



19th PeaceWise Chair report for AGM 2026

Dear members of PeaceWise,

Good evening, and welcome to the 19th Annual General Meeting of PeaceWise.

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” – Psalm 100:4-5

As we gather, we do so first and foremost in a posture of gratitude to God, whose faithfulness sustains this ministry. The past year has been one marked by both encouragement and challenge, and in all things we recognise his provision, his guidance, and his continued work through PeaceWise.

Giving thanks for God’s faithfulness in the ministry

We give thanks for the continued opportunity to serve the Church and community through equipping people in peacemaking.

Over this past year, we have seen:

- Ongoing delivery of peacemaking training and resources, including online courses and ministry engagement
- Continued investment into new and emerging ministry expressions, including youth and children’s initiatives that are reaching the next generation
- Stories of God opening doors, deepening relationships, and strengthening the work of PeaceWise across contexts

We give thanks that the gospel of peace continues to go forward, sometimes with great force and sometimes quietly, yet always relationally and meaningfully.

Giving thanks in challenge and dependence

This year has also required trust in God through complexity and challenge.

We recognise:

- The ongoing need to strengthen financial sustainability, including careful planning, budgeting and forecasting for the future

- The reality of governance responsibilities, including audit processes, risk oversight, and accountability as stewards of what God has entrusted to us
- The demands of leadership and ministry care, recognising that those who serve in Christian leadership and ministry require intentional support, encouragement, and renewal

We thank God not only for the outcomes, but for the dependence these moments create in us as a Board, as a team, and as a ministry.

Board focus and strategic direction

As a Board, we have been intentional this year about strengthening our focus and clarity.

We give thanks for:

- The opportunity to gather as a Board for reflection, retreat, and forward planning, seeking God's direction for the next season
- Continued work to strengthen governance frameworks, including succession planning, committee structures, and board composition
- Discernment around future strategy, scalability, and partnerships, ensuring that PeaceWise remains both faithful and sustainable

We are reminded that governance is not merely structural, it is a spiritual responsibility to steward this ministry with wisdom and integrity, and we are reminded that unless the Lord builds the house our efforts are in vain. And so we seek to build only what he is building.

People and community

We give heartfelt thanks for the people God has brought together in and around PeaceWise:

- Our generous and gracious CEO and leadership team, for their faithfulness, perseverance, and servant-hearted leadership
- Our staff and ministry teams, who continue to invest deeply in people and relationships
- Our volunteers, supporters and partners for peace, whose encouragement, prayer and generosity sustain this work
- And our Board members, who carry responsibility with diligence, humility, and faith

We also acknowledge the role of corporate prayer and spiritual rhythm, including times of fasting and prayer as a ministry community, seeking God's wisdom and provision together. These times together have been a blessing and we have seen God's beautiful plans and even his miracles unfold, ministry be strengthened and the people of God be encouraged and convicted during these times. We continue to seek ways to steward that which God has entrusted us with faithfully whilst remaining in a posture of prayerful dependence on him.

Looking ahead with trust

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence, not in our plans alone, but in the God who leads us.

We recognise that:

- There is still work to do in strengthening financial resilience and operational clarity as we embed our big visionary goals in our strategic plan
- There is opportunity to grow our impact and reach, particularly as we develop, strengthen and expand the incredible resources we already have through training and partnerships
- There is a foundational requirement to remain deeply and authentically rooted in the gospel, ensuring that peace is not just a program, but a lived reality

Closing

In closing, we give thanks for what God has done, for what he is doing, and for what he will yet do. And we dare to pray with the Psalmist in Psalm 90:17,

“May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands...”

May we continue to be a ministry that reflects Christ’s peace, serves with humility, and walks faithfully in obedience to his calling.

Thank you.