



## 14 December 2025 Annual General Meeting

### Largs Church of the Nazarene Vision Statement

Largs Church of the Nazarene will fulfil our mission to make Christlike disciples, to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership, and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith, by focusing on hospitality, health, and holiness. *Hospitality* entails providing a welcoming safe space and fellowship at the Lord's table, while *health* includes promoting good stewardship of ourselves and our environment, and *holiness* is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act. Following the example of the early church in Acts 2, we believe that God will bless our efforts and empower us with the Holy Spirit to bring wholeness and healing to our community.

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AGM Pastors' Report 14 December 2025

To the family and friends of Largs Church of the Nazarene, greetings in the powerful name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Almost one year ago, on the 12th of January, we shared with the church during our Sunday morning service a promise that Pastor Steve had received during his morning devotional time pretty much every day since the New Year started, and that was this: 2025 will be the most meaningful year ever. Now, he made it clear that "most meaningful" didn't mean that it would be the easiest, or the happiest, necessarily. Certainly 2025 has had its challenges. But those challenges have been opportunities for our almighty, universe-creating, darkness-defeating God to keep and even to fulfill beyond expectation His promises to us--for our church, and for the individuals and families in it, and for the other churches in Largs, and for our community as well. God has led and empowered us, and God has done and is still doing things that we can't even imagine. And as we look back we can truly say "2025 was the most meaningful year we've ever seen."

And so we present this pastors' report, looking back at the year behind us and observing the current situation at Largs Church of the Nazarene, as we now are experiencing a time of growth and revival and excitement as we give thanks for what God is doing in the lives of our church family.

We have recently been blessed by the addition of fifteen new members in September and October, and we continue to follow the Lord's guidance as He provides for the growth of the Kingdom here in Largs. Our current church membership total is 37.

Attendance at our Sunday morning services and at Common Ground continues to strain the limits of our building. We are thankful not only for the faithful presence of those who have been a part of LargsNaz for some time, but also for so many new faces at our services and events. We have recently been actively researching available properties in the area and discussing with the District and our Board the situation and the possibilities before us. We know that God has a place for us and we look forward to finding it in its time. Meanwhile we appreciate so much the work of all those who keep our current building functioning and attractive.

In addition to being well-attended, our Sunday services are also Spirit-led thanks to God's presence, the openness of our congregation and the gifts of our dedicated

worship team, Liam and Alice Andrews, and Kerry Canning. They have truly transformed and energized our worship and we are so grateful to them.

Our services also continue to be recorded and uploaded to YouTube and followed internationally. Views of each of our services represent several hundred individuals, and content on our channel has acquired almost thirty-two thousand views since we began it in November of 2020. In 2025, our services were viewed approximately eight thousand times, and in the past month, just under 900 times. We have 118 subscribers, and we continue to praise God for the overwhelming response to our media and we are thankful for this technology and the way that it is being used to spread the good news. Our newly formed Social Media Team, headed up by Lorna McGonigal and Alice Andrews, and supported by Liam Andrews, Nathan McGonigal, Pastors Tasha and Steve and others, keep folks informed and inspired through the use of Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and other social media platforms. Our monthly also continues to be popular and effective way to communicate with our community.

During 2025, our hospitality ministry has continued to provide a model for churches on our district, our region, and around the world. Additional details are included in the Hospitality Ministry's separate report.

Our Thursday Common Ground community meals have been a valuable ministry to our community during 2025. The capacity crowd at our recent Thanksgiving meal is just one example of the overwhelming success of this outreach.

In August, we began our Wednesday Worship evening prayer meetings, with a new more contemplative and reflective tone as well as a time of worship, and these have been well-attended and much appreciated. We know that prayer is the lifeblood of any flourishing church, and we are blessed with a church family who appreciate the power of prayer and put it into action.

Some additional notable highlights of the past year include:

- Both Pastor Tasha and Pastor Steve were happy to participate in this year's NorthBreak District Holiday and we look forward to attending in the future.
- Once again, Pastors Tasha and Steve represented Largs Church of the Nazarene in the opening day parade at the Largs Viking Festival in August.
- Pastor Tasha wrote the "Thoughts for the Week" for the Largs and Millport News in September, and Pastor Steve provided them in November.

- We appreciate the allowance of time to visit our family in the States in February and June, and the special speakers who so filled our pulpit during that time. We also appreciate all of your prayers for Tasha's Dad, Mark, during his health challenges over the past year.
- Our congregants and viewers have expressed their appreciation for the teaching in several of our offered sermon series, such as Resolved, Lenten Virtues, The Rising Church, and On the Level.
- Pastor Steve continues to serve as a postgraduate advisor for the Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary.
- LargsNaz continued to enjoy a fruitful continuing relationship with the other churches in Largs District Churches Together in 2025, and we were happy to participate in many cooperative efforts, such as the service for the Week of Christian Unity, the Walk of Witness during Holy Week, the Taize Meditation service for Advent, and the Service of Light and Remembering, among others throughout the year. There is such cooperation and unity among the churches in our area and we are so grateful for it.

On a personal note, two items from the past year stand out from the rest. The first was Pastor Steve's ordination as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene at the District Assembly in Belfast in March. This was the culmination of years of preparation, study and experience, and it was a blessing to have reached this milestone during our time here in Largs. Secondly, one evening at the end of October at our Worship Wednesday meeting, we were so moved by the expressions of gratitude and encouragement that you all shared with us in celebration of Pastors' Appreciation Month. That is a memory that will sustain us for years to come, and we thank you for it.

We are looking forward to our seventh annual Christmas Community meal in just a few days from now. We are so grateful to the dozens of volunteers, both from our LargsNaz family and from the community, who will help to make the day a success. There are more details in the Hospitality Report. During the Advent and Christmas season, we also enjoyed our Yuletide Night event, and we were overwhelmed at the response to our Deck the Halls Saturday, at which so many adults and children fellowshiped and transformed our sanctuary into a festive and celebratory place. We look forward also to our Christmas Eve service in the days to come.

All of our ministries continue to be made possible by generous donations to LargsNaz and to the Hospitality Fund, and we want to take this opportunity to thank you again for supporting the church through your regular giving, donations, offerings and tithes. Our church also gives generously to the general Church of the Nazarene and to missions throughout the world because our church family gives generously to the work of the Kingdom. We gratefully acknowledge the refreshingly cooperative spirit of our new Treasurer, Elaine McKenzie-Smith, and thank her for her willingness to serve.

We also want to express our deep gratitude and appreciation to those faithful members our church board who have supported and facilitated the work of the Kingdom over this past year.

Finally, we dedicate this pastors' report to the memory of our dear brother Neil Morrison, whose encouraging spirit and faithful support were such a blessing not only to us as pastors but to the entire church. He will be missed, but we rejoice in his promotion to glory.

We believe that God has more in store for LargsNaz in 2026 than we can ask or imagine, and we are confident that God will continue to make a way for His church in this place and at this time. Just think what God can do next year, when we have witnessed what He has done during this most meaningful year ever.

Sincerely,

Pastors Tasha Alison and Steve Fountain

