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ANNUAL REPORT

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UNITE BOSTON

*Nurturing Unity Among Diverse Christians
For the Flourishing of the City*

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ACTIVE PEACEBUILDING FOR A DIVIDED WORLD

“If we have no peace, it’s because we’ve forgotten we belong to one another” - Mother Teresa

The profound division, polarization, and violence in our world today can often feel overwhelming. However, we believe God has equipped UniteBoston ‘for such a time as this.’ UniteBoston sets a wide and hospitable table that reaches across monocultural, siloed communities to foster collaborative gospel mission, reconciliation, and justice. By honestly reckoning with the causes of division and courageously tending to the wounds that keep the Body of Christ apart, we are learning how Christians can live as ambassadors of reconciliation, demonstrating in word and deed that the way of Jesus has the power to heal even the most entrenched divides.

It has been a joy for me to see signs of this deep unity, reconciliation, and repair taking place through UniteBoston this year. Our Beloved Community Lab has become a vital training ground where sixteen diverse local pastors and leaders are piloting our curriculum—learning to embody neighbor-love through the lenses of belovedness, diversity, reconciliation, justice, and shalom. Our Boston Sankofa Journey Cohort is recording the stories of twelve Black Christian leaders whose faith in Jesus has fueled the work of racial justice in our beloved city. We’ve also witnessed the power of collaborative action through our United Gospel Experience Tour with 100+ young adults and our Boston Flourish gathering, which convened over 275 leaders to tackle critical issues like next-generation engagement, trauma healing, and civic engagement. We have expanded our personnel to match our program growth and are thrilled to now have two full-time staff members driving UniteBoston’s mission forward on a daily basis.

Thank you for being part of this movement; your participation and giving make all of these vital programs possible. We are deeply grateful to journey alongside so many Christians who are walking in the way of Jesus as everyday peacemakers!



Rev. Kelly Fassett
Executive Director

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 BY THE NUMBERS

3,900 - APPROX # OF PEOPLE WHO VISIT OUR WEBSITE MONTHLY; AN INCREASE OF 50% FROM 2024

49% - GROWTH IN OUR ANNUAL BUDGET FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 TO 2025

275 - NUMBER OF ATTENDEES AT THE BOSTON FLOURISH CONFERENCE

31 - PASTORS AND LEADERS IN OUR UNITEBOSTON LEARNING COHORTS

100 - STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN OUR UNITED GOSPEL CHOIR TOUR FROM FIVE CAMPUSES

LAUNCHING THE BOSTON IMMIGRANT RESOURCE DASHBOARD (BIRD)



“Too often, we’re sending families to services that are already full. With BIRD, we finally have a clear, real-time picture of what’s available. This dashboard equips all of us to better serve our immigrant neighbors.”

— Pastor Melinda Priest

Over the past two years, UniteBoston has been part of convening a team of faith-based, nonprofit, and city partners to build the Boston Immigrant Resource Dashboard (BIRD). This is a brand-new, real-time, online platform to share up-to-date information on services such as ESOL classes, legal aid, and workforce development. It uses a simple green/yellow/red light system to show what’s currently available — saving time and helping us connect immigrants to the support they need faster.

We’d love to have you and your community involved! You can learn more or request access at www.birdboston.org.

Together, we can build a strong network of care and support for our immigrant neighbors and live out the Biblical command to welcome those who are displaced or seeking refuge (Lev 19:34, Deut. 10:19).

A PICTURE SAYS A THOUSAND WORDS



UB’s Sankofa Cohort is cultivating a common memory and nurturing the spiritual vitality that has sustained the Black freedom movement, rooted in the liberating heart of the gospel.



More than 200 people gathered outside the ICE detention facility in Burlington to proclaim the Good News of Jesus’ birth at a Christmas Eve service



This dedicated group of local pastors in our Civic Engagement Cohort has modeled active peacebuilding by remaining in steadfast relationship through a particularly divisive political climate

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING



Revs. Kelly Fassett and Devlin Scott joined clergy and faith leaders from across the city at Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu's [Morning of Hope](#)



This incredible group of pastors and leaders are a pilot cohort for our [Beloved Community Lab](#), a new curriculum we're developing to equip people to live as witnesses to the reconciling love of Christ



"Facilitating the Civic Engagement Cohort has been a holy practice—creating sacred space where pastors can listen deeply, speak honestly, and move beyond polarization as they discern faithful ways to engage civic life together. I witnessed how Kingdom Conversations fostered trust, deepened pastoral courage, increased mutual affection, and equipped clergy to engage civic life with greater humility, theological clarity, and relational resilience across significant differences."

— **Shelton Oakley Hersey, Dialogue Consultant and Spiritual Director**



"In the Beloved Community Lab, I have seen how UniteBoston provides a space for people to encounter one another amid our diverse perspectives. Learning to engage in dialogue across differences is essential for the spiritual formation of the Church today. I am grateful for UniteBoston's leadership in walking alongside others in this task."

— **Rev. Dr. Daniel Montanez, Center for Public Theology and Migration**



"Thank you UniteBoston for promoting our event! We were very happy with the attendance, as at least 60% were not from Highrock. Working with Unite Boston helps us to be a part of God's work in greater Boston. Thank you for your ministry!"

— **Rev. Joe Marcucci, Pastor of Outreach, Highrock Church**



"As a UCC pastor, I am grateful for Unite Boston's ability to cultivate a genuinely broad table, bringing together people from different neighborhoods, traditions, generations, and perspectives; often with very different lived experiences, to engage hard topics with respect, curiosity, and genuine listening. It's a rare space where folks listen without yelling, dismissing, or trying to win the conversation. Thank you, UB. You are a real gift to the city."

— **Rev. Philomena Hare, First Congregational Church of Wareham**



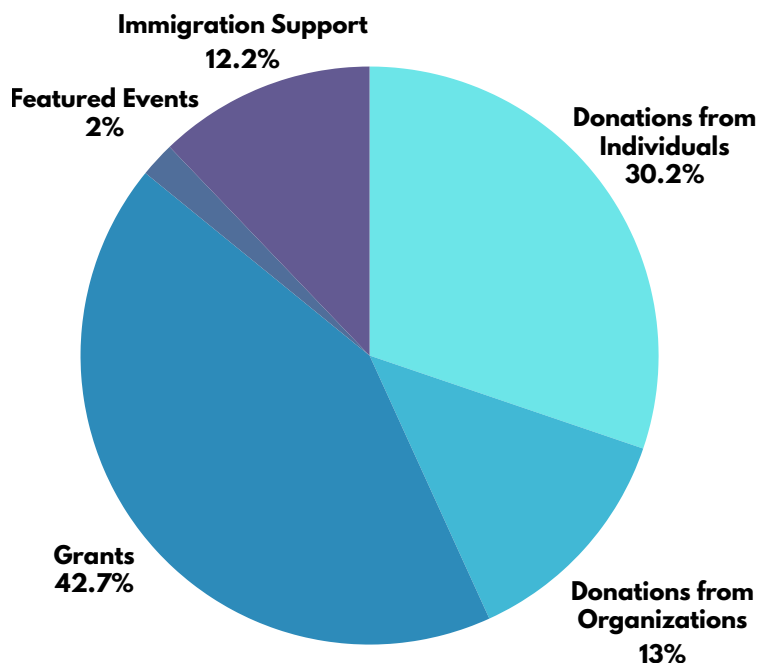
"Unite Boston provides a space where people who express a commitment to follow Jesus can engage with one another despite our differences. In particular, the Beloved Community Lab has given me an opportunity to better understand others and to understand myself better as well. It has equipped me to better love my brothers and sisters in Christ and my neighbors who are not yet followers of Jesus."

— **Rev. Rocklyn Clarke, Life Church Boston**

2025 FINANCIAL REPORT

REVENUE

In 2025, UniteBoston's revenue was supported by a diverse range of contributions. Donations from individuals amounted to \$84,000, while donations from organizations totaled \$36,095. Grants provided a substantial portion of our funding, with \$118,643 received. Featured events generated \$5,460, and immigration support was \$33,805. Overall, our total revenue for the year reached \$279,153, reflecting the generous support of individuals, organizations, and community partners who continue to believe in our mission.



EXPENSES

In 2025, UniteBoston's expenditures totaled \$267,112. Office and administrative costs were \$23,832, while program planning and execution accounted for \$142,040. Prayer and worship programs cost \$32,879, and cohort program costs were \$35,761. Immigration relief amounted to \$32,600.

UniteBoston's Net Operating Income for Fiscal Year 2025 was \$12,815

