

Fostering
peace, one
soul at
a time



2025

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).





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BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

Checking/Savings	\$173,264.71
Investments	\$1,866,366.34
Fixed Assets	\$1,508,793.71
Other Assets	\$257,728.76
Total Assets	\$3,806,153.52

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	\$120,709.96
Equity	\$3,685,443.56
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$3,806,153.52

PRESERVING & PROTECTING PACEM'S MISSION

Pacem founder Shirley Wanchena used to tell guests, “If you’re going to come spend time alone with God, you should expect a battle. There’s someone who doesn’t want you to do that.”

Numerous guests over the years have shared stories with us of how the good plans they make to get to Pacem are often upset by

setbacks, car issues, unexpected life events, and more.

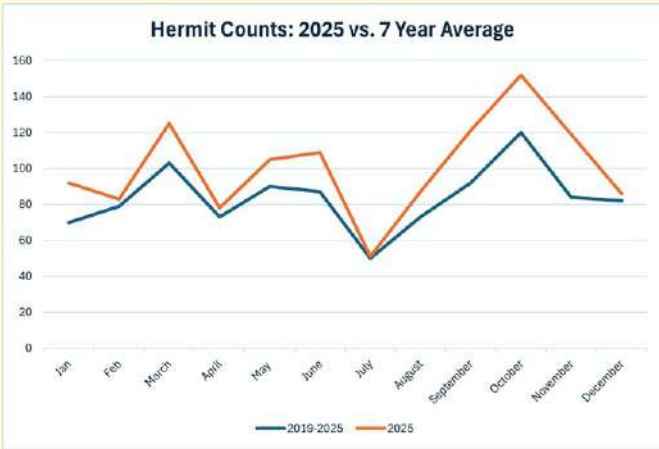
The author C.S. Lewis, in his book *Mere Christianity*, described the world as “enemy-occupied territory,” and said that each of us is born on a battlefield. We fight against our fallen nature, temptations, and fallen angels.

2025 was a year of battle for Pacem.

Pacem’s mission is to provide a place where individuals can come be alone with God in the silence and solitude of a beautiful hermitage setting. That mission came under serious threat by potential development nearby which would have drastically impacted the silence of Pacem’s holy grounds.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIR	Aimee Bates
VICE CHAIR	Bryan Bademan
SECRETARY/ TREASURER	Julie Carnahan
Fr. Mark Innocenti, Tom Klein, Barbara Koch, Tamra Schmitt, Tricia Walz	
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/ EX-OFFICIO MEMBER ...	Tim Drake



Through prayer, faith, perseverance, committed neighbors, and legal representation, Pacem was able to oppose the threat. In the end, after seven months of county meetings and public input, the threat dissolved in a way we couldn't have foreseen. Ultimately, God prevailed.

Pacem's battle, at its heart, is the battle each one of us wages daily—a battle for faithfulness to our calling.

The good news is that Christ has already won the battle. He was victorious over evil and death. He is Risen! May He help us to be victorious over the large and small battles we face each day.

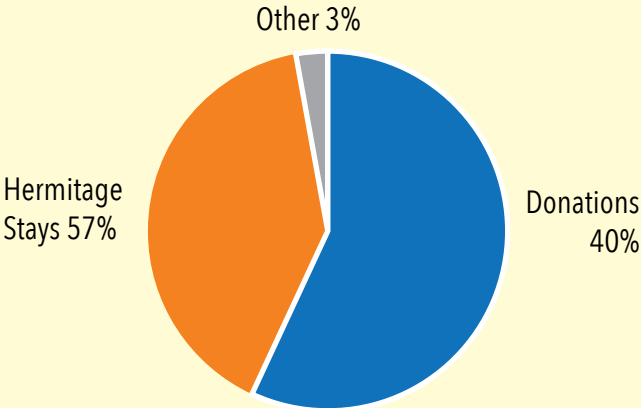
Not only were we surprised the threat was resolved, but in the midst of it all, Pacem received more guests than it has ever received in our history. Guest numbers between July and December shattered not only 2024's numbers, but also our 7-year average, leading to a total of 1,208 guests during the year (see graph above).

In 2026, we are preparing to publicly launch Pacem's 3-year Capital Campaign "Share Pacem, Share Peace." We ask you to prepare for that campaign with your prayers, and to participate in it by sharing Pacem and sharing with Pacem. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

—TIM DRAKE,
Executive Director



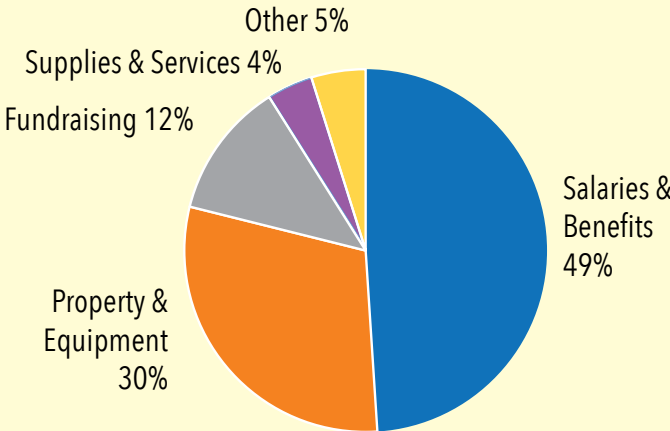
PACEM INCOME FROM OPERATIONS



2025 INCOME

Hermitage Income ...	\$287,861.00
Donations	\$201,030.19
Other	\$16,650.00

PACEM OPERATING EXPENSES



2025 EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$502,371.77
Property & Equipment	\$313,017.77
Fundraising	\$132,082.43
Other	\$48,424.59
Supplies & Services	\$36,568.06

JAN - DEC 2025



✧ MY WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY EXPRESS my gratitude to you for donating this time to me at no present cost. My parents are making a donation for their gratitude in seeing me at such peace. My mom was in tears. I watched the sunrise every day since Friday and it is so invigorating. I feel the presence of Jesus in a new way! In a very tangible way He has made my heart his home and in this silence I can hear him. Away from all the noise! It took a bit, which is why I requested an extra day. I felt God calling me into even deeper rest. My body has felt the pain of all the weight I'm carrying. I'm going through physical therapy for the way my body braced itself due to multiple traumas.

For the first time ever, my body was able to completely relax with each new renewed breath the Holy Spirit gave me. And He will continue to sustain me! This land is holy. God gifted me with sunshine every day! He filled me. I am now able to love even more, to see Jesus in others, to live in continued balance. THANK YOU!

With love,
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PACEM in TERRIS

At a Glance

We had

1208

hermits stay with us for a total of

2548

nights

580

First time guests

154

Out of state guests

Furthest traveling hermit:

REDMOND, OREGON

1730 miles away

HERMITS BY STATE

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, 2025

