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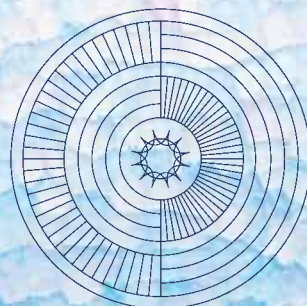
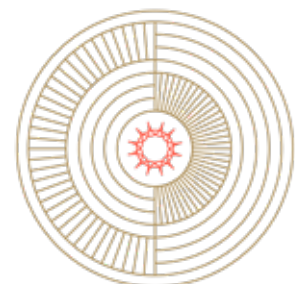


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The mission of the Swedenborg Foundation is to foster an affirmative, informed, and increasingly broad engagement with the theological message disclosed by Emanuel Swedenborg.

Founded in New York City in 1849 as the American Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, we have been dedicated to making Emanuel Swedenborg’s thought as widely available as possible. Originally, that meant distributing his books for the lowest cost possible, but in 1928 (the same year our name changed to the Swedenborg Foundation), our mission expanded to include publishing books about his ideas. Since our founding, we have sold or given away millions of books, pamphlets, and other informational materials. In entering the digital age, we have embraced new forms of communication, but our goals remain the same: to reach out, to inform, and to inspire.

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Message from the Board President

The writings of Emanuel Swedenborg insist on the fractal nature of existence: the same spiritual story repeats at every scale. Human spiritual history, the Lord’s journey in the Gospels, and each person’s process of spiritual rebirth are the same conversation told at different magnifications. This is especially clear in his teaching on the degrees of the neighbor: how we treat individuals mirrors how communities, nations, and churches relate.



This lens has helped me reflect on the Swedenborg Foundation. Institutions, like people, move through seasons of continuity, renewal, self-examination, and growth. Their health is expressed through the care, trust, and shared purpose that animate their work.

We are grounded in enduring strengths: a mission carried forward since 1849, a robust catalog of theological and collateral literature, a devoted staff, and a generous community. We have been reinforced by a generous gift from the Brickman Family Foundation, whose support has expanded our capacity to advance our mission with expanded programming. This year has also included a thoughtful period of leadership transition and organizational reflection, with an Acting CEO in place and strong alignment between Board and staff. Throughout this time, the work of the Foundation has continued with clarity, energy, and shared purpose.

Looking ahead, the path before us is full of promise. Opportunities for growth continue to emerge, and we are well-positioned to meet people where they are while remaining grounded in our core purpose. My hope is that as a Foundation, we continue to embody a living commitment to the neighbor, handling all with the same spirit that led Swedenborg to call himself “Domini servo,” a “servant of the Lord.”

Rev. Christopher Augustus Barber

Board President, Swedenborg Foundation

Message From The Acting CEO

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with deep gratitude and pride in what we have accomplished together at the Swedenborg Foundation. We expanded our programming in ways that brought fresh voices and perspectives into conversation with Swedenborg's enduring ideas, and we were thrilled to introduce several new book releases that continue to carry this work forward to new audiences. Each initiative reflects our shared commitment to thoughtful scholarship, spiritual exploration, and broad accessibility.

None of this would have been possible without the extraordinary vote of confidence we received from the Brickman Family Foundation. Their partnership affirms the importance of our mission at a time when thoughtful, spiritually grounded dialogue is deeply needed.

On behalf of our entire staff and Board of Directors, I extend our heartfelt thanks to the Brickman family. Your belief in this work strengthens and inspires us every day. We are honored by your trust and energized to continue building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Tim Bilger

Acting CEO



Foundation through the Decades

Celebrating 175 years of the Swedenborg Foundation

I. The Missionary Press: 1850–1927

IN 1850, AS THE AMERICAN Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society, the mission was to simply translate, print, and distribute. The goal was to keep Swedenborg’s writings in print and translated into English for America.

II. Collateral Works: 1928–1960s

IN 1928, THE FOUNDATION EXPANDED its charter to include “collateral works” defined as books not written by Swedenborg but engaging with his thought. This era was shaped by the publication of authors like Helen Keller, connecting Swedenborg’s ideas and the broader public.


III. Documentaries and the Chrysalis Era: 1980s–1996

IN THE 1980S, THE FOUNDATION began experimenting with film and documentary production. This decade also saw the launch of the *Chrysalis Reader*, a journal that eventually became its own imprint.

IV. The New Century Edition: 2000–Present

THE NEW CENTURY EDITION LAUNCHED in 2000 with the publication of [*Heaven and Hell*](#). The objective was to produce the first translation of Swedenborg’s eighteenth-century Latin writings using a unified set of scholarly standards with new readers in mind.

V. YouTube & Swedenborg-Inspired Works: 2013–Present

IN 2013, THE FOUNDATION ACQUIRED the Off The [Left Eye YouTube channel](#) to meet people searching online for answers. Alongside this digital expansion, the Foundation continues publishing Swedenborg-inspired works by contemporary authors, keeping the tradition of publishing alive for a new generation of readers. 

New Board Members

Tammy Upham began her career as a staff engineer at National Steel and Shipbuilding Company before moving into management consulting at Arthur D. Little, Inc. and Electronic Data Systems (EDS), where she focused on supply chain management and operations improvement.

A lifelong active member of the Congregational Church, Tammy first encountered Swedenborg's *Heaven and Hell* in 2003 and became a supporter of the Foundation in 2012 after discovering the Off The Left Eye YouTube channel. She has since been a dedicated advocate for the Foundation's mission of making Swedenborg's ideas accessible to contemporary audiences. Outside her professional life, Tammy has served on the board of the Greenwich Land Trust and held leadership roles with the First Congregational Church of Greenwich, United Way of Greenwich, SoundWaters, and the Town of Greenwich. She currently works as a part-time realtor in southwest Florida and spends summers in northern Michigan with her husband Richard and their three adult sons.



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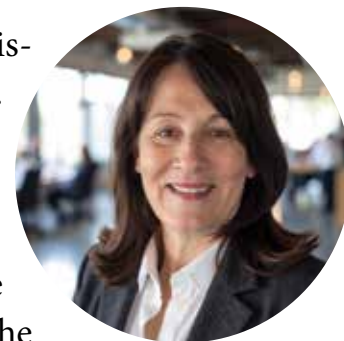
Bradley Sheahan is a retired financial planner based in Southport, North Carolina. Prior to retirement, Brad spent twenty-two years as the President and CEO for Calvert Wealth Management, Inc., a fee-based financial planning and investment management firm, located in Dunkirk, Maryland. Since retirement, he has channeled his energy into Swedenborgian research. The knowledge he has gained led him to write explanations for different chapters of the Bible for the New Christian Bible Study Project.

Brad is the proud father of three wonderful girls; grandfather to four rambunctious and energetic grandchildren; and has been married for forty-one years to the most loving and supportive wife, Kimberly. In his community, he volunteers with local nonprofit organizations and enjoys the game of pickleball.



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Rev. Carla Friedrich is an ordained Swedenborgian minister in the Swedenborgian Church of North America (SCNA). She attended Morning Star Chapel in Atlanta, GA with Rev. Ray Silverman and hosted house church in Macon, GA for nine years with Pastor Mark Perry.



After seminary (2001-2005), she served as a pastor at the New Church of San Diego and later at the New Church of the Southwest Desert in Silver City, NM. Carla has held various committee roles, serving on the board of In Company With Angels, Council of Ministers and Communications Support Unit of the SCNA, and The Center for Swedenborgian Studies. She currently serves as minister of Chrysalis Retreat Center and Swedenborg Sanctuary of Deland, FL, holding Bible and Book Study in the Wildwood area of Central Florida. Her focus and delight is learning the dynamics and technology for creating videos for Swedenborgian outreach online under the title “Green Gospel”. She spends her spare time visiting her three daughters and five grandchildren across the US in Texas, Alaska, and Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Vincent Roy-Di Piazza is a historian of science, religion, and political economy, currently based in Finland. He completed his PhD in History at the University of Oxford, and is also a former graduate of the Sorbonne and of the École normale supérieure in Paris, France. He has a longstanding scholarly interest in Swedenborg’s life, ideas, and posterity.



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New Staff Members

Kyle Rose joined the video production team in 2025 and quickly made himself indispensable. As an editor and motion graphics designer, Kyle brings a strong creative instinct for crafting engaging intros, dynamic visuals, and the small but critical moments that hook viewers from the start. His work



has added a fresh level of energy and polish to our video content, helping us not just produce more, but hold attention longer.

Just as important, Kyle has been a natural fit with the programming team from day one: collaborative, adaptable, and always ready to jump in, whether that means assisting on a shoot or helping shape an idea in real time. He's also brought a sense of humor and momentum to the day-to-day work that makes the whole operation more enjoyable and productive.

Richard Daum joined the Swedenborg Foundation's online programming team as a moderator for The NDE Files and the Off The Left Eye YouTube and Facebook communities. With more than thirty years of professional experience in Information Technology, including roles as Assistant Director and Director, and a B.S. in Communications, cum laude, from Temple University, Rich brings both professional depth and a steady hand to the role.



A longtime resident of the Bryn Athyn area, Rich came to the Foundation through a lifelong engagement with Swedenborg's writings and a deep passion for sharing the ideas with all who love the Lord and the neighbor. 🍷

Publishing

The Swedenborg Foundation's Publishing team had a dynamic and productive year in 2025, advancing both its publishing program and its long-term strategy for connecting readers with Swedenborg's ideas.

The year began with the release of [*Secrets of Heaven Volume 9*](#) and the return of the deluxe edition of [*Heaven and Hell*](#) to print, ensuring continued access to foundational Swedenborgian texts. A major highlight of the year was the publication of [*Opening the Inner World:*](#)

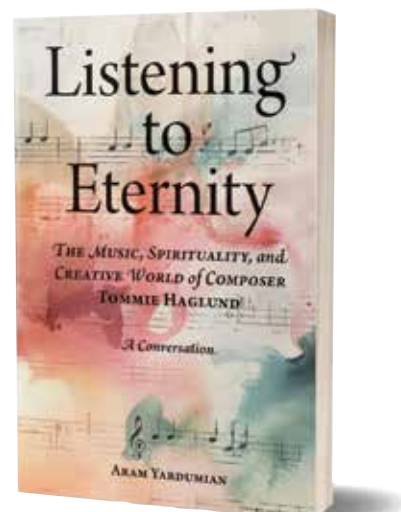


[*Spiritual Healing, Internal Family Systems, and Emanuel Swedenborg*](#) in May. The book resonated strongly with readers, becoming the Foundation's top-selling title of the year with more than 900 copies sold. Its reach extended well beyond print with podcast appearances, including a feature on [*New Thinking Allowed*](#), generating more than 25,000 YouTube views and introducing new readers to Swedenborg's insights on inner life.

In September, the Foundation released [*Listening to Eternity: The Music, Spirituality, and Creative World of Composer Tommie Haglund*](#), accompanied by a coordinated marketing campaign that included advance review distribution through NetGalley, promotional videos, and targeted outreach to readers and supporters.

Behind the scenes, the Publishing team also took important steps to strengthen the Foundation's long-term publishing infrastructure. The organization transitioned its relationship with the Chicago Distribution Center to give the Foundation greater control over its book data and marketing information. At the same time, internal systems for tracking titles, inventory, and publishing workflows were significantly upgraded.

These developments are part of a broader strategy to build a more direct relationship with readers. Looking ahead, the Foundation is preparing to implement new digital tools and a direct-to-consumer platform in 2026, positioning the publishing program for sustainable growth and deeper engagement with the global Swedenborg community.



New Century Edition

[*The New Century Edition \(NCE\)*](#) translation project continued its steady progress in 2025, bringing the Swedenborg Foundation closer to completing the release of its modern English translation of Emanuel Swedenborg's monumental [*Secrets of Heaven*](#).

During the year, [*Volumes 9 and 10 of Secrets of Heaven*](#) were published, marking an important milestone in the multi-decade translation effort. Production continues to move forward, with Volume 11 submitted to the printer and Volume 12's interior completed by the end of the year.



The Foundation also continued work on deluxe reprints of key NCE volumes, including [Secrets of Heaven Volume 1](#), [True Christianity Volume 1](#), and *Divine Love and Wisdom* in a new edition, ensuring that readers and collectors have access to durable and beautifully produced editions of Swedenborg's works.

Accessibility and global reach remain central priorities for the NCE project. In 2025, the Foundation began formalizing a licensing agreement with New Christian Bible Study, enabling them to continue hosting free NCE PDFs and supporting the translation of Swedenborg's writings into additional languages.

To help scholars and theological institutions more easily recognize the nature of [Secrets of Heaven](#) volumes, the Foundation introduced a new emblem on the cover of Portable volumes to identify NCE titles as Bible commentary. This addition helps to strengthen the series' positioning within academic and theological contexts.

Looking ahead, translator and Series Editor Jonathan Rose continues the intensive editorial work required to complete the [Secrets of Heaven](#) series. By the end of 2025, he had completed the translation edit of Volume 14 and had already begun work on Volume 15—the final volume in the series—keeping the project on track toward its long-awaited completion.

Publication Pipeline

In 2025 we released four print titles: [Secrets of Heaven Volume 9](#) (January) and [Volume 10](#) (October), [Opening the Inner World: Spiritual Healing, Internal Family Systems, and Emanuel Swedenborg](#) (May), and [Listening to Eternity: The Music, Spirituality, and Creative World of Composer Tommie Haglund](#) (September), as well as new audiobooks for [True Christianity Volume 1](#) (February) and Volume 2 (August).

Looking ahead, 2026 will see the release of *Secrets of Heaven* Volumes [11](#), [12](#), and [13](#), as well as an audiobook version of *Opening the Inner World* and the new title *My Entire Humanity: Essays on Swedenborg's Spiritual Process and Our Own*, a collection of posthumous essays by the Rev. Dr. George F. Dole.

SALES AND FREE DOWNLOADS

TOP SELLING Print Books by Units Sold	TOP SELLING eBooks by Units Sold
<i>Opening the Inner World</i>	<i>Opening the Inner World</i>
<i>Heaven and Hell Portable</i>	<i>Heaven and Hell Portable</i>
<i>Heaven and Hell Deluxe</i>	<i>The Presence of Other Worlds</i>
<i>A Swedenborg Sampler</i>	<i>Secrets of Heaven Volume 1 Portable</i>
<i>Secrets of Heaven Volume 1 Portable</i>	<i>Swedenborg and Esoteric Islam</i>

TOTAL AUDIOBOOK UNIT SALES FOR 2025

1,365 (a lovely 401 increase from 964 in 2024). This increase likely reflects our new presence on Author’s Republic as well as the release of the [*True Christianity audiobooks*](#).

TOTAL FREE DOWNLOADS FROM WEBSITE

In 2025, we recorded 45,690 free downloads, with 12,912 of those being NCE titles (up from 7,121 NCE downloads in 2024). Though slightly lower than 45,814 in 2024, this steady activity highlights ongoing engagement with our online resources. 🌸

TOP DOWNLOADED Titles	NUMBER OF DOWNLOADS
<i>Heaven and Hell (RSE)</i>	3,878
<i>Heaven and Hell Portable</i>	2,272
<i>Secrets of Heaven Volume 1</i>	1,801
<i>Arcana Coelestia (RSE)</i>	1,664

Off The Left Eye Network

2025 marked the launch of a bold new initiative to expand the Foundation’s reach and bring Swedenborg’s writings to new worldwide audiences. Dubbed the Off The Left Eye Network, this project emerged from a dynamic partnership between the Programming and Marketing/AI departments—combining creative vision with data-driven strategy to launch a suite of new channels, each designed to meet audiences where they already are.

The premise is simple: vast audiences already exist who are asking the questions Swedenborg answers and the Off The Left Eye Network is designed to close that gap by using data to identify where those audiences are, creating content that earns their trust, and opening the door to everything the Foundation has to offer. Early results have been extraordinary, and we are encouraged by what they suggest for the years ahead.

The NDE Files

Our first new channel illustrates what becomes possible when human creativity and artificial intelligence work in true partnership. By deploying AI for early-stage research, identifying audience gaps, analyzing content trends, and mapping Swedenborg’s teachings to emerging interests, our staff were freed to focus on what they do best: writing and producing content that deeply resonates with viewers.

The result was [The NDE Files](#), a channel targeting the large YouTube audience drawn to near-death experience content and searching for the kind of spiritual framework that Swedenborg uniquely provides. Our first season launched in late September, generating nearly 500,000 views in 3 months.

Off The Left Eye en Español

We also launched a [Spanish-language channel](#), using AI translation software, quality-checked by a native speaker, extending our reach to an audience long drawn to our content but with limited ways to access it. This has resulted in one hundred translated videos, nearly fifty thousand new views, and a steady stream of viewer comments describing genuine, positive life-change as a result of encountering Swedenborg’s ideas in their own language.

Off The Left Eye Main Channel

Our flagship [Swedenborg and Life](#) podcast continued to grow through careful refinement of titles, thumbnails, and content strategy. Several episodes surpassed 50,000 views during the year, with one reaching 195,000, a clear signal that audiences are hungry to explore Swedenborg’s message in depth. Total viewership for the main channel reached 2.2 million for the year.

Comments from Viewers

“I love these videos and the teachings of Swedenborg that you share! I have grown spiritually so much since I found this channel! I have had a hunger to know God more since I was a young person, but this is the FIRST time I feel that I’ve found answers! Thank you!”

“Your channel has helped me attain the certainty that my parents (who passed on to the other side in 2016 and 2018, respectively) really are both okay. I wouldn’t have this feeling of certainty without the knowledge and guidance shared by your channel. Thank you so much for everything you guys are doing. It means the world to me.”

“I absolutely align with this perspective! I am very grateful to God for leading my footsteps to discover Emanuel Swedenborg’s experiences through this channel. For once you see & believe that GOD is real.”

“I sent this video to a friend. She responded back after watching this. . . ‘Now all of my questions have been answered. I have no more. I am a very happy person. Where has this guy been all my life? I sure could have used him many years ago. Thank you.’ What a blessing you all are!”

“Swedenborg’s writings are like a lifeboat for me in this sea of despair I’m going through in life. Without his writing I would be lost in hopelessness with nothing to hope for after my life here is complete. Whenever I’m going through a rough time I always come back to these YouTube videos, they give me hope that in the next life everything will work out for the better.”

“This video completely changed how I see Jesus’ teachings. I never realized the parables were like hidden blueprints for the afterlife, patiently waiting for us to grow ready to understand them. It’s humbling to think that heaven is not just a destination, but a living process unfolding inside of us every day. Thank you for opening up a whole new way of seeing the Kingdom of Heaven—this message is life-changing!”

“I love the writings of Emanuel Swedenborg. His writings speak to my heart and rational mind. I am healthier in all ways because of the lessons in his writings and because of the discussions on OTLE. I listen to OTLE just about every day.”

OFF THE LEFT EYE NETWORK Performance (2025)		
Channel	Viewership	Engagement (likes, comments, shares)
Off The Left Eye	2.2M	129K
Off The Left Eye en Español (NEW)	49K	1.1K
The NDE Files (NEW)	465K	30K
Heaven and Hell Facebook	6.5M	100K
Other Social Media	108K	36K

Artificial Intelligence

In 2025, the Swedenborg Foundation took meaningful steps to ensure that artificial intelligence serves our mission rather than defines it. As a small organization with a global reach, we have always relied on the creativity, dedication, and commitment of our team members to accomplish more than our size might suggest. This year, we deepened that tradition by embracing what we call “co-intelligence”: a model in which humans and AI work in genuine partnership, each contributing what they do best.

Thoughtful AI usage is a thread woven through nearly everything we do, from how we reach new audiences to how we share Swedenborg’s teachings, and care for the communities we serve around the world.

We are clear-eyed about both the promise and the risks of artificial intelligence. In that spirit, we established a formal AI board subcommittee, charged with working alongside our Chief AI Officer to develop policies that ensure the safe, ethical, and secure use of AI across the organization. This governance structure reflects our conviction that thoughtful oversight is not an obstacle to innovation, but a condition of it.

Our vision is to be known as an organization that is AI-forward while remaining deeply committed to preserving human agency and value. We have no inter-

est in automation for its own sake. What draws us to these tools is the possibility of scale, the opportunity for a small, mission-driven team to extend its care and reach to more people, in more places, without sacrificing the quality and authenticity that have always defined our work.

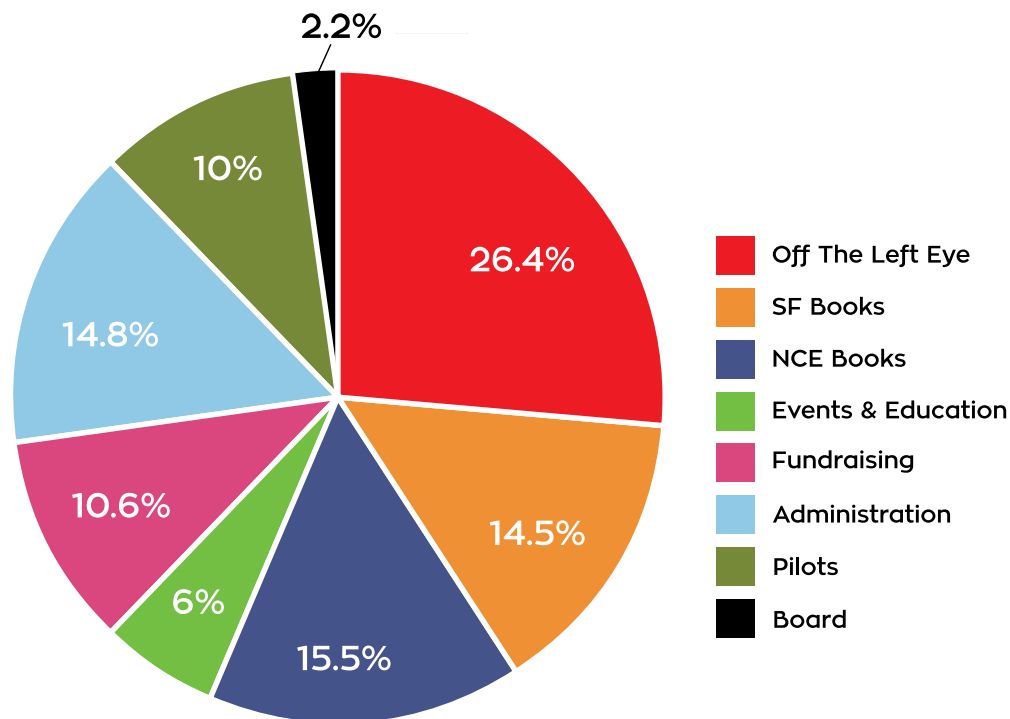
As we move forward, we remain anchored to a simple aspiration: AI for good, in service of human flourishing, and always in alignment with the values that have guided the Swedenborg Foundation for more than 175 years. 🍷

Finances

With the introduction of a restricted fund, we created a Pilots program to responsibly track the use of new funding. All labor, equipment, and supplies needed to expand Off The Left Eye into the Off The Left Eye Network were categorized under this program. The restricted fund also supported the hosting of live events, and we look forward to the development of online courses.

Functional Expenses

More than seventy percent of our overall spending goes into program-related expenses. The following is a breakdown of our major programs. For a more detailed breakdown by program of our expenses, please see the Statement of Functional Expenses chart.



Swedenborg Foundation, Inc. Statement of Functional Expenses January–December 2025

	PROGRAM SERVICES						SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES				GRAND TOTAL	
	Pilots	Events & Ed.	Off The Left Eye	Book Dist.-NCE	Book Dist.-SF	Total	Fund-raising	General Admin.	Board	Total		
Expenses												
Labor	301,144	139,368	603,571	428,285	377,836	\$1,850,204	263,645	340,192			\$603,837	\$2,454,041
Facilities			44,084		6,668	\$50,752	921	5,277			\$6,198	\$59,950
General & Administrative		5,328	4,980	131	1,854	\$12,293	14,899	21,622	267		\$36,788	\$49,081
Sales & Marketing		1,341	129,757	351	3,343	\$134,792	1,128				\$1,128	\$135,920
Events & Travel		39,493	3,276		1,726	\$44,495	16,920	686	13,219		\$30,825	\$75,320
Book Publishing				35,858	38,672	\$74,530					-	\$74,530
Professional Services & Fees	4,000	500				\$4,500	9,418	19,283	945		\$29,646	\$34,146
Software and IP		23	21,020	2,020	5,235	\$28,298	15,978	14,033	4,917		\$34,928	\$63,226
IT		187	(4,124)	3,032	5,464	\$4,559	274	23,489			\$23,763	\$28,322
Total Expenses	\$305,144	\$186,240	\$802,564	\$469,677	\$440,798	\$2,204,423	\$323,183	\$424,582	\$19,348	\$767,113	\$2,971,536	
Other Expenses												
Investment Fees									47,139		\$47,139	\$47,139
Depreciation			\$2,136	\$2,048		\$4,184		25,806			\$28,806	\$29,990
Total Other Expenses	-	-	\$2,136	\$2,048		\$4,184	-	\$25,806	\$47,139	\$72,945	\$77,129	
Net Expenses	\$305,144	\$186,240	\$804,700	\$471,725	\$440,798	\$2,208,607	\$323,183	\$450,388	\$66,487	\$840,058	\$3,048,665	

Income

The Foundation received strong support this year, with nearly \$3 million in donations including a significant gift from the Brickman Family Foundation. Additional contributions came through memberships, growing engagement via the Off The Left Eye YouTube community, and participation in event programs like the INflow retreat. Investment income provided significant added stability, and book sales continue to contribute to overall revenue.

Total gifts for the year included \$2,958,745 in donations, and approximately \$34,500 in total memberships. The first INflow retreat generated \$6,750 in event revenue. Additional funds include \$1,381,951 in investment income and \$53,925 in book sales.


INVESTMENTS AND ENDOWMENT MANAGEMENT

The Foundation continues to take a disciplined, long-term approach to managing its endowment. The vast majority of assets are professionally managed by Mercer in a diversified portfolio of cost-efficient index funds, reflecting a continued shift away from real estate holdings. Real estate investments now represent a minimal share of the portfolio, allowing for greater flexibility and alignment with our overall strategy.

As of December 31, 2025, the endowment reached a value of \$21.6 million, up from \$17.7 million the year prior. This growth reflects both strong market performance and the receipt of a major life bequest.

To support ongoing operations and mission-driven work, the Foundation made planned withdrawals of \$1.25 million during the year. Even with these distributions, the portfolio earned a strong annual return of 19.3% net of fees. Longer-term performance has also strengthened, with average annual returns now standing at 16.5% over three years and 8.5% over five years (net of fees).

The Internal Affairs Committee's focus remains on balancing present needs with long-term sustainability. Through careful strategic oversight, the Foundation is well-positioned to support its mission and continue growing its impact in the years ahead.

The firm of Donovan Klimczak and Company audited our 2025 financial statements. You can obtain our auditor's full report by contacting our Finance Director, Cathy Gaylord, by e-mail at cathy.gaylord@swedenborg.com, or by mail at 70 Buckwalter Rd. Suite 900 PMB 405 Royersford, PA 19468. 

Events

Regional Events

We brought together a live audience for a podcast-format conversation featuring Dr. Jonathan Rose and Curtis Childs in an intimate setting that allowed for the kind of depth and spontaneity our audiences have come to love. These events successfully bring together both Swedenborgians and newcomers in an atmosphere of engagement and learning.



West Palm Beach, FL — Convention Center, May 18



Bryn Athyn, PA — The Lord's New Church ,
October 12



San Francisco, CA — Swedenborgian
Church of San Francisco, October 26

Donor Appreciation Event

The Foundation's fundraising team opened the evening, showcasing their in-house musical talents, before a performance by Dr. Jonathan Rose and Chelsea Odhner with their band, Rose & Columns. 🍷

INflow Retreat

Bringing Swedenborg's Teachings into Lived Experience



In August 2025, the Swedenborg Foundation hosted its first experiential retreat, INflow, at Harmony Mountain House in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. The intimate weekend gathering brought together nine participants for a deep exploration of Swedenborg’s teachings through guided inner work and shared reflection. The retreat was facilitated by Chelsea Odhner, the Foundation’s Vice President of Publishing and a certified coach and Internal Family Systems (IFS) practitioner.

INflow was designed to move Swedenborg’s ideas from abstract concept into lived experience. Participants explored the inner structure of the mind and the process of spiritual growth through a framework that integrated Swedenborg’s insights with the modern therapeutic approach of IFS.

The retreat emerged as a natural outgrowth of the success of the Foundation’s recent publication *[Opening the Inner World: Spiritual Healing, Internal Family Systems, and Emanuel Swedenborg](#)*. INflow provided participants with practical tools for self-understanding, emotional healing, and spiritual development, bringing the book’s ideas into an embodied learning environment.

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive: 100% of respondents rated the retreat experience as “excellent,” highlighting the effectiveness of offering forms of deeper engagement through experiential events and learning opportunities.

“Wow, wow, wow! The retreat was all I hoped for and much more. I was nervous I would get lost in IFS jargon but that didn’t happen because Chelsea did her homework and mapped IFS concepts onto Swedenborg’s cosmology and that was the focus of most sessions layered on top of how IFS can effectively help create more order in our minds. As I said - wow!”

“Chelsea’s integration of IFS and Swedenborgian worldviews/approaches to personal growth was a breath of fresh air, deeply insightful, immediately applicable, and profound. I knew (or hoped) something like this was possible; I’m deeply grateful for Chelsea’s leadership and passion for this dynamic, important, and exciting interface.”

Participants also expressed strong interest in future offerings, including additional retreats, workshops, and ongoing learning opportunities. The success of INflow signals an exciting direction for the Swedenborg Foundation: expanding opportunities for people to encounter Swedenborg’s teachings not only through reading and scholarship, but through direct personal experience and community connection.

Fundraising & Membership

Our total gifts for the year, including a generous gift from the Brickman Family Foundation, totaled \$2,993,245, of which approximately \$34,500 came through our membership programs (Annual, Community, and YouTube).

Factoring in a generous bequest in 2024 and a foundation grant in 2025, giving increased by 22% between the two years.

- Total Gifts Received: 4,377 (14% increase over 2024)
- Average Gift Size: \$62 (gifts under \$500, 14% decrease)
- Total Donors: 864 (3% decrease from 2024)
- New Donors: 184 (25% decrease)
- Supporters in 69 countries (2 more countries)
- Donor retention rate was 63% (remains static)



- Annual Membership: 374 members renewals and signups (5% increase)
- Recurring Monthly Donors: 422 donors giving \$108,724 (27% increase)
- Amount Raised from Tribute-Giving Campaign: \$43,874 (25% increase)
- 1749 Legacy Society: Planned giving society inducted 4 new members



COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Our community membership platform saw over 80 different activities during the course of the year! This includes:

- Monthly Live Q&A shows
- Book Discussion Groups
- Death Discussion Group
- Monthly Community Chat
- New Online Courses
- Speaker Series presentations



YouTube Membership

By year-end, Off The Left Eye's YouTube channel membership program had grown to 300 members. The program gives viewers a direct way to support the work while deepening their engagement with the team and with one another. The membership offers live chats, premiere episodes, and behind-the-scenes content not available on the main channel.

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Gwendolyn Asplundh passed into the spiritual world on October 31, 2025. She and her husband Edward were longtime donors and life members of the Swedenborg Foundation, and their support reflected a genuine investment in the mission—particularly the New Century Edition translation project. Gwen also had a particular fondness for *Off The Left Eye*, and those who knew her say she made a habit of working the most recent episode into conversation. That combination of scholarly support and enthusiastic engagement captures something true about the kind of community the Foundation is privileged to be part of.

We are grateful for Gwen’s faithfulness to this work, and we hold her memory with warmth.

Marilyn Asplundh passed into the spiritual world on October 13, 2025, at her home in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania.

A devoted member of the Bryn Athyn community, Marilyn gave generously of her time and talents across many years while serving on committees, volunteering as a docent for the Philadelphia Orchestra, contributing to the Huntingdon Valley Garden Club, and welcoming others into her home with warmth and skill. She and her husband, Robert Hugh Asplundh, whom she married in the Bryn Athyn Cathedral on May 26, 1956, traveled widely, including as ambassadors to New Church communities around the globe.



She was an accomplished homemaker, avid reader, lover of opera and the arts, and someone who knew how to make any gathering feel like a celebration.

She is survived by five children, fourteen grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

She and her husband Robert were longtime donors and members of the Swedenborg Foundation and she will be warmly remembered.

David Closterman lived his faith in the most practical of ways: by showing up. A long career in finance gave him the means to provide, but what defined him was his orientation toward others—attentive, loyal, and quietly generous. He volunteered with the AARP, served with FEMA after natural disasters, and was

the kind of friend who remembered details about your life and turned them into action.

David's wife, Doris, brought her devotion to Swedenborg's writings into their shared life, and though Dave's faith was more practical than doctrinal, one quotation he kept close speaks for both of them: "Peace has in it confidence in the Lord, that He governs all things, provides all things, and leads to a good end" (*Secrets of Heaven* §8455).



He is survived by his children Wendy, Dave Jr., and Jay; their spouses; and his grandchildren. We are grateful for his steady faithfulness to this mission and to so many others.

He and his wife were longtime supporters of the Foundation supporting both the NCE and OTLE programming. We were grateful to be referenced as a designate for gifts in David's memory. 🌸

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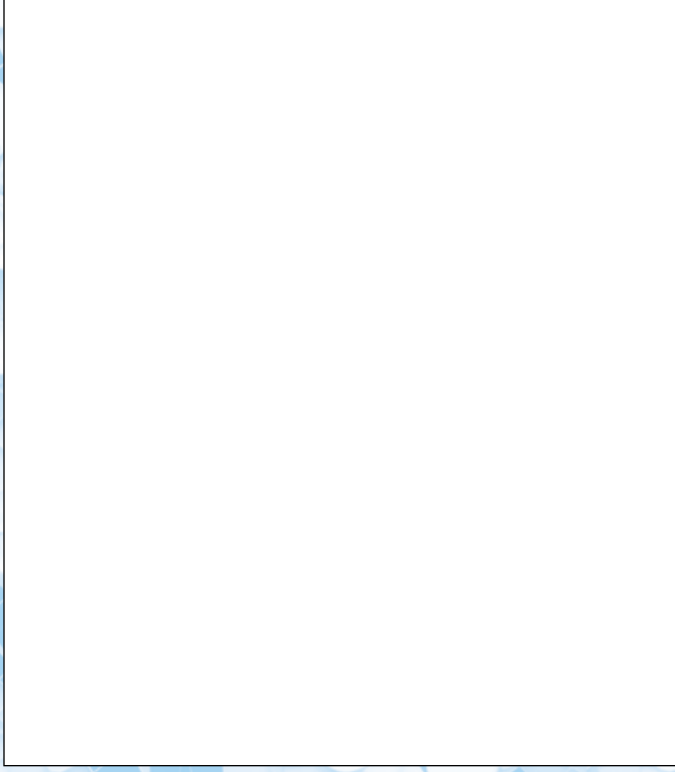


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