



2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Common Grace acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their stewardship of these lands since time immemorial. We acknowledge their continuing connection to Country and thank our Almighty Creator God who placed Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples on these lands as stewards and caretakers of Country. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future.

We honour those who have gone before us, those who lead us today with strength and grace, and the emerging leaders who are the future. We acknowledge that sovereignty of these lands and waters has never been ceded. We commit to walking softly and gently upon these lands in the invitation of friendship and reconciliation, towards justice, healing and flourishing for all.

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WHO WE ARE

Common Grace is a movement of individuals, churches and communities pursuing Jesus and justice together for the flourishing of all people and all creation.

We are animated by a vision of the good that God intends, where all people and all creation flourish. We are committed to pursuing love, beauty, and grace to help this be realised today.

We dream of a future where our nation listens deeply to First Nations people and the truth of our history, where injustices are righted and the oldest continuous cultures in the world are celebrated.

We care for God's beautiful creation, addressing climate change and ensuring the environment and generations to come flourish.

We embrace people seeking asylum with open hearts and open arms, pursuing peace, restoration, and welcome.

We long for all households to be places of nurture, safety, and support, where violence against women is eliminated.

This is a future where all the broken things are restored and reconciled to and through Jesus, and people and all creation can flourish.

Common Grace's initiatives are recognised for helping to deepen understanding and empathy on issues of injustice, amplifying the voices of people with lived experience, and inspiring and equipping Christians to take collective action to bring about meaningful change.

Together we are raising a gracious public voice on issues we believe will move Australia towards the nation God intends it to be.



BOARD

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GERSHON NIMBALKER

Common Grace National Director
July 2022 - Present

This past financial year has been a season of deepening maturity and growing impact for Common Grace. In the midst of a world marked by conflict, climate disruption, and rising fear, our movement has continued to live out a hopeful, Jesus-shaped public witness, grounded in the biblical vision of a world where all people and all creation flourish in right relationship.

This vision has anchored us as we have stepped into new opportunities. This was most evident at our inaugural Let Justice Flow Conference. Over three days, Christians from across the country, and from across denominations, gathered in our nation's capital for worship, deep listening, and practical advocacy. Delegates sat together to learn from and deeply listen to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders, and experts in climate and advocacy. They then carried these insights into over 50 meetings with Parliamentarians, one of the largest Christian advocacy efforts of the year, calling for an end to incarcerating children as young as 10 years old (disproportionately First Nation's children) and bolder climate action.

The conference was a microcosm of what our movement is becoming: a gracious, courageous Christian voice that is being recognised, resourced, and invited into the national conversation.

This year also saw remarkable growth across our justice areas.

MESSAGE FROM NATIONAL DIRECTOR

More churches than ever before engaged with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice work. A staggering 743 participated in Aboriginal Sunday, a 43% increase on last year.

Our Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Justice work expanded significantly with the formation of a 15-member DFV Working Group bringing lived experience, theology, and professional expertise. The re-launch of our 16 Days of Activism, our partnership in the Faith, Hope and Love DFV conference and the early efforts to upgrade our SAFER resource reflect our commitment to helping churches become places of safety, compassion, and justice.

In our Justice for People Seeking Asylum work, our community responded with steadfast love amid the crisis in Gaza and ongoing global displacement. Through prayer gatherings, public advocacy, Palm Sunday marches, and especially our #EndTheWaiting campaign with the National Council of Churches, supporters across the country stood for welcome, dignity, and compassion. We're encouraged to know these efforts are being heard, and that change is beginning to unfold.

Our Climate and Creation Justice efforts deepened, too. As part of the Renew Australia for All coalition, our movement contributed to securing a significant \$2.3 billion government commitment for solar and battery support. We brought a hopeful, justice-centred Christian voice into spaces of national influence.

Finally, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we've grown our team, strengthened our political engagement, and equipped thousands of Christians to reflect Jesus in public life. Thank you for your partnership, prayers, and trust. Together, we're seeing glimpses of God's renewal - small foretastes of the flourishing God intends.



REFLECTION FROM BOARD CHAIR

KRISTYN CROSSFIELD

Common Grace Board Chair
December 2016 - Present

As I reflect on this past year, I remain deeply grateful for the way Common Grace continues to grow, not only in numbers, but in vision, courage, and faithful witness.

What began as a small group of Christians committed to justice in the public sphere has matured into a grassroots movement that is increasingly shaping hearts, churches, and our nation for good.

The words of Isaiah 58:12, that God's people are called repairers and restorers, feel particularly alive for our movement. In so many ways, we are seeing Christians across the country step into this calling with courage, tenderness, and deep faith. We are witnessing the truth that when God's people partner with Him on what He cares about, remarkable change becomes possible.

That change reaches far beyond our public campaigning. Across our movement, we are drawing Jesus-followers into deeper relationship and cultivating spaces where people are shaped by God's call to grace, justice, and a profound love for our neighbours.

As we look toward 2026, we are excited to continue walking with you in friendship, and working together to see glimpses of God's kingdom of goodness and love breaking in. Through meetings with MPs and Senators, Jesus-followers and churches voiced their commitment to First Nations justice, climate care, and systemic reform. This was a powerful embodiment of what it means to be a gracious yet prophetic Christian voice in the public square.

We also saw deeper engagement in our core justice areas, with renewed work and resources for Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) justice, strengthened advocacy for People Seeking Asylum, and an ongoing commitment to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander justice and Creation and Climate care. In each area, Common Grace offered a distinctive Christian witness, one rooted in love, truth, grace and the dignity of every person.

What encourages me most is that this work is not being done on behalf of others but with those experiencing injustice: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian leaders guiding us; survivors of violence and expert practitioners shaping our DFV work; people seeking asylum and refugees whose stories animate our advocacy. This is what it means to embody justice and grace together.

As a board, we remain committed to deep listening and wise stewardship: not only of financial gifts, but of the relationships, trust and gospel witness we've been entrusted with. We're working behind the scenes to build capacity so that Common Grace can continue to grow in influence, not for its own sake, but for the flourishing of all people and all creation.

To our supporters, volunteers, church partners, and new friends: thank you. Thank you for believing that another Australia is possible. Thank you for choosing to walk this journey with us; this work can be slow, at times painful, but guided by hope and anchored in God's promise to redeem, heal, and restore.

May the light of Christ continue to shine through this movement. May justice flow across our land - and may we together see the flourishing God intends.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER JUSTICE

REFLECTION BY SAFINA STEWART

This past year has been marked by strength amongst sorrow. In the midst of grief and injustice, our First Nations Peoples have continued to lead with resilience, generosity, and defiant hope. As a movement, Common Grace has journeyed alongside Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples - standing together for truth, healing, and justice.

NAIDOC Week 2024

This year's theme, "Keep the Fire Burning: Blak, Loud and Proud," reminded us of the enduring strength of our communities and the call to keep justice alive. Across the country, churches, schools, and families joined in celebration and solidarity through attending events, prayer, learning, and engagement. As my dear friend Bianca Dowling (née Manning) shared, "Even after such a difficult past year, our communities have come together to share culture, bring people together, and celebrate our Mob's strengths." It was a week that sparked pride and deepened relationships.

Youth Justice Advocacy

In October 2024, Common Grace made a submission to the Senate Inquiry into Youth Justice, calling for urgent reform and justice for Aboriginal children disproportionately affected by incarceration. At our Let Justice Flow conference, we met with parliamentarians from across the political spectrum, urging investment in community-led solutions and national action to raise the minimum age of criminal responsibility to 14.

Aboriginal Sunday

In January 2025, 743 churches participated in Aboriginal Sunday - an astounding increase of 43% from the previous year. This year's theme, "Defiant Hope," invited the Church to truth-telling, lament, and healing, inspired by the legacy of Aboriginal Christian Leaders. Our resource pack provided guidance on how congregations could mark the day of mourning, invasion, and survival through a church service.

National Reconciliation Week & Appeal

With the theme "Come to the Feast," we invited churches and individuals to reflect on their role in shaping a reconciled future. Over 528 people took part, supported by our resources which included a National Reconciliation Week video to show in their church services, and guidance on how to host a Tucker Time morning tea. Through our Reconciliation Appeal, the movement raised \$51,422, which means in the 2024/2025 financial year we raised a total of just over \$93,000 in support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice. Your generosity is a sign of your commitment to walk with us in love and action. We are so grateful.

MOBILISING

100

Participants trained and equipped to raise their gracious Christian voice to call for First Nations justice to our Federal leaders.

50

Meetings with MPs and Senators, calling for the federal government to lead a national response to raise the age of criminal responsibility.

10

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders helped lead and shape the 2024 Common Grace Let Justice Flow Conference.

ENGAGING + EQUIPPING

Churches participated in Aboriginal Sunday 2025, compared to 518 the year before - 43.4% growth.

743

People signed up for National Reconciliation Week 'Come to the Feast' resource kit.

528

People listened to "The Bible is Political" with Bianca Dowling (née Manning) and Safina Stewart, on Common Grace's "Everything is Political" podcast.

423

People signed up for the Common Grace Podcast NAIDOC Week three-part series.

148

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER JUSTICE

Honouring Leadership

This year, we also celebrated Gomeroi woman, Bianca Dowling (née Manning), as she stepped into sabbatical after years of faithful service leading our First Nations justice work. Bianca has sown deeply into this movement, cultivating truth, justice, and friendship between First Nations peoples and the Australian Church. Her leadership has shaped our path, and we honour her with deep gratitude.

Walking Together

We give special thanks to the many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders who have inspired, shared and guided us this year. And to our non-Indigenous friends - thank you for showing up, listening, and walking with us. It fills me with hope to see us walking side by side. This is what true friendship looks like: shared work, mutual respect, and Christ-shaped love.

We give special honour and thanks to all First Nation's Christian leaders who have generously shared their wisdom, expertise, and passion in supporting the work of myself, Bianca Dowling (née Manning) and the Common Grace team, including: Dr Aunty Jean Phillips OAM, Ps Rev. Dr Uncle Ray Minniecon, Uncle Vince Ross, Fr. Stanley Marama, Aunty Shirley Congo, Aunty Sue Hodges, Aunty Di Langham, Dr Aunty Doseena Fergie, Aunty Esme Bamblett, Adam Gowen, Nathan Tyson, Mikenzie Ling, Joshua Lane, Naomi Wolfe, Cameron Balcombe, Stephanie Evans, Arieta Fergie, and Dr Felicity McCallum.



It's so wonderful to know that we've got all these advocates out there...all these people who want to see change.

AUNTY SUE HODGES

Wiradjuri Woman and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Engagement Coordinator, Salvation Army, NSW/ACT and Territorial Team.



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CREATION AND CLIMATE JUSTICE

REFLECTION BY JANE KELLY

This year has marked a season of bold witness and growing influence for the Common Grace movement in our pursuit of climate justice shaped by Jesus.

In November 2024, our "Let Justice Flow" delegation held 50 meetings with federal parliamentarians—the largest number achieved by any group in the Australian climate movement during a single visit to Parliament House that year. Our growing credibility was recognised when, in February 2025, Common Grace was invited to Parliament House for a roundtable with Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, and MP David Smith, to discuss Australia's response to the climate emergency.

We were proud to be part of the Renew Australia for All campaign, which helped secure a landmark \$2.8 billion commitment from the Albanese Government to support solar and battery storage for Australian households and community organisations. This policy win reflects the power of coordinated action and faithful public engagement.

When the Federal Government provisionally approved the North West Shelf gas expansion in May 2025, Common Grace supporters were part of a broad grassroots response in lament and protest. This moment reminded us that while political wins are important, our hope is not in any party or platform. Our salvation is in Christ alone, and it is in the costly, courageous pursuit of his justice that we seek the flourishing of all creation.

After the 2025 election, I sense a renewed energy rising within our movement. Although Australia was unsuccessful in its bid to host COP31 in 2026, we will continue to build on the momentum of this past year and the strong relationships we have fostered in the climate and environmental advocacy space. As we reach the halfway point of the 'decisive decade' for climate action, I am encouraged by the way Common Grace supporters keep showing up, faithfully contributing alongside other faith and justice organisations.

Together, we continue to pursue Jesus and justice, for the flourishing of all creation.



PARTNERSHIP + IMPACT

50

Met with 50 MPs to present a range of climate policy asks at Common Grace's Let Justice Flow Conference.

\$2.8b

Part of the Renew Australia for All movement that helped secure the \$2.8 billion commitment from the Albanese Government to support solar and battery storage for Australian households and community organisation.

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Climate Ambition
The **Australia Institute**

Epic Hearts and
Minds Community
Boundless Earth





LET JUSTICE FLOW CONFERENCE 2024

From 16 - 18 November 2024, Common Grace held its inaugural Let Justice Flow Conference on Ngunnawal and Ngambri Country (Canberra), bringing together Christians from across the country in pursuit of Jesus and justice.

Over three days, participants engaged in worship, theological reflection, and practical advocacy, grounded in deep relationship and spiritual formation. The conference welcomed a diverse community, across age, culture, and denomination, united by a shared vision of seeing communities that are safe, free, and flourishing.



The conference felt like a little slice of heaven breaking through - Christians from every stripe coming together to worship, to learn, and to act in love for a world so desperately in need.

GERSHON NIMBALKER
Common Grace National Director

At the heart of the gathering was the wisdom and direction of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders, who shaped the program through truth-telling, deep listening, and relational advocacy.

Delegates took part in Yarning Circles, keynote sessions, and a worship service that explored interconnected justice issues, including First Nations justice and climate justice.

Highlights included:

- A Welcome to Country from Aunty Serena Williams and a Deep Listening session led by Safina Stewart (Wuthathi and Mabuiag Island woman) and Bianca Dowling (née Manning, Gomeroi woman).
- Theological and justice-focused Yarning Circles such as:
 - Truth Telling and the Church, facilitated by Adam Gowen with Aunty Shirli Congoo, Nathan Tyson, and Mikenzie Ling.
 - From Genesis to Revelation – Our Creation Justice Story, led by Jane Kelly alongside Father Stanley Marama (Torres Strait 8), Dr Felicity McCormack, Dr Phillipa McCormack, Dr Mick Pope, and Dr Byron Smith.
 - Safe, Free and Flourishing – Advocating for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice, led by Bianca Dowling (née Manning) alongside Aunty Sue Hodges, Joshua Lane and Cameron Balcombe.
- A church service led by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Leaders.

LET JUSTICE FLOW SNAPSHOT

Delegates then met with members of Parliament and Senators, advocating for:

- A more compassionate, evidence-based approach to youth justice, including raising the minimum age of criminal responsibility, and
- Bolder action on climate solutions for the protection and flourishing of all God's creation.

The Let Justice Flow Conference marked a significant moment for Common Grace - the first of what we hope will be many opportunities for advocates within the movement to come together to embody Jesus' call to pursue justice.



Spending 3 days with fellow Jesus folk was transformative - totally invigorating and energising to spend this time with like-minded people talking about justice.

DENI HARDEN
Common Grace
Conference Delegate



The conference should come with a warning that you can't just sit back and let information wash over you - you will be transformed in ways that may well emerge over time in the reality of striving to live as a disciple of Christ.

BARBARA BOOTH
Common Grace
Conference Delegate



2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

From February to May 2025, Common Grace mobilised individuals, churches, and communities across Australia to engage deeply with the federal election, championing a vision for a safe, free, and flourishing future. Through a coordinated campaign of training, prayer, creative action, and strategic communication, we equipped our movement to participate meaningfully in this critical moment.

Key activities included seven election-focused training events held online and in-person across major cities, fostering relationships, and preparing communities for deeper advocacy across our key policy areas.

Creative actions like the Knit for Climate Action campaign continued to resonate powerfully. Hand-knitted climate scarves were gifted to candidates nationwide, sparking meaningful conversations around climate justice.

Supporters were resourced with our Lent Podcast - 'Everything is Political', written prayers, political engagement resources including policy briefing sheets and guides to meeting with local candidates. And our social media campaign saw strong engagement, especially through visual content of Common Grace supporters engaging in advocacy, written prayers, and shareable election messages.

In the final week of the election campaign, Common Grace held an online prayer vigil that brought our movement together in hope and reflection. It was a special time of connection, where community was deepened, courage renewed, and our shared commitment to Jesus and justice, no matter the election outcome, was reaffirmed.

Elections offer a moment for the nation to pause and reflect on who we are and who we want to become. It is our prayer that Common Grace contributed to that conversation with grace, hope, and justice, and that our supporters felt equipped to do the same.

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE JUSTICE

REFLECTION BY ELLAINA WELSMAN

This year marked a profound step forward in Common Grace's Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) Justice work, as we deepened partnerships, amplified courageous voices, and engaged supporters ready to see change within the Australian church.

One of the greatest highlights has been the formation of a DFV Justice Working Group - 15 deeply committed people bringing lived experience, professional expertise, theological insight and pastoral care from across the breadth of the church. Their generosity in sharing wisdom, stories, and guidance is shaping a stronger, more faithful response.

In this renewed season, we've witnessed growing engagement from our supporters, many with lived experience, longing for a safer, more compassionate church. Since I took on my role as the DFV Justice Coordinator, I have had the privilege of connecting personally with many supporters, listening to their journeys and inviting them into the movement.

The generosity of our community has been equally moving. Common Grace supporters raised over \$16,800 to resource this work, including to fund an upgrade of our SAFER resource, helping churches respond to DFV with biblical faithfulness.

We also re-launched our 16 Days of Activism for the first time since 2019, with 450 people journeying through daily reflections that centred the stories of victim-survivors and DFV practitioners. In May, we hosted our first-ever DFV webinar, "Crossroads: When Faith and Safety Seem in Conflict," drawing hundreds of registrations for an honest, hope-filled conversation with panellists Erica Mandi Manga, Victoria, Dr Jenny Richards and Todd Darvas.

Through new partnerships, national events, and the power of community, we're seeing momentum grow. There's a hunger in the church for a response grounded in love, justice, and the dignity of all people. We believe God is moving in this space - calling Christians to pursue safety, care and the courage to confront violence in all its forms. And so together, we will continue to raise a gracious Christian voice to see God's justice and love break through for women, families and churches.

WORKING GROUP

15 Common Grace's Domestic and Family Violence Justice Working Group includes 4 people with lived experience of DFV, 3 Pastors, a Health Promotion Practitioner, a Primary Health Trainer and Reverend, 2 DFV lawyers, 1 Academic and 2 Social workers.



I am encouraged and excited about the hope for so many facing FDV and for what Common Grace is doing in this space. What a blessing it is to be able to share my lived experience in a safe space, to be heard and that God can use the harm for good. There are so many wise sisters and brothers who share their time and wisdom to support and help change the story for other survivors.

VICTORIA

Survivor and Advocatee



Common Grace is uniquely positioned as a national and interdenominational movement, able to bring together subject matter experts, the voices of victim-survivors, and a range of churches for what is, unfortunately, such necessary work. I'm genuinely filled with hope as I see the discussions of the Working Group turn into actions, all with the aim of seeing our churches become much safer spaces, where the voices of victim-survivors are clearly heard, and where it's made clear that domestic and family violence has no place in our communities.

JOSH DOWTON

Executive Pastor at Northside Baptist Church, Sydney

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JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

REFLECTION BY JAMES HARRIS

Against the backdrop of the largest global displacement crisis in recorded history, compounded by the devastating conflict and humanitarian catastrophe unfolding in Gaza, this past year has asked deep and difficult questions of us all.

As a movement shaped by the radical love of Jesus, Common Grace has continued to ask: what would it look like for Australia to respond with love and compassion?

And in the face of such complexity, heartbreak, and injustice - I've been deeply encouraged.

This year, we've seen the Common Grace movement respond with boldness and grace, taking up the call to love our global neighbours through prayer, advocacy, and action. Whether in the streets, in churches, or in conversation with decision-makers, our community has stood for welcome and dignity for refugees and people seeking asylum.

In July, we hosted *Love Beyond Borders: Peace and Welcome for All*, a powerful online gathering where we reflected on the escalating global displacement crisis and how faith communities can respond with open hearts and hands. I was honoured to participate in this conversation alongside Suzan Wahhab, President of Palestinian Christians in Australia; Jarrod McKenna, co-founder of the Gaza Ceasefire Pilgrimage; and Blaise Itabelo from NAYBA's Welcome Home Project. It was a time of deep lament, but also of deep hope.

The crisis in Gaza has stirred the hearts of many in our movement. In the final months of 2024, we engaged in urgent advocacy for Palestinian refugees - signing a joint letter to the Minister for Immigration calling for transparency around visa allocations, and mobilising more than 90 church leaders to publicly urge the government to expand its intake.

In February, I had the privilege of hosting a Campaign Community Call, updating our supporters on the Gaza-Israel conflict, our ongoing advocacy, and plans for engagement ahead of the upcoming federal election. It was deeply encouraging to connect with so many people across the country who are committed to pursuing justice in tangible and courageous ways.

GROWING ENGAGEMENT

100

In early 2024, Common Grace participated in a coordinated campaign advocating for increased funding for Palestinian Christians in Australia (PCiA) - an organisation that supports Palestinian Christian communities affected by the ongoing crisis in Gaza. More than 100 churches and Christian leaders across the country added their voices to the cause, signing an open letter urging Australia to extend a gracious welcome to Palestinians. The letter was delivered to the former Immigration Minister, Andrew Giles, and this unified Christian appeal helped lead to the government pledging \$477,000 in funding to PCiA in August 2024.

147

In February 2025, 79 people took part in our campaign community call, and during Refugee Week 2025, 147 individuals registered to attend our 'End the Waiting' webinar - a clear sign of the deepening commitment to justice for people seeking asylum.



JUSTICE FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

Throughout the year, members of the Common Grace movement attended Palm Sunday rallies, calling for justice and compassion for refugees both in Australia and around the world. These moments of solidarity reminded us all that we are not alone in this work - that we are part of a wider body seeking justice, peace, and mercy.

And in June, during Refugee Week, we launched our new campaign alongside the Australian Churches Refugee Taskforce, #EndTheWaiting, at another moving online event. We heard from Sister Brigid Arthur AO, Major Colin Elkington of the Salvation Army, and from people with lived experience of Australia's asylum system. Together, we lamented the injustice of indefinite waiting, and spoke about a future where every person is treated with the dignity they deserve.

This year has reminded me of the power of people bound together by love and conviction. I remain profoundly hopeful because of the faithful supporters of Common Grace who keep showing up, praying, speaking out, and walking alongside those in need.

Let us continue to seek justice for people seeking asylum together, until the day comes when those who arrive on our shores in search of safety are welcomed with the kindness and compassion that Jesus teaches.



Over the past year, we've been reinvigorating our efforts in the Asylum Seeker and Refugee Justice space, and it's been incredibly heartening to see the growing engagement from those within the Common Grace movement.

GERSHON NIMBALKER
Common Grace National Director



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FUELLING A MOVEMENT FOR JESUS AND JUSTICE

We are deeply grateful for the faithful generosity of our supporters who resourced Common Grace throughout the 2024–2025 financial year—equipping thousands of Christians to pursue Jesus-shaped justice across Australia.

As a grassroots movement we are primarily funded by the collective giving of individuals and churches. FY2025 was a year of significant growth, with total revenue reaching \$652,690—an increase of \$178,121 (37.5%) from the previous year.

Regular giving remained the foundation of our funding, with our community of 340 Regular Donors contributing \$249,188 (38% of total income). Individual giving rose by 28%, and we were blessed to welcome nearly 400 first-time donors, bringing the total number of individuals and churches who gave to 1,108.

We also received a grant from the Boundless Foundation to expand our work in Creation and Climate Justice until October 2026.

2024-2025 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

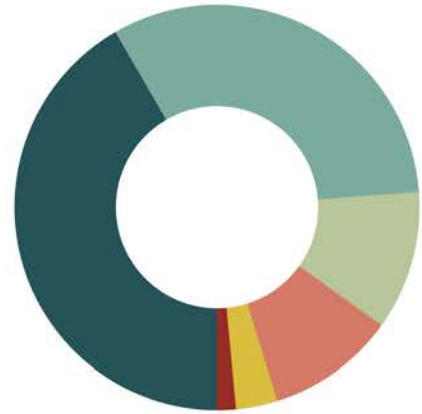
In FY2025, Common Grace invested \$667,214 which continued to strengthen our capacity and extend our impact, the vast majority of which was staff expenses (80%). This year, for the first time, we employed Coordinators across all four Justice areas, as well as a Policy Coordinator to deepen our political engagement, and Operations staff to bring greater efficiency to our shared work.

Our biggest investment is in people - the staff and contractors - who hold together, guide, and resource this vibrant grassroots movement. Through this dedicated team, Common Grace delivers high-quality campaigns and church resources, nurtures partnerships, connects with sector-wide networks, and equips churches to respond to injustice with courage and grace. This is the heartbeat of our movement. Increased investment in people has already led to significant outcomes, including the inaugural Let Justice Flow Conference, the launch of our Lent and NAIDOC Podcast series, and Community Connection and Election Training events.



INCOME FY2025

Regular Giving	\$249,188	38.18%
Single Gifts	\$192,389	29.48%
Churches	\$66,475	10.18%
Events & Speaking Engagement	\$27,835	4.26%
Grants	\$91,667	14.04%
Other	\$25,136	3.8%
TOTAL	\$652,690	100%



All of this work is amplified by you—our movement of supporters who sustain it through prayer, generosity, deep listening, and faithful commitment to justice.

Together, we are a part of God's work of renewal and restoration across the nation.



THANK YOU

Thank you for walking with us on this journey of following Jesus and doing justice. You are part of a growing movement made up of passionate individuals and churches who have generously shared their gifts, time, and hearts to serve, dream, and act together.

For over a decade now, tens of thousands of faithful and visionary people have helped shape Common Grace into the vibrant, justice-seeking community it is today. Your commitment has been instrumental in nurturing this collective witness of love, grace, and beauty - for all people and for all creation.

Your continued support and partnership as we follow Jesus and pursue justice are helping to shape a gracious Christian voice across Australia. We're deeply thankful for you, and we celebrate the impact we are making together.

To invest in the future of Common Grace, please consider making a donation. You can visit www.commongrace.org.au or use the QR code below.

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**But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.**

Amos 5:24 NRSV

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