
2025 Annual Report



GREATER AUSTIN

MISSION SOCIETY

*A Year of Learning, Listening, and Laying
Foundations for Collaborative Mission in Austin*

**This report is a practice run for what annual reporting may become in the years ahead.*



2025 In Review

Our first annual summary reflects our desire for the Greater Austin Mission Society to grow into a people who pay attention to what God is doing and name it with humility.

Much of this year was foundational: ***researching the landscape, forming relationships, praying with leaders***, and taking ***small steps toward collaborative mission*** in Austin.



Our Focus

- Understanding the landscape
- Listening to leaders
- Identifying key gaps
- Piloting early approaches
- Building initial trust

Because we are still in our earliest stage, with most of the work carried out by just two people, our 2025 efforts were intentionally modest and focused more on learning the landscape than on producing large-scale impact. In every area, we focused on listening, mapping, discerning, and building the relationships that will shape our long-term strategy.

In **Intercession**, convening the ATX Kingdom Come gatherings, connecting with Diaspora prayer movements, and hosting our first GAMS huddle were small but meaningful steps that helped us understand the city's spiritual hunger and the leadership gaps that remain.

Leaders across Austin affirmed what we observed firsthand: intercession needs renewed fervor and emerging leaders, and our early engagement helped bring that reality into focus. Work in **Church Multiplication**, including coaching planters, supporting strategic projects, and analyzing regional networks, offered similar clarity.

What we found was stable church movements with limited interconnection, confirming the need for long-term unifying strategies. In **Evangelism**, our touchpoints with neighborhood groups, personal evangelism stories, and evangelistic leaders revealed a landscape rich in activity but thin in collaboration.



2025 in Review

Even with a small team and modest scope, God allowed us to see encouraging early signs of connection and clarity.

This same posture of seeking understanding guided our work in **Mercy and Justice, Faith and Work, Christian Institutions**, and **Leadership Development**. Researching Austin's nonprofit ecosystem and participating in the Good Works Community Summit gave us a clearer picture of passionate organizations that need a more up-to-date awareness of the city's context.

Our data contributed to flood response efforts through ServeSource, underscoring the need for this research. Engagement with Christian business leaders, marketplace evangelists, and ministries considering an Austin presence helped sharpen the faith-and-work picture.

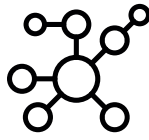
Conversations with Christian schools, early mapping of believers within higher education, and coaching for a new Christian university highlighted the promise of institutions that are present but not yet connected in mission. And dialogues with various leaders about our lack of a theologically orthodox seminary reminded us of how underdeveloped Austin's leadership pipeline remains.



Early Wins

- New relational bridges
- Strategic clarity gained
- First cross-ministry huddles
- Data put to real-world use

In each area, our work amounted to only a few drops in a very large bucket. Still, these early steps have given us a clearer sense of the city's gaps, the Church's opportunities, and the long-term strategy Greater Austin Mission Society is beginning to discern. They also helped us build the relational trust and shared understanding needed for future collaboration.

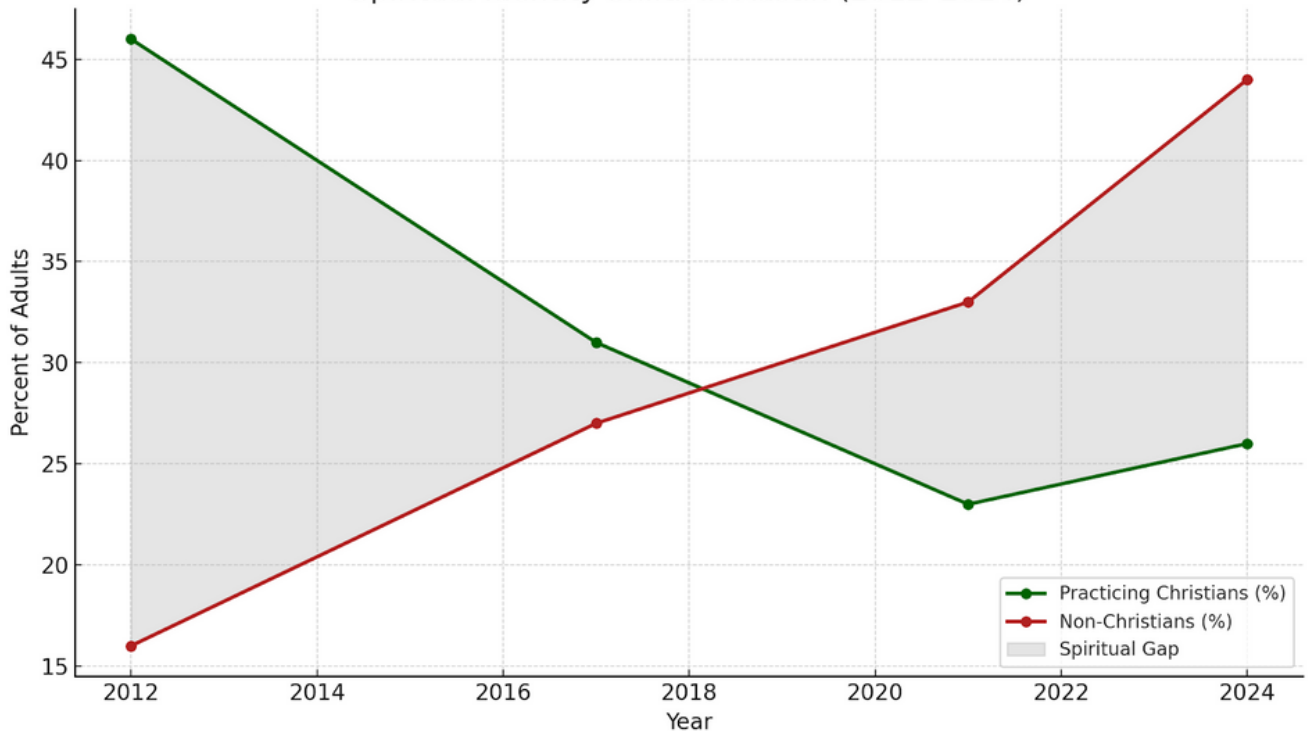


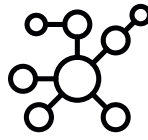
Austin Kingdom Ecosystem Analysis

We sought to understand the shape of ministry in Austin. We found a city with faithful churches, committed nonprofits, and emerging collaborations, but also the decline of Christian practice and places where the kingdom ecosystem is thin.

Ministries	Evaluation	Ministries	Evaluation
Intercession	Weak	Faith and Work	Average
Church Movements	Strong	Christian Institutions	Average
Evangelism	Weak	Leadership Training	Weak
Mercy and Justice	Average		

Spiritual Identity Shifts in Austin (2012-2024)

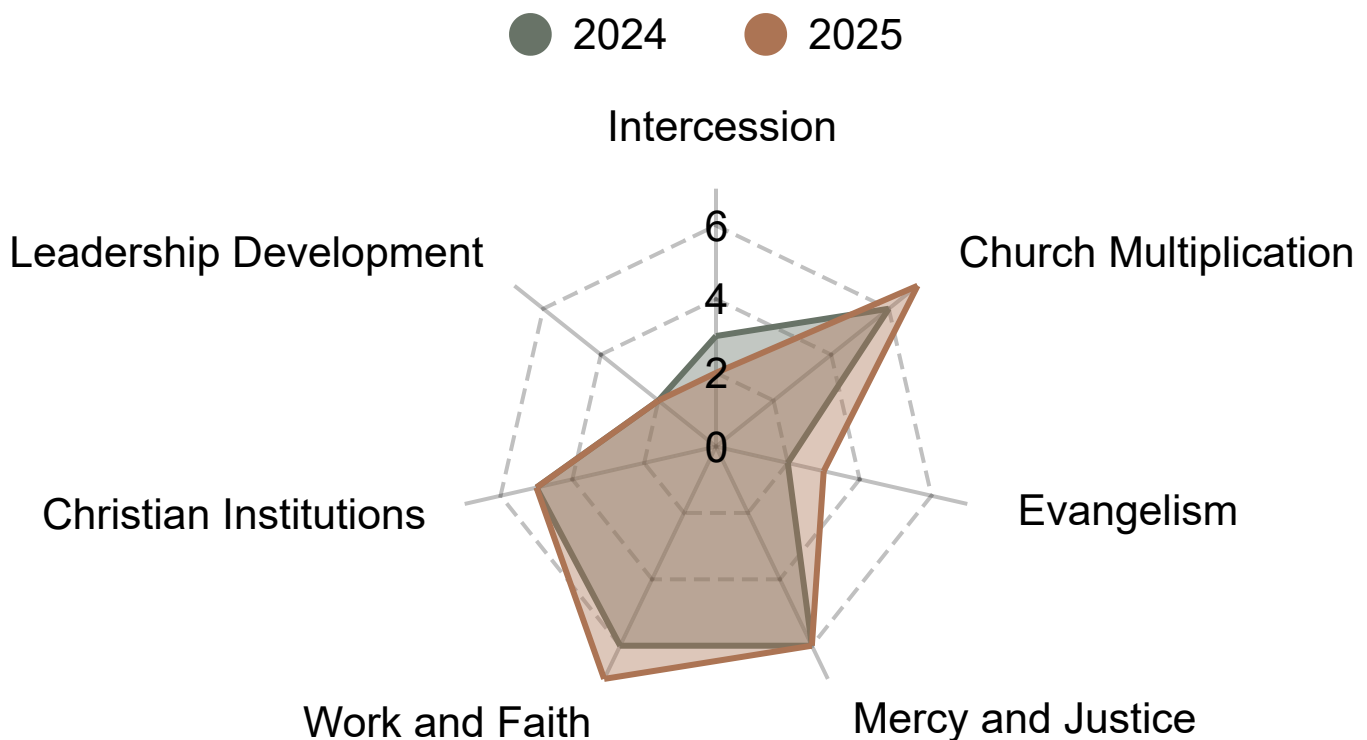




Austin Kingdom Ecosystem Analysis

Intercession and evangelism show a real need for renewed leadership. Leadership development remains one of the least-resourced sectors. And while church movements are strong, they often operate independently. These early patterns will influence where we listen more closely in 2026 and where we encourage leaders to pursue collaborative approaches..

2025 Ecosystem Strength Analysis



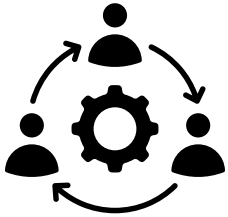
An initial view of relative ministry-sector strength to help map ecosystem change over time.

Over the next several years, we desire to see the strengths of the kingdom ecosystem in Austin maintained, and the weaknesses slowly become more robust. One organization can hardly make a dent, but together deliberately over time, we can see God change our city.

Greater Austin Mission Society: Core Areas of Focus

The focus of our organization is to pursue the mission and vision by **researching mission**, **fostering collaboration** in the kingdom, and **addressing gaps** in the city.

We trust the Spirit of God will move again in our city, and we want to help you understand the context of your part of the city. That means we're data-informed and Spirit-led while we keep an eye on demographics, history, and spiritual data trends.



We help churches, ministries, disciples, and leaders connect and collaborate to expand the kingdom. Gospel partnerships flow from the bedrock of relationships of trust, and we want to build bridges where we can.

We believe intercession, church planting, evangelism, mercy and justice, work and faith, Christian institutions, and leadership development are key components of city reaching. Through our research and collaboration, we aim to identify gaps and develop solutions to engage all of Austin.



2026 Outcomes

Researching Mission	Fostering Collaboration	Addressing Gaps
1,200+ Ministry Websites Reviewed	27 People Attended Huddles	11 Church Planters Trained
1,169 Churches in Austin Mapped	12 Institutions Connected	6 Strategy Sessions Facilitated
3 Organizations Used the Data	3 Sabbaticals Coached	7 Missionaries Supported
1 State of the City Report	4 Other Cities in Collaboration	2 Church Plants Strengthened

Each of these touchpoints helped us learn the landscape and build trust with leaders.



Researching Mission

Seeing Austin clearly so leaders can serve wisely.

Research is not simply data-gathering. It is a spiritual discipline of seeing our city clearly so that the Church can respond wisely. 2025 focused heavily on understanding the spiritual and organizational landscape of Greater Austin. By mapping ministries, analyzing demographic and spiritual trends, and building tools for leaders, we began to see our city more clearly. This is seedbed work for collaboration and discernment.

Key Deliverables	Illustrations of Use
State of the City Report	Providence Church used the demographic insights to shape their spiritual formation efforts.
Greater Austin Church Dashboard & Church Map	Serve Source used the GAMS church database to coordinate multi-county flood relief.
Church and Nonprofit Database	Three non-profits requested the data to gain insight into geographically proximate churches

“The State of the City Report helped us see that we’re really pastoring in two Austins at once: one rooted in long-standing Texan relationships and another fluent in a global, pluralistic city. That insight alone shaped how we think about discipleship and mission at Providence.”

Brad Watson, Pastor at Providence Church



Fostering Collaboration

Helping the church in Austin find one another.

Collaboration this year was relational and often quiet: prayer gatherings, coaching conversations, discernment meetings, shared meals, and planning rooms. Yet in those spaces, trust grew and connections formed. Leaders began to see that they were not alone in their calling.

Key Deliverables	Illustrations of Use
City-Reaching Framework	Disconnected ministries like Austin Classical School and Cornerstone were connected for collaboration
Prayer & Evangelism Huddle	Our first-ever gathering created an opportunity for evangelistic and intercessory leaders to connect, pray, and learn together
Diaspora Network Engagement	Diaspora pastors have a new connection point through Greater Austin Mission Society to majority churches
National Ministry Connections	Reliant and Mission Increase connected for future collaboration to strengthen non-profits nationally based on their common efforts in Austin

“As a longtime ministry leader in Austin, I left the Prayer and Evangelism Huddle deeply encouraged. It was a rare space where intercessors and evangelists listened to each other, prayed together, and realized we’re on the same team.”

Dave Jamerson, Director at E4 Missions



Addressing Gaps

Strengthening leaders and ministries where help is needed most.

Every city has places where the kingdom ecosystem is thin: leadership gaps, prayer gaps, planting gaps, discipleship gaps, and institutional gaps. This year, we tried to walk with leaders in those spaces, offering help and encouragement.

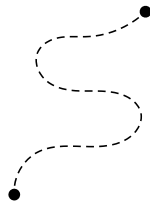
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Gap Analysis of Austin Kingdom Ecosystem	Many leaders were helped with a simple articulation of the overall ecosystem and found language for their intuition
Church Planting Pipeline Development	The Way and Capitol City Church strengthened identity and rhythms
Support for Workers Sent from Austin	Several missionaries received sabbatical care in transition and support in their field work

“Our sabbatical coaching with GAMS gave my wife and me space to process our years overseas and imagine what vocation and ministry could look like in Austin. We didn’t just land in a new city; we landed with clarity, care, and connections to keep serving.”

Nathan Jons, Returning Goer from Central Asia

“The coaching I’ve received through GAMS has been a lifeline in our planting journey. Todd didn’t just offer strategy. He opened his home, shared meals with our core team, and prayed with us. It has shaped both our church and my own ministry.”

Mitchell Johnson, Lead Pastor at The Way Church



Looking Ahead

A year of clarification, collaboration, and kingdom imagination.

2026 will shift from researching the landscape to walking it with others. This marks the Clarification Phase in our strategy: a year of listening, convening, and discerning with leaders across the city. The goal is not to launch programs but to notice what God is already doing and help churches understand how their work fits into the larger mission of Austin.

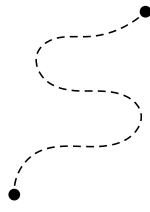
Scripture for 2026

“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9

Prayer Requests

- For God’s gracious provision for the needs of this new endeavor
- For a team of people who love Jesus and contribute to the vision and mission
- For the Spirit to direct every step of our work



Ministry Emphases in 2026

- Continue research, including the History of God's Activity in Austin
- Host Regional Listening Tables in four priority regions
- Strengthen church planting, evangelism, and intercession
- Help build bridges between diaspora and majority-culture churches
- Lay foundations for regional pathways and missionary care

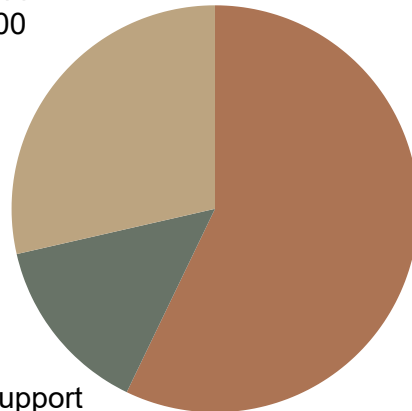
2026 Budget Needs

Program Support
12,000.00

The Greater Austin Mission Society is dependent upon voluntary association, which means our personnel are primarily support-raised.

Operational Support
6,000.00

Personnel Support
24,000.00



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