



# ACOMI 2025 Annual General Meeting

February 22, 2026





# Board Chair's Remarks



Good afternoon, our esteemed community leaders, affiliates and partners ,

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you all to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the African Communities of Manitoba Inc. Today, we gather not merely as an organization, but as a community to review the progress we have collectively made in improving the wellbeing of our people.

I stand before you proud and genuinely delighted about the steady and continuous progress that ACOMI achieved in 2025. We have remained on the path of sustained and consistent group by running programs that impact the community positively.





As we acknowledge the amazing work accomplished in 2025, I want to specifically address our affiliate members. You are the heart of our umbrella organization. I enjoin you to work more closely with ACOMI management to take full advantage of our many programs and services. But more than that, I encourage you to play a more active role in the governance of ACOMI by ensuring your representatives are fully engaged in the ACOMI Steering Committee. Your voice, your perspective, and your participation are essential to our collective success. Together we can build a more peaceful, united, inclusive, thriving and prosperous community, like we usually say here at ACOMI, “Together we are stronger”



On behalf of the Board and management of ACOMI, I once again welcome you all to this AGM and thank our Funders, community partners and affiliates, volunteers and staff for helping to make 2025 a memorable and impactful year for ACOMI and our community.

Thank You.

Rene Tondji-Simen- ACOMI Board Chair





# Agenda

**Call to Order**

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# Institutional Capacity Building

You will recall that as part of building our institutional capacity, the organization took the strategic and significant decision of appointing a substantive, full-time Executive Director. In 2025, we took another major step forward by expanding our human resources, hiring three new full-time staff members:

Ghirmai Alli, Program Assistant and Seniors Program Coordinator  
Christiana Ogunlana, Program Coordinator in charge of Youth Program and Volunteers

Cyrille Kevin Tchoubweng Njeubong, Bilingual Administrative Assistant and Office Manager

Within a short period, we are already seeing the immense benefits of having a dedicated team to handle our programs. We have seen the reinvigoration of our Seniors program, the strengthening of our school-based "All That Kids Can Be" program, a notable increase in the number of volunteers, and an enhanced capacity to communicate with and serve our Francophone community. ACOMI now has a team of 6 full-time staff.





Through the ACOMI We Belong project, we provided support to these groups and worked with arts organizations to expand opportunities for Black youths in the Arts. We supported aspiring young artists to exhibit their works, started drumming classes in schools, and provided mentorship opportunities in the arts sector.



Part of our cultural programming also included our 2025 Black History Month activities. We hosted the 3rd edition of our annual Arts and Storytelling Exhibition, held pop-up exhibitions in schools and major organizations, and organized our first-ever Traditional Drumming and Storytelling Festival, as well as traditional board games, reaching over 1,000 visitors at these events.

The success of these events once again placed ACOMI as the leading organization in promoting and preserving African culture and Black heritage in Manitoba. It is little wonder that in 2025, ACOMI received substantial donations of artworks and artifacts originating from Lesotho, Tanzania, northern Nigeria (Kano), Ghana, Cameroon, and Congo.



# ACOMI Seniors Program: Nourish & Connect

In 2025, we launched our Nourish & Connect Seniors Food Project with the support of Community Food Centres Canada. Through this initiative, we have engaged over 140 participants from at least 14 different African countries in a variety of culturally appropriate activities. We offered workshops on nutrition and financial literacy and hosted cultural experiences like traditional coffee and tea ceremonies. Community outings to events like Folklorama and the theatre ensured seniors remained actively engaged and connected.



The significant progress in this area can be attributed, in no small measure, to having a dedicated staff member as Seniors Coordinator, ensuring we are able to run sustained programming for our seniors. We plan to expand this program in 2026 to reach even more seniors in our community



# Youth Programming: Empowering the Next Generation

Our youth programming received a major boost in 2025 with the hiring of a new Youth Coordinator, which allowed us to strengthen the after-school component of the All That Kids Can Be program.

Through the support of United Way, we commenced our twice-a-week program at Grant Park High School, involving a homework club and cultural programming. At Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, we started a cultural program with drumming classes.

In addition, we continued our summer job program with 4 young people and ran a 4-week Summer Camp with over 40 children. With a revamped youth program, we plan to constitute a Youth Council from our affiliates to further empower our young people to achieve their potential.



# Financial Literacy and Entrepreneurship Support

We strengthened and sustained our partnership with SEED Winnipeg to offer free income tax filing services and financial literacy workshops to members of the community. In 2025, we helped 920 individuals file their taxes, ensuring they received the benefits they were entitled to.



To promote Black entrepreneurship, ACOMI served as a steering committee member of the Manitoba Government's Black Entrepreneurs and Small Business Program, which provided grants of between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to Black entrepreneurs.



# Financial Growth and Sustainability

One of the strategic goals of our current plan is to increase the number of grants we receive, seek increased funding from our current donors, and secure multi-year grants. I am happy to report that we made significant progress in this regard in 2025.



We received 11 grants, of which three were multi-year grants, ranging from 2 to 4 years. This has helped ensure that some of our core programs can be sustained for greater impact. While we are still far from full financial sustainability, ACOMI, through its fundraising efforts in 2025, is steadily on the path to financial growth. Our plan is not only to raise funds for ACOMI but also to be in a position to provide funding to our affiliates.



# Advocacy

A key part of our advocacy efforts in 2025 was to ensure we are in the best possible position to advocate for more resources and create greater opportunities for our community. We focused on building local partnerships and amplifying our voice nationally.

We have formed strategic partnerships in different sectors in Manitoba, while at the same time, our national presence grew significantly through participation in three major conferences in Edmonton and Calgary. These events allowed us to contribute to critical conversations on Black mental health, community reimagining, and systems change.

By combining these local partnerships with a stronger national presence, we are repositioning ACOMI to better advocate for the funding and new opportunities that will benefit our community most.



# ACOMI RESOURCE CENTRES

Through the support of Manitoba Housing, we continued to provide programming support for the Manitoba Housing Tenants group in six buildings at our Kennedy street location while at the Nassau street, we have program space for trainings and community meeting. These two locations have allowed us to serve our community and members of other ethno-cultural communities.



## Output and Reach

In summary, in 2025, over 5,500 people benefited from our different programs. We received more than 10 requests for affiliate membership and over 70 volunteer applications, a strong indication of the impact we are making in the community.

These accomplishments would not have been achieved without the generous support of our funders. We are grateful for their support and continued faith in our work.



# Our Funders:

The Winnipeg Foundation

United Way

Government of Canada – Multiculturalism and Anti-Racism Program (MARP)

Canadian Heritage

Prosper Canada (SEED Winnipeg)

Supporting Black Canadian Communities Initiative (SBCCI)

Community Food Centres Canada

Canada Summer Jobs

Manitoba Housing



# Conclusion

2025 was a great year for ACOMI- a year of building on our foundation, expanding our team, and deepening our impact. The progress we have made in cultural programming, our work with seniors and youth, and our financial growth are all testaments to what we can achieve together. We therefore acknowledge the immense contributions of our affiliates, the dedication of our staff and volunteers, and the support of our Board of Directors.



But our work is far from over. The needs within our community continue to grow, and ACOMI remains committed to rising to meet those needs. We will continue to strive for excellence, to advocate for equity and inclusion, and to build a stronger, more united African community in Manitoba.

Together, let us make 2026 an even better year for our community.

Thank you.





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# FINANCIAL REPORT



**Frank Indome**  
**ACOMI Treasurer**

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Report for Period:  
October 1<sup>st</sup>. 2024 – September 30<sup>th</sup>. 2025

## Statement of Financial Position



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## Income Statement

	<u>30. Sep 2025</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	
Rental Income	4,035.00
Bank Interest / Investments	11,068.72
Grants	604,129.30
Donations	25,990.84
Membership Dues	2,300.00
Folklorama - Income	<u>41,292.02</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>688,815.88</u>
<b>Expense</b>	
Rent Expense	38,868.07
Insurance	5,527.70
Interest and Bank Charges	2,244.72
Business Licenses	90.00
Meeting Expenses	113.69
Moving and Storage	1,554.79
Office Supplies	1,691.50
Program Expenses	82,952.69
Professional Fees	140.00
Folklorama Expenses	43,916.38
Awards and Grants	500.00
Rental Expense	550.00
Repairs and Maintenance	2,891.23
Salaries and Wages	221,652.20
Staff Development	3,091.87
Volunteer Expenses	551.58
Utilities	<u>5,916.12</u>
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>412,052.54</u>

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT



## Financial Position

	<u>30 Sep 25</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Winnipeg Foundation Endowment	74,348.34
ACU - Relief	0.30
PayPal	219.37
ACU Savings Account	68,412.99
Petty Cash	335.52
RBC Chequeing Account	775,781.69
RBC GIC Account	41,367.64
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>960,465.85</b>
Accounts Receivable	
Contributions Receivable	
Grant Receivable	5,000.00
<b>Total Contributions Receivable</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
Other Current Assets	
Intangible Asset Under Dev.	7,915.96
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>7,915.96</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>973,381.81</b>
Fixed Assets	
Vehicles	
A/A - Vehicles	-40,122.89
Vehicles - Other	56,634.76
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>16,511.87</b>
Computer Equipment - Laptop	
A/A - Computer Equipment	-22,957.43
Computer Equipment - Laptop - Other	27,714.01
<b>Total Computer Equipment - Laptop</b>	<b>4,756.58</b>
<b>Computer Equipment - Desktop</b>	<b>4,856.84</b>
Furniture and Equipment	
A/A - Furniture and Equipment	-21,489.42
Furniture and Equipment - Other	51,951.51

<b>Total Furniture and Equipment</b>	<b>30,462.09</b>
Folklorama Equipment	
A/A - Folklorama Equipment	-522.14
Folklorama Equipment - Other	884.38
<b>Total Folklorama Equipment</b>	<b>362.24</b>
Accum Depr - Leasehold Imps	
A/A - Leasehold Improvements	-30,938.00
Accum Depr - Leasehold Imps - Other	103,126.66
<b>Total Accum Depr - Leasehold Imps</b>	<b>72,188.66</b>
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>129,138.28</b>
Other Assets	
Refundable Deposit	25,000.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1,127,520.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	3,000.00
Grants Payable	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
Other Current Liabilities	
Deferred Revenue - Restricted	59,880.54
Accrued Expenses	8,075.33
Deferred Revenue	74,090.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>142,025.87</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>145,025.87</b>
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Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	705,730.88
Net Income	276,763.34
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>982,494.22</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>1,127,520.09</b>



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# Summary of Financial Position

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I humbly move a motion for the approval of this AGM report.