



YELLOWKNIFE
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A Vineyard Canada Church

Annual Church Update

Sunday, June 1, 2025



Official Board

The Board is the legal body required by Canadian Legislation for societies and charitable organizations. The Board comprises of 5 members who are: four directors and the senior pastor. They are the voting members of the church. The board is responsible for the ongoing operation of the local church and, as such, establishes policies that govern the day-to-day operation of the church and its ministries.

Official Board Members:

- Brighton Lubansa
- Karen Rawson
- Richard Harvey
- Josh Heron (Treasurer)
- Jabin Carrasco (Senior Pastor)

Prayer Requests:

- Richard is stepping away from the board once we find someone else to replace him. Please pray that the right person will come forward.



Pastoral Leadership Team (PLT)

The members of the PLT provide spiritual and practical oversight, the projects we invest time and energy into, and the direction we move in as a Church. As a team we strive to serve in a way that reflects biblical principles and invites transparency and accountability with those we lead.

PLT Members:

- Jabin and Jessica Carrasco, Joshua Mitton, Karen Rawson, Brighton Lubansa, Juliana Aguilar, Josh Heron.

Ministry Highlights:

- Monthly meetings
- Guiding coalition
- Pastoral transition

Prayer Requests:

- Church finances
- Hiring of a fourth pastor

Looking Ahead:

What we have in store for the 2025-2026 ministry year

- More Ministry opportunities with other YK churches

Opportunities:

- Do you feel God calling you to be in leadership in our church? Speak to one of the pastors



Worship Ministry

The Worship Ministry at Yellowknife Vineyard Church exists to help lead our congregation in heartfelt worship to the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, primarily through music and prayer. This ministry includes worship leaders, musicians, singers, and also our dedicated Audio-Visual Team, whose behind-the-scenes work is essential to creating an environment where people can engage deeply with God. Together, we seek to create space for the Holy Spirit to move, inviting our church family into a lifestyle of worship that honors Jesus and draws us closer to His presence.

Team:

- Joshua, Karen, Leonie, Hannah, Drew, Angela, Anita, Mikalah, Siyath, Nicole, Steve, Taida, John, Cara, Caleb, Pierre, Richard

Ministry Highlights:

- Consistent worship on Sunday mornings
- Hosted the Ministerial worship night in February

Prayer Requests:

- That God would raise up more musicians and singers in our church
- Pray for more freedom in worship

Looking Ahead:

What we have in store for the 2025-2026 ministry year

- YK Worship Fest June 8th
- July 6th Outdoor service at Fred Henne

Opportunities:

- Hosting another worship night
- Opportunities for new leaders
- Christmas eve service with musical specials



Hospitality Ministry

The hospitality team serves and loves on the body of Christ, through hospitality and service provision. We see this as an opportunity to partner with the purposes of heaven and to be a tangible representation of Jesus to those around us. We do this by serving one another in our church family and by serving the community of Yellowknife. Our mandate is to love one another well through serving (1 Pe 4:8-10).

Team:

- Jessica, Jabin, Emily, Michaela, Matt, Taida, Mesha, Shawna, Mike, Esther, Graeme, Anwyn, Nicole, Laszlo, Geneiagh, Tom, Drew, Kathleen, Mikalah

Ministry Highlights:

- Sunday morning coffee and tea
- Meal trains for new moms and bereavements
- Church potlucks (Easter, Thanksgiving & Christmas)
- Ministerial events (Christmas family party, worship night, carol sing)

Prayer Requests:

- That God would use our church and our gatherings to reach others
- Pray for more church members to participate

Looking Ahead:

What we have in store for the 2025-2026 ministry year

- YK Worship Fest June 8th
- July 6th Outdoor service at Fred Henne
- Thanksgiving potluck & Christmas party

Opportunities:

- We always need volunteers whether to set up or take down, to help plan, to decorate and to run the different events.



Missions Ministry

The Missions ministry focuses on fulfilling the call of Christian churches to engage in evangelism, discipleship, and serving those in need, both locally and globally. It's about sharing the gospel, growing faith, and making a positive impact on the world.

Team:

- Jessica, Jabin, Emily, Michaela, Matt, Taida, Mesha, Shawna, Mike, Esther, Graeme, Anwyn, Nicole, Laszlo, Geneiagh, Tom, Drew, Kathleen, Mikalah

Ministry Highlights:

- 2024 Logos mission to South Africa. We had an opportunity to server with the Operation Mobilization in East London South Africa. A team of 7 from YK Vineyard took part in this wonderful mission—where we visited orphanages, churches doing work with former addicts and much more.
- Young Eagles International remains a key partner of YK Vineyard. Working closely with Young Eagles and providing them with financial support has enabled them to continue providing care to 15 children in Zambia. Our support has allowed Young Eagles to create an environment in which the children can grow and thrive. YK Vineyard has made a commitment to support Young Eagles with \$6,000 per year in contribution.
- Ethnos - Brent and Jodi Ristau live and work in Yukon Territories. The Yukon Canada's most secular region. It has a diverse representation of 14 indigenous people groups who now largely speak English as their first language. Pray for the Holy Spirit to undertake on behalf of the Ristau's as Brent pastors a small group and Jodi uses her skills within their rural community to bless the people. Pray for their discipleship and Bible study group — that they will come to a clear understanding of the gospel and become intentional disciple makers themselves. Pray for Brent and Jodi as they raise and disciple their own three children.

Prayer Requests:

- Development of a missions team

- Planning for 2026 mission trip
- Opportunities for missions both in NWT, Canada and abroad
- Raising up people with passion for missions

Looking Ahead:

What we have in store for the 2025-2026 ministry year

- Exploring 2026 mission trip to other communities and Africa

Opportunities:

- Leading a missions trip
- Forming a team that would spearhead our missions efforts.



Outreach Ministry

The purpose of the Outreach Ministry is to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community of Yellowknife and surrounding areas.

Team:

- Nicole Sok, Richard Harvey, and Jessica Pacunayen.

Ministry Highlights:

- In 2024, the Outreach team focused their efforts on connecting the Church with existing initiatives in Yellowknife to support organizations like:
 - The Salvation Army Food Bank
 - Yellowknife Women's Society
- On a smaller scale, the Outreach Team has been using Church funds to financially support community members as needed.

Prayer Requests:

- That God would use our church and our gatherings to reach others
- Pray for more church members to participate

Prayer Requests, Looking Ahead and Opportunities:

- At this time, there are no formal initiatives planned by the Outreach team for 2025. However, the team would love to connect with other individuals who want to be more actively involved and bring their own initiatives and ideas.
- The team would appreciate prayers for wisdom on direction, support, and a renewed spirit to serve.



Kingdom Kids and Youth Ministry

Kingdom kids engages children in various activities to foster their spiritual growth and well-being. Kingdom kids Ministry includes programs and events such as Bible stories, crafts and activities, prayer time, and videos that are designed for children from 3 years old to 12 years old, providing opportunities for learning, fellowship, and personal growth within the church community.

Team:

- Jessica, Karen, Marjorie, Emily, Michaela, Caleb, Matt, Mesha, Rachel, Geri, Hannah, Geneiagh, Larah, Jessica P., Alex, Elizabeth, Josue, Mackenzie.

Ministry Highlights:

- Sunday morning classrooms (preschool/kindergarten & elementary)
- Christmas production
- Building Youth partnerships

Prayer Requests:

- That God would lead others into becoming part of the Kingdom kids team (we need teachers and helpers)
- Pray for the youth in our church and that they would get connected to other youth in the city

Looking Ahead:

What we have in store for the 2025-2026 ministry year

- Kingdom kids graduation celebration
- Kingdom kids kick off (September)
- Youth retreat (October)
- 2025 Christmas production

Opportunities:

- Want to become a teacher or maybe just a helper? Come and help us teach the younger generations.