

Stewardship & Project Update

Newsletter | July 2025

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Dear RUC Family and Friends,

Thank you for your faithful generosity and ongoing support of Rosebank Union Church. Through your giving, we can further the mission of God in our city and beyond. This newsletter is designed to provide you with transparent updates on our finances, key projects, and specific developments of the church.

Financial Snapshot

1. Giving and expenses overview: Year-to-Date January to June 2025

Please see the video message that was aired on Sunday 20 July 2025 if you could not join us at RUC on that day.

Rosebank Union Church						
Summary management accounts						
Report for the 6 month period ended 30 June 2025						
	Jan - Mar 2025 R'000	Apr - Jun 2025 R'000	6 months ended 30 June 2025 R'000	6 months ended 30 June 2024 R'000	Budget R'000	Variance (negative) positive R'000
Income - offerings			13 196	12 078	14 340	(1 144)
Other income			161	128	134	27
Total income	7 022	6 336	13 357	12 206	14 474	(1 117)
Expenses	6 888	7 113	14 001	12 173	14 257	256
Operating (deficit) surplus	134	(777)	(644)	33	217	(861)
Capital expenditure items			131			
Net deficit after capex			(775)			
Hospitality income			401			
Overall deficit as of 30 June 2025			(374)			
Offerings increase in 2025 over 2024			9.3%			
Expenses - percentage of income given to outside ministry			21.7%			

- Total tithes & offerings received amounted to R13.196 million for the 6 months. This compares favourably to the prior year's equivalent period and is an increase of R1.118 million. As explained at the BGM in November last year, the increased activities of RUC have created additional expenses and to meet this, the budget income for the six months ended June 2025 is R14.340 million so there is a shortfall of R1.114 million against budget.

Expenses are R256 000 under budget for the 6-month period. Included in the R14.001 million spent to date is the successful holiday club held recently, and we are pleased with every aspect of our mission, outreach, and ministry activities that RUC has undertaken to date.

We are left with an operating deficit of R644 000 for the first six months. This increases to R775 000 after capital expenditure to date. The capital expenditure for 2025 does not include the aircon project (see information on projects below) as this was to be done from the 2024 financial year surplus.

Our intention is that church expenses are covered by tithes and offerings, leaving the surplus from hospitality (rental of premises) to be used for refresh projects and other capital expenditure. Year to date, the hospitality surplus is being used to partly cover the operating deficit so we would like to see additional giving over the next few months to address this deficit.

2. Expenses

The table below reflects the broad categories of how each R100 of the R14 million expenses in the first six months of 2025 has been spent.

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How we spent each R100 of offerings received			Rand
External mission and outreach			21
Personnel costs			60
Ministry expenses			4
Administration and Campus			15
			100

RUC is blessed to be able to spend R21 of each R100 on external mission and outreach. This relates to the 15 missionaries we support spreading the gospel in other parts of the world, the church plant for Lesedi Community Church in Alexandra bringing the gospel to that community, the development of pastors and bible teachers at Johannesburg Bible College Alexandra Campus and evangelism and spiritual care and guidance for students at Wits through our Campus Outreach team.

Ministry expenses are the funds we spend on Worship (including music and streaming), Care, Counselling, NextGen, Discipleship and Mission related activities. Our personnel costs relate to the execution of these ministries and include certain staff that engage in administration and campus work.

3. Financial Health Commentary

We remain capable of building God's kingdom and making disciples of Jesus through each person's or family's support and 'first fruit' giving to the Lord. Thank you for honouring the Lord with the first fruits of your harvest. (Proverbs 3:19). We remain prudent in our spending and are governing and monitoring to ensure financial sustainability across all ministries.

Projects & Developments

Current Initiatives:

- *Auditorium HVAC system (heating, ventilation, and cooling system)*

On behalf of the EGB, I apologise for the delay in the installation of the new air-conditioning system. Our contractor has let us down and has recently indicated that the original quote will be significantly more. We are frustrated with this additional cost of R1.1 million sprung on us at this late stage. We have not committed to this but are taking steps to ensure that the installation is professionally designed, executed, and costed before we move forward. We will keep members informed.

Rooftop aircon (HVAC)			Rand
Original quote			1 319 261
Already paid for the two aircon units (on site)			780 373
Balance expected for installation			538 888
Revised installation quote increase in the last week			1 152 000
New quote for installation			2 471 261

This large project has highlighted the need for specific dedicated skills on our part to ensure that these types of projects are properly governed and executed. We are looking for one or two members who could assist us in this endeavour. Please contact Roy Campbell if you would like to know more.

- *Save a Seat Campaign*

Thank you, thank you, and again Thank you. Over the past few months, we have received contributions to this project over and above your ongoing giving. The fund is now at R471 777 and while the total refurbishment of all seats is going to cost an estimated R1.6 million, we have enough funds to commence the project in the next few months and start refurbishing specific seating blocks in the auditorium.

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Save a seat campaign : Collected to date	R	471 777
Approximate number of seats that can be refurbished now		315
Gospel spreading opportunities (i.e. seats) still available		785

- *Connexus (current bookshop area)*

The bookshop, operated and owned by CBD, will be closing at the end of July. The leadership has decided that this space will be better utilized for a member connection space. The space will be revamped in August and by September, members should be able to experience the improved benefits of engagement and information.

- *Lighting, Audio and Video*

We continue to focus on important requirements to enhance our lighting, audio, and video. Our current Sunday worship streaming on YouTube is watched live by up to 200 people and there are around 800 views over the week. We need to spend around R250 000 this year to maintain our edge in proclaiming God's word and worshipping Him. This can be done from the Hospitality surplus provided our income from tithes and offerings meets our operating expenses.

Potential upcoming projects:

- No further projects are planned for 2025. At the BGM member meeting in November, we will share plans for 2026 and beyond.

Kingdom Impact

Johannesburg Bible College Alexandra



RUC has supported this college situated for the benefit of Alexandra residents over the past four years. RUC has channeled the Thanksgiving Offering of November 2024 (around R200 000) as well as R150 000 from general funds to date to this external ministry partner. We currently have a number of members who provide direct financial support to JBC Alex, and we thank every contributor to this partnership ministry. We do need additional patron support for this work. If you feel led to provide additional financial support to this kingdom building and community changing ministry initiative, please contact Roy Campbell (Treasurer) using the contact details below. For more information, please see www.jbc.org.za

Mission Support Highlights

<https://missions.ruc.org.za/>

We celebrate stories from our missionaries in the field, demonstrating the power of the gospel in action around the world. Be sure to stay in touch with our monthly MIMO announcements (Missionary of the Month) where you can hear firsthand from our awesome missionaries that you support.

Local Community Ministry: Rays of Hope (Alexandra care and support partner ministry)

Please remember the Warm-up Alex campaign that is being run by Rays of Hope. For more details see www.raysofhope.co.za



How You Can Participate

- **First and foremost, Pray with us and for us:** Please remember our weekly prayer meetings at 9:15 am and 4:15 pm every Sunday. In addition, we have a weekly prayer meeting in the Prayer Room from 7 – 8 am each Saturday. Mission prayer is an online prayer meeting from 7 – 8 am on each Thursday.

"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results" – James 5:16 NLT

- **Give Online:** www.ruc.org.za/give Our banking details for EFT's are set out on the website. Please remember to reference your EFT if this is for special projects such as Save a Seat. All other income is applied to the overall activities of the Church which include 21% being used on external mission and outreach.

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Please contact the relevant ministry leaders (details on website). We welcome everyone's input into the work of the church. If you want to know more about the specific skills and service that we are looking for, please reach out to us via email or contact Neerasha (reception) and she can arrange for someone to speak to you.

Upcoming Dates

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Notes</i>
16, 23 and 30 July	Winter workshops at RUC	Three streams to choose from – please see website for details. Become extra knowledgeable - you can learn biblical Greek at RUC!
20 and 27 July and 3 August	James series – last three weeks	The book of James provides valuable streetwise guidance on Christian living. Be sure to get the full benefit of this in the last three weeks. Previous messages are available on the website.
10 August 2025	Isaiah series starts again	Our senior pastor, Richard van Lieshout returns from sabbatical and will be preaching on this day as he brings us back into the book of Isaiah.

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Blessings to you all.

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