

Fostering
peace, one
soul at
a time

2024

PACEM in TERRIS

HERMITAGE RETREAT CENTER

IMPACT REPORT



Our Mission *Pacem in Terris*, Latin for 'peace on earth,' is a hermitage retreat center founded in the Franciscan tradition of the Roman Catholic faith to provide a peaceful sanctuary where people of all faiths can be alone with God. Simple hermitages, nestled within the beauty of a natural wooded setting, provide silence, solitude, and an intimate space in which each guest may freely respond to God's invitation to "Be still and know that I am God" (PSALM 46:11).





CALM in THE STORM

Last year tested whether Pacem practices what we preach. Could Pacem maintain peace in the storm, especially the storms of August that damaged numerous buildings and toppled countless trees?

The answer is a resounding “yes” thanks to Pacem’s dedicated board, staff, many volunteers, benefactors, and the guests who continued to come. All of



Pacem’s roads and trails were blocked after the storms. Yet, within three days, we were able to begin accepting guests due to the many generous hands who helped clear a path.

The storm reflects the many “storms” that our guests bring to Pacem. Pacem is a place of prayer, healing, and peace. As part of our ministry, when guests arrive, we ask them for their prayer intentions and pray with them. Guests come facing storms related to work, health, relationships, marriage, discernment, loss, addiction, transitions, and many other factors.

At Pacem, they experience a space where they can shut off the chaos and the noise around them, so they can experience the peace, serenity, and love of God. The clamor of the world, news, our devices, and divisions threatens to steal our peace.

“I did a lot of walking and taking pictures of the devastation of the forest,” wrote Anne, a recent guest. “Surprisingly, the jagged edges and splits, the uprootedness seemed like the jaggedness and uprootedness that I have felt. It seems a battered forest is a comforting place for grief. Loss is part of the cycle, and spring emerges...”

All of the downed and broken trees remind us daily of the brokenness of the human condition, and the brokenness that so many of our

BALANCE sheet

ASSETS

Checking/Savings	\$179,734
Investments	\$1,677,173
Fixed Assets	\$1,625,784
Other Assets	\$270,076

Total Assets \$3,752,768

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$102,969
Equity	\$3,649,799

Total Liabilities and Equity
\$3,752,768

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIRMAN Aimee Bates

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER ... Tim Drake



guests bring to the Lord at Pacem. In the silence and the solitude of the hermitage, God enters into that brokenness, begins to heal it and transform it, reconciling us with ourselves and others.

Pacem encounters the impact that this ministry has on individual lives, relationships, marriages, and careers nearly every day. Those who stay at Pacem often share touching stories of their time at Pacem, like the one shared on the back cover of this report.

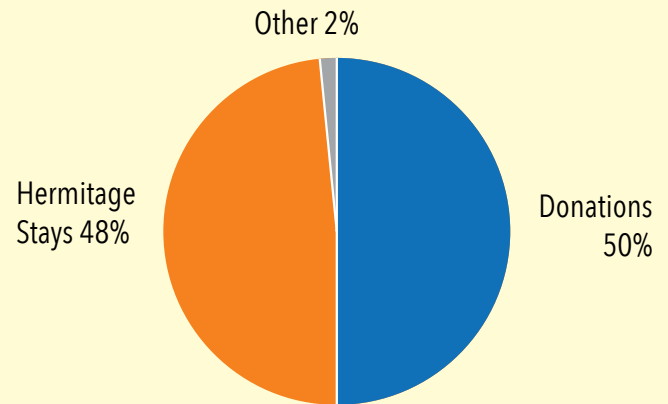
This is the lasting impact and the eternal legacy of Pacem in Terris.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry through your donations of time, talent, and treasure. We could not exist without you.

—TIM DRAKE,
Executive Director



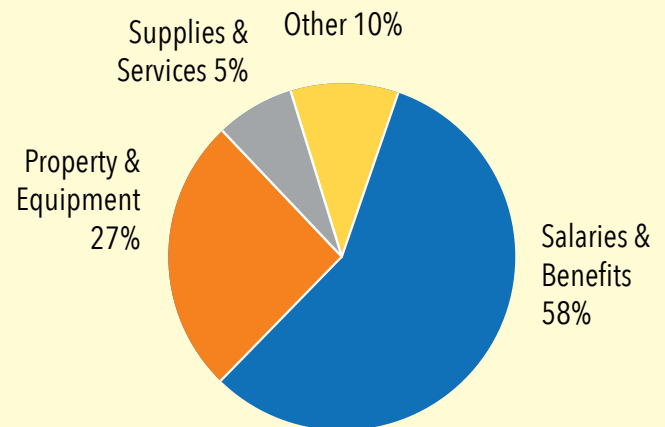
PACEM INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



2024 INCOME

Hermitage Income ...	\$345,785
Donations	\$359,262
Other	\$17,700

PACEM OPERATING EXPENSES



2024 EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$440,011
Property & Equipment	\$205,962
Supplies & Services	\$39,371
Other	\$79,704

JAN. - DEC 2024



✂️ *"THREE DAYS IN THIS HERMITAGE, THIS TOMB."* No

electricity, no running water, no sound. Three days hearing the rustle of every leaf, the wind passing through the oak branches and, loudest of all, the noise in my busy mind

and heart. Constantly interrupting, spoiled by the attention it usually gets, my mind interjects snippets of songs, to-do lists, and complaints of boredom.

Yes, three days in this tomb, because this is the kind of place that is deadly to 'self,' to the part of me that craves attention, control, and approval. But in this place, in the silence, the voice of Truth can be heard more clearly, and my pride has no answer. Here, everything is done with the Lord. Simple meals with the Lord, rest with the Lord, walks in the cold forest with the Lord. Watching shadows appear, and move, and lengthen, and blend together, and disappear again, with the Lord.

Resurrected from this tomb into a new day, yet another beginning of a new life. Silence and solitude embraced in daily life, small moments to hear His voice more clearly. All in the Lord's will, all in the Lord's providence.

—THIS WHOLE LIFE PODCAST,
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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At a Glance

We had

1090

hermits stay with us for a total of

2240

nights

493

First time guests

137

Out of state guests

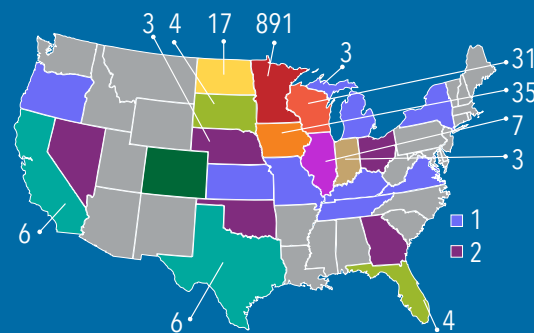
Furthest traveling hermit:

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, CANADA

1963 miles away

hermits BY STATE

Jan. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024



OUT OF THE COUNTRY

Steinbach, Manitoba, Canada – 1

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada – 1