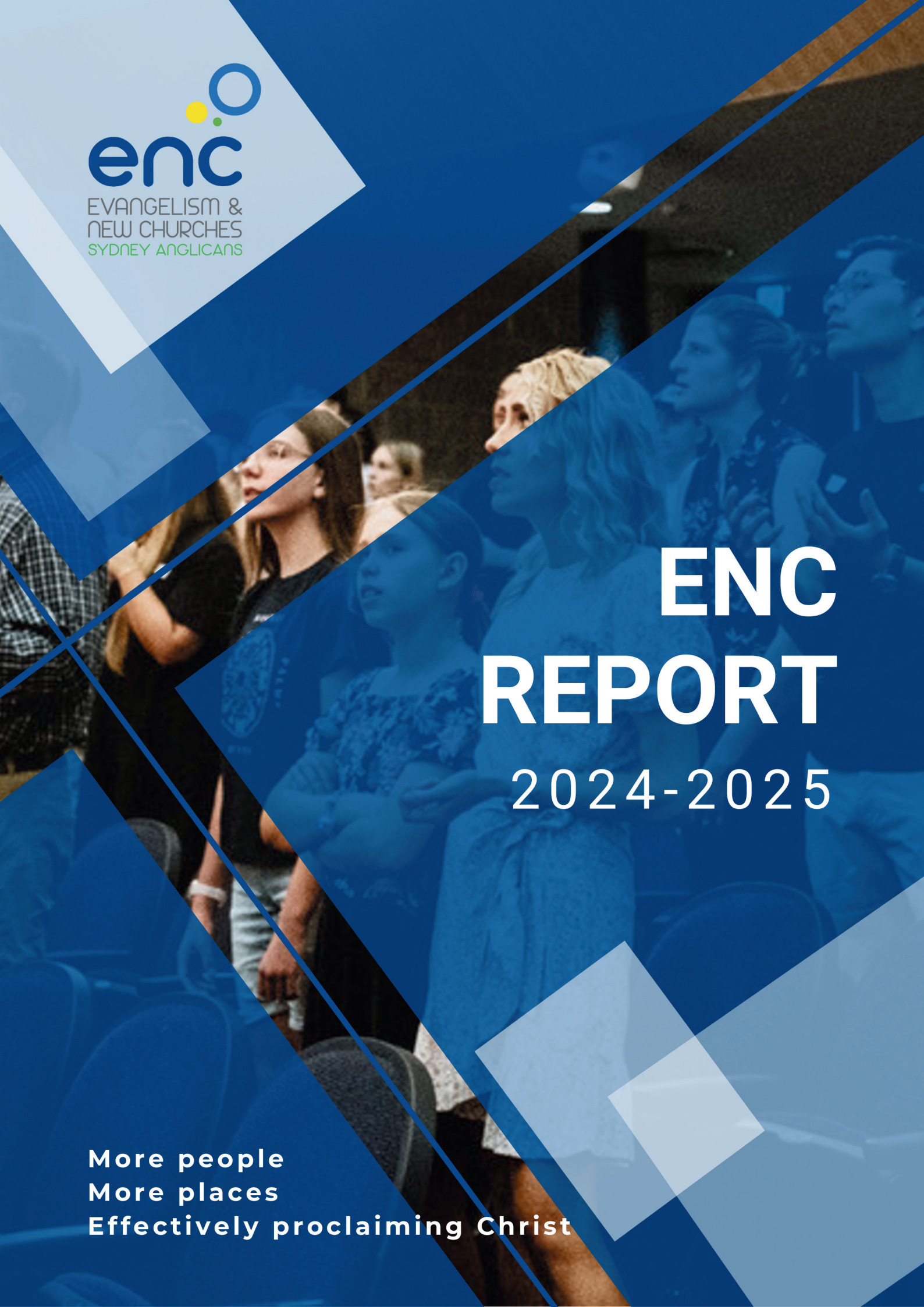




ENC REPORT

2024-2025

**More people
More places
Effectively proclaiming Christ**

CHAIR'S REPORT

Thanks so much for opening this annual report from Evangelism & New Churches. I trust you will find rich encouragement as you read through it.



ENC has a crucial role in our diocese as our staff and those we support use their gifts 'to advance the gospel' (Phil 1:12). We are equipping and encouraging Christians in evangelism. We are scaffolding, resourcing, and encouraging church planters. We are supporting those who are thinking and working hard to reach people from diverse cultures and backgrounds. ENC exists to strengthen collaboration across the diocesan fellowship for the sake of Christ's kingdom.

That collaboration is also set to be enriched by the coming together of ENC with Ministry Training and Development, and Anglican Media under the banner of the newly formed Evangelism & Ministry Partnerships (EMP). Please join us in praying that God will guide this process so that the fruit will be more and more people in Sydney knowing Jesus, more and more leaders being raised up, and more and more churches being established and strengthened for God's glory.

Simon Flinders

Chair of ENC and EMP Provisional Board

OUR GROWTH STORY

Since 2016, ENC has:



Graduated multiple church plants

Hope Leppington, Soul Revival, Grace City Waterloo, Vine Church Surry Hills, Grace Anglican Roseville and New Life Anglican Oran Park have graduated to new parishes in the diocese or merged with existing parishes



Grown the number of evangelists and trainers

ENC now has six network evangelists across Ministry to Muslims (MTM) and SATYA Network (South Asians)



Established new cross-cultural ministries

In addition to historical ministries to people from Chinese and Korean backgrounds, ENC has also established new ministries to reach various other cultures including Nepalese, Filipino and Bangladeshi



A SNAPSHOT 2024-25

We **sharpen, equip, flex, find** and **support** evangelism in Sydney and beyond.



GROWING PARTNERSHIPS & REACH

>70

Church partnerships

3

Regional council
partnerships

930+

Individual financial
partners

1330+

Prayer supporters

>17k

Podcast streams /
downloads

~\$2m

Partnership budget

CURRENT MINISTRIES & PEOPLE



Church plants – Cornerstone Box Hill, Lake Illawarra Community Church, Albion Park Rail, Berkeley Life Centre, Living Water Redfern



A planter in residence is preparing for the next greenfield site and 20+ potential planters are in the pipeline



Cross-cultural networks have provided opportunities for local Christians to be trained in reaching out to those around them, as well as connecting directly with different cultural people groups



Employs 35 full-time and part-time staff including an Assistant Director for parish evangelism and coaching

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



In the last year, ENC has stepped forward to establish new ministries reaching second generation Filipino people in the western suburbs, a Nepalese ministry in the Hurstville area and a ministry to Bangladeshi migrants. ENC has engaged additional workers to the Indigenous communities in both Redfern and the Illawarra and have employed new pastoral staff to make disciples in the community of Berkeley and surrounding suburbs. We have worked with Sydney Anglican Property and local parishes on plans for new greenfield church plants and have a 'planter in residence' preparing to plant as soon as feasible.

We are in a season of change at ENC. Steps are under way to bring ENC together with Ministry Training and Development and Anglican Media to advance the purposes of the Diocese to see our city transformed by the gospel.

Someone once said about change: "In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or to step back into safety". ENC is stepping forward into growth. One of our values is innovation and the willingness to take some risks and try new things for the sake of reaching more people.

Please pray with us that the combined works of these organisations will see more lost people saved and Christ honoured across our city and region. While things might change at an organisational and governance level, much stays the same at the coal face of our ministries. I trust you will be encouraged and spurred on in your own evangelistic efforts as you read of the work of ENC in this last year and plans for next year.

Thank you for your prayerful, practical and financial support of our plants and evangelists and trainers at ENC.



Phil Wheeler

ENC Director

ENC SHARPEN & EQUIP

We sharpen the evangelistic efforts and effectiveness by partnering with parishes and organisations.

It has been another exciting and fruitful year for the Evangelism team at ENC, with God graciously opening new doors for gospel proclamation, training and equipping.

The gospel has been preached at a wide variety of events at local churches, conferences and conventions across Sydney and interstate. It has been deeply encouraging to see people respond to Christ in repentance and faith, with each opportunity being a reminder of the hunger that exists for the gospel and the way God continues to use his Word to bring people from death to life.

Alongside this, I have continued to coach more than thirty rectors and assistant ministers in developing a culture of mission in their local churches through meeting regularly in cohorts and one-to-one.

Over 500 people came to the inaugural Hearts on Fire Conference which was designed to equip and inspire young adults for a lifetime of evangelism. In 2026, we will start ALIVE, a citywide evangelistic movement that will run regional rallies across Sydney and Wollongong. Together with MadeAlive.net and the ENC Studio, we are building a digital and in-person ecosystem that will surround a generation with Jesus.

Our media ministry has continued to expand this year. The Fire Up! podcast is now in its third season and its reach is steadily increasing. We have also produced a series called Revolutionary Evangelism which is aimed at pastors and church leaders. These resources are helping Christians grow in their confidence to share the gospel and creating new opportunities for non-Christians to encounter the message of Jesus with clarity.

There is still much to do, yet we remain confident in God's saving purposes. As our Lord Jesus informed his disciples in Matthew 9:37 – The harvest is plentiful! That promise continues to give us courage to keep going. Let us press on.

Dave Jensen

Assistant Director



ENC FLEX

We flex with the changing city to see new churches, congregations and ministries begin across the city in partnership with parishes, the Diocese and diocesan organisations. We also seek to reach sub-cultures and people groups that are not easily reached by existing parishes.

CHURCH PLANTS

- 📍 **Cornerstone Church Box Hill** launched in August 2024 and has since grown and seen a number of people exploring Christ and coming to put their trust in Him
- 📍 **Park Rail Anglican Church & Lake Illawarra Community Church** continue to grow and connect with its marginalised communities and Park Rail has begun a new Indigenous ministry in 2025
- 📍 **Living Water Church** is a church plant which seeks to see Indigenous and non-Indigenous Christians fellowship together reaching those in Redfern, Waterloo and surrounds
- 📍 **Berkeley Life Centre** reaches the marginalised community of Berkeley and surrounds to help them find and grow their faith in Jesus

NETWORKS

- 📍 **MTM** reaches Muslims in Sydney through public outreach, community services, home visits and more, and equips Christians to do the same
- 📍 **SATYA Network** seeks to reach the large population of Sub-Continental diaspora through training and outreach events
- 📍 **Nepali Ministry** serves the growing number of Nepali migrants and has recently started a church gathering while also reaching out to students in the North West
- 📍 **Filipino Ministry** is a new work trying to find ways to connect the gospel with 2nd generation Filipino youth and young adults
- 📍 **EMERGE** has been working on launching a mentorship program that connects churches with new migrants to help them settle in to life in Australia and church community



ENC FIND

We look for mission-hearted servants to be the next generation of evangelists, planters, 're-potters', and cross-cultural workers.

(Name withheld) – Evangelist with Ministry to Muslims

"My work is to share the good news of Jesus with the Muslim community, living and ministering locally. As part of the MTM team, we share memorised scripture from the gospels through cold contact evangelism and regular outreach events that occur weekly, monthly and yearly."

Mick – Church Planter in Residence in South West Sydney

"As we seek to plant a church in Sydney's south west, the office team has provided excellent support across partnership building, administration, online communications and managing finances. We have also benefited from the assessment and discernment processes during our residency."



Annika – Student Minister for Kids & Families, Living Water Redfern

"I love Indigenous people and kids' ministry. As a student minister with ENC, I'm learning from and being challenged by those in the community, building friendships, and exploring how I might be able to support and partner with similar ministries in the future."

SUSTAIN

The office team seeks to support our workers to sustain long-term ministry.

This support happens in a variety of ways, including providing financial and pastoral support, coaching and training, oversight and good governance.

In the partnership development space this year, we had thirteen of our ministry workers attend partnership intensives to encourage them in the theology and practice of inviting others to be a part of what God is doing through them all around Sydney through serving, prayer and finances.



MORE ABOUT ENC

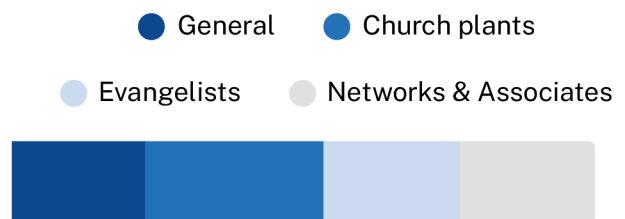
FINANCIAL UPDATE

ENC and its ministries receive income primarily from donations. These go towards supporting the ministries of our church plants, networks, evangelists and student ministers along with the general running of the ENC head office.

Sources of funds



Uses of funds



PARTNER WITH ENC

ENC exists to see more people in more places effectively proclaiming Christ, in partnership with the parishes and organisations of the Diocese, to see the lost in Sydney and beyond find life and hope in Jesus.

ENC exists to help equip and train you to do your evangelism better.

ENC exists to support you with reaching out to the multiple nations, cultural groups and often unseen marginalised communities in your areas.

ENC exists to help you and the diocese to plant new churches, both in the expanding greenfield areas and within the existing urban areas.

Please pray for us and please partner with us.

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