

COMMUNITAS ACTIVITIES 2025-2026

An Overview



OPEN DOOR



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- 52 in-person and on-line meetings, including the Christmas Party
- New volunteers and inmates are enthusiastically welcomed
- Traditional justice topics (Restorative Justice Week, Prisoners' Justice Day, Legal Clinic Information from McGill)
- New and unusual evenings: an Evaluating AI; Our Need for Protein; The History of Addiction Theory; Oman
- It's virtually sold out! Only 3 *Open Door* books left for sale
- Our Golden Escort Drivers bring our members from FTC 600, FTC 6099 and Archambault



	2017 - 2108	2018 - 2019	2019 - 2020	2020 - 2021	2021 - 2022	2022 -2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025-2026
Escorted out of the pens	192	204	172	0	0	126	234	198	141
Returned to community	493	386	1071 Combined	408	349	416	453	490	446
Volunteers	695	768		904	887	856 (483+373 Zoom)	740 (503+237 Zoom)	760 (572+188 Zoom)	687 (406+281 Zoom)
TOTAL	1380	1358	1243	1243	1236	1398	1427	1448	1274

OPEN DOOR

ATTENDANCE



SUMMER PICNIC



TABLE TALK

Weekly free lunch

Fridays at noon at our office in the undercroft

...Offering an opportunity for social interaction and open conversation.

...The Chefs cook for everyone... just bring your appetite!





Table Talk

4 April 2025 –
27 March 2026

NUMBER OF
FORMERLY
IMPRISONED
PARTICIPATING: 357

NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS
PARTICIPATING: 456

NUMBER OF TABLE
TALK MEETINGS: 51

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:
813



	2022 -2023	2023 -2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Number of Table Talk meetings	39	51	52	51
Returned to community	146	364	445	357
Volunteers	311	437	579	456
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	457	801	1024	813

TABLE TALK ATTENDANCE	
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SACRED CONNECTIONS

4 April 2025 –
27 March 2026

NUMBER OF
FORMERLY
IMPRISONED MEN
PARTICIPATING: 47

NUMBER OF
VOLUNTEERS
PARTICIPATING: 54

NUMBER OF SACRED
CONNECTION
MEETINGS: 8

TOTAL ATTENDANCE:
101



IN-REACH / GOSPEL ZONE

Federal Training Centre Medium Security Institution (FTC6099) / Archambault Minimum

In-Reach

Number of visits for one-on-one consultations: 24

Number of men visited one-on-one: 65

Gospel Zone

Total number of men seen at FTC6099: 210. No of volunteer visits: 60

Federal Training Centre Minimum Security Institution (FTC600)

Total number of men seen: 104. No of volunteer visits: 45

Archambault Minimum Security Institution

Total number of men seen: 15. No of volunteer visits: 9



THE GOSPEL ZONE

Visits to the Prison Chapels

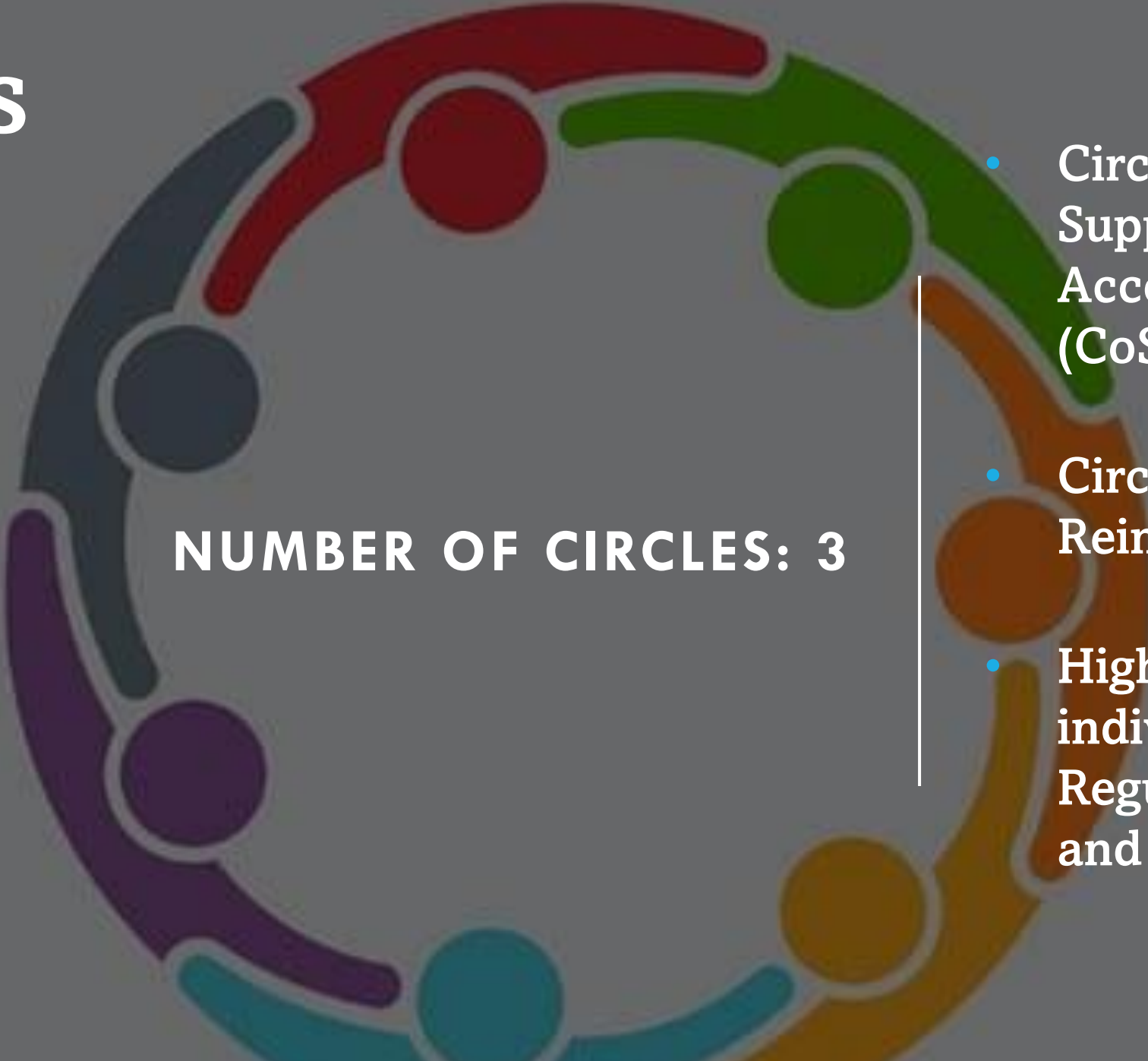
A Meaningful Space to Build Community

Number of Meetings: 34

Number of Volunteers: 114

Number of Men Visited in Prison Chapels: 329

Circles



NUMBER OF CIRCLES: 3

- Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA)
- Circles of Reintegration
- High needs individuals – Regular contact and support

SOU'WESTER

3 issues

150 colour copies in Institutions
and Halfway Houses

150 Black and White copies in
the community

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with Tim Smart.
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"Wasn't That a Party?" Are you familiar with the song by the Irish Rovers? A catchy tune, with lyrics like "Could have been the whiskey, might have been the gin. Could have been three or four six-packs, I don't know, but look at the mess I'm in... Wasn't that a party?"

Now some people think you need the gin, or whiskey, or rum, or at least some punch—not true. A good party brings together people. There is a sense of community; there is kindness in the air. You can count on food, friends, and fellowship. New friends, old

friends, familiar faces, and faces that you might not have seen in a long time.

Now, wasn't that a party?

People will talk about events; people will talk politics; people will talk sports; people will talk about the weather; people will talk about people—but most of all people will talk about being. Being there. Gratitude, and being able to share. At least at a good party that is.

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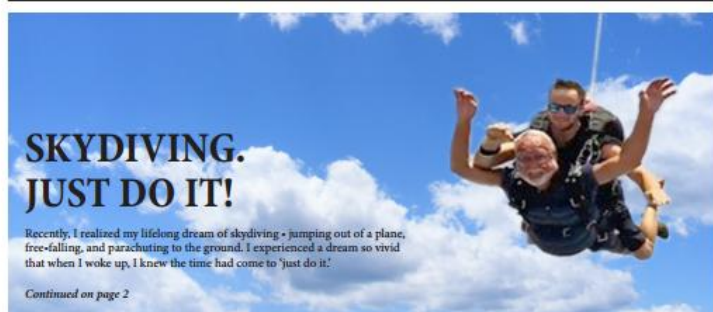
Communitas will be hosting a Scott Peck-inspired Community Building Workshop. This is an opportunity to experience what genuine human connection feels like when a group commits to presence, honesty, and shared humanity. If you've ever wondered what "true community" looks like in practice, this workshop offers a living, breathing demonstration.

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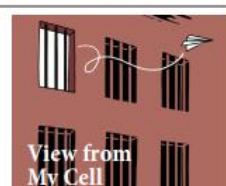
Here's to you, curious reader, who has yet to venture behind these open doors. Allow me to offer a glimpse into a remarkable event that continues to draw people in, year after year.

From the moment you arrive, you're likely to be greeted with a warm smile—or two. Familiar faces mingle effortlessly with newcomers, and the welcoming atmosphere is one of the event's greatest strengths. It's rare to see such a diverse

group gather with such genuine ease and hospitality.

The guests of honour are, without a doubt, the guys from the inside, accompanied by their driver. Their presence sparks meaningful, often profound, exchanges—conversations that linger long after the evening ends.

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Communitas member Colin McGregor has just released a book in French.

It is how a chance encounter with an inmate in a federal prison led Colin, a philosophy graduate and journalist sentenced to life imprisonment, to send a short, improvised article to Raymond Viger, publisher of the magazine Reflet de Société.

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Special thanks to the
editorial committee

- Bill
- Michele
- Lino
- Nico
- Leigh
- Steve (ex-officio)

THE SOU'WESTER

AWARDS

- For a second consecutive year Communitas was recognized with an award of \$1,500 from Christ Church Cathedral for Social Justice in 2025-2026





BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Meetings (7)

- 7 online meetings over the period 2025 - 2026:
- April 16, 2025
- Jun 26, 2025
- Aug 14, 2025
- Sep 24, 2025
- Nov 10, 2025
- Jan 23, 2026
- Mar 27, 2026



COORDINATION TEAM

(STEERING COMMITTEE)

Activities:

The Coordination Team was comprised of Jeri, Bill, and Michele.

They met every Monday morning via zoom to plan activities and ensure that everything was under control.

- The Coordination Team reported directly to the Board of Directors during the monthly BOD meeting.
- The Coordination Team met a total of 42 times during the year 2025-2026.

LOOKING BACK AT: FINANCES 2025-26

REVENUES

MONTHLY DONORS	\$ 8,731
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DONATIONS - FINANCIAL APPEAL (2025)	\$26,962
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DONATIONS - OTHER (Membership etc.)	\$ 5,258
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TOTAL	\$ 40,951
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LOOKING BACK AT: FINANCES 2025-26

EXPENSE ITEM

Coordination	\$ 26,111
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Office costs- Rent/Telcom/Equip.	\$ 7,271
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Professional services Bookkeeping	\$ 2,300
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Food & refreshments	\$ 4,282
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Supplies/Sou'Wester/Travel	\$ 1,339
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Insurance	\$ 3,503
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TOTAL	\$ 44,806
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COMMUNITAS
2025-2026
INCOME STATEMENT
for year ended
31 March 2026
Unaudited

	2025-2026
REVENUES	
DONATIONS & MEMBERSHIP FEES	38,659.18
INTEREST	20.18
Sub-Total	38,679.36
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Coordination	21,214.71
Professional fees	2,551.74
Rent	6,100.00
Telecommunications/Web Hosting	646.40
Office supplies & equipment	654.09
Telephone	1,035.90
Insurance	2,683.86
Printing & Editing & Mailing	784.95
Food and Refreshment	4,196.47
Transportation	63.00
Donations/Registration fees	254.60
Community Building W/S fees	750.00
Sub-Total	40,935.72
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	-2,256.36

COMMUNITAS
2025-2026
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 March 2026

ASSETS	TOTAL	
	CAD	CAD
SHORT TERM ASSETS		
Current Account	36,950.31	
Qualifying Share	5.00	
Total on Hand		36,955.31
Pre-paid Charges		1,861.10
Total Short Term Assets		38,816.41
TOTAL ASSETS		38,816.41
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payables		93.23
Accrued Liabilities		80.08
GST/HST paid on purchases		-723.08
QST paid on purchases		-1,404.19
Total Short Term Liabilities		-1,953.96
TOTAL LIABILITY		-1953.96
EQUITY		
Capital		
Retained Results from Prev. Exerc.		43,026.73
Net Earnings		-2,256.36
Total - Capital		40,770.37
TOTAL EQUITY		40,770.37
LIABILITY AND EQUITY		38,816.41

Communitas Budget	2025-2026	Budget Proposal 2026-2027
Expenses		
Salaries	26,634	26,947
Assistant Coordinator J	9,319	9,389
Assistant Coordinator B	17,315	17,557
Administrative Expenses	1,197	-
Insurance	3,000	3,690
Office Equipment	300	-
Rent & Utilities	6,504	6,336
Rent	6,000	6,000
Phone & Internet	504	336
Supplies, materials, postage, printing, etc.	2,000	1,800
Technical services (bookkeeping)	2,759	2,759
Volunteer Recruitment and Training		
Training/Appreciation	750	750
Communitas Activities		
Open Door		
Honoraria - Speakers	50	-
Refreshments	1,000	1,000
Drivers Reimbursement	120	600
Table Talk		
Food and Beverage	3,000	3,600
Fundraising event	1,000	1,000
Sacred Connections*	-	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,314	48,482
Projected Revenue		
Revenue Item		
Donations & Fundraising Target	30,000	30,000
TOTAL REVENUE	30,000	30,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	48,314	48,482
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT	- 18,314	- 18,482

* SACRED CONNECTIONS – Grant of \$4,980 applied for – Awaiting response



2026-27 CONSULTATION GOALS

- **Open Door 25th Anniversary**
- **Fundraising to be prioritized/Corporate grants...**
- **Continuation of Sacred Connections in 2026-2027**
- **Increased networking with other organizations**
- **Escort Drivers to be prioritized**
- **Increased visibility of Communitas in the public**