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**CHRIST FIRST  
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Congregation of the Christ First, The United Church of Canada

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Christ First, The United Church of Canada (the Church), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Christ First, The United Church of Canada as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

### Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Church derives part of its revenue from donations and contributions, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Church. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation or contribution revenue, excess (deficit) of revenue over expenses and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, current assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and fund balances as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years.

We also, draw attention to Note 1(d) which indicates the Church does not capitalize fixed asset additions nor is amortization charged to current operations. As required under Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, when the Church's average annual receipts for the current and preceding years exceed \$500,000, tangible capital assets must be recorded on the statement of financial position at cost and amortized over their useful life in a rational and systematic manner, with the amortization recognized as an expense in the statement of operations of the applicable fund. Although the Church's average revenues exceed \$500,000, they continue to report capital asset expenditures in the year of purchase. The effect of this departure from accounting standards on the financial statements has not been determined.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibility under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Church in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
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**Other Matters**

The statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2022 are unaudited.

**Responsibilities of Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Church's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Church or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Church's internal control.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**  
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**Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements - continued**

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of the auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Church to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**CAPSTICK MCCOLLUM & ASSOCIATES**

*Capstick McCollum & Associates*

Oakville, Ontario  
February 8, 2024

Chartered Professional Accountants  
Licensed Public Accountants

**CHRIST FIRST  
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

**DECEMBER 31,**

**2023**

**2022**

	Unrestricted		Restricted						Total	Total
	Operating Fund	Endowment Fund	Dr. Earl B. Eddy Library Fund	Special Gifts Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Manse Trust Fund	Reserve Fund	First United Fund		
<b>ASSETS</b>										
<b>CURRENT</b>										
Cash	\$ 300,379	\$ 42	\$ 51	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 265	\$ 300,738	\$ 410,662
Accounts receivable - note 2	11,488	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,488	7,272
Short-term investments - note 3	36,430	282,329	14,799	8,800	-	185,880	-	67,281	595,519	561,812
Due from operating fund - note 4	-	-	-	18,829	3,980	-	4,000	-	26,809	76,792
Due from endowment fund - note 4	-	-	-	12,845	-	-	-	-	12,845	12,844
	\$ 348,297	\$ 282,371	\$ 14,850	\$ 40,474	\$ 3,980	\$ 185,881	\$ 4,000	\$ 67,546	\$ 947,399	\$ 1,069,382
<b>LIABILITIES</b>										
<b>CURRENT</b>										
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - trade	\$ 29,356	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,356	\$ 25,800
Deferred revenue - note 5	23,470	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,470	37,336
Due to capital improvement fund - note 4	3,980	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,980	4,926
Due to special gifts fund - note 4	18,829	12,845	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,674	34,710
Due to reserve fund - note 4	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000	50,000
	79,635	12,845	-	-	-	-	-	-	92,480	152,772
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	268,662	269,526	14,850	40,474	3,980	185,881	4,000	67,546	854,919	916,610
	\$ 348,297	\$ 282,371	\$ 14,850	\$ 40,474	\$ 3,980	\$ 185,881	\$ 4,000	\$ 67,546	\$ 947,399	\$ 1,069,382

Approved on behalf of the Church Council:

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Chair



Treasurer

**CHRIST FIRST  
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

**2023**

**2022**

	Unrestricted		Restricted						Total	Total
	Operating Fund	Endowment Fund	Dr. Earl B. Eddy Fund	Library Special Gifts Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Manse Trust Fund	Reserve Fund	First United Fund		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>										
Identified contributions	\$ 387,711	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,239	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 392,950	\$ 599,985
Investment income	1,463	8,011	623	272	-	3,293	-	3,565	17,227	11,463
Other income - schedule I	421,895	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	421,895	321,123
Government assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,143
	811,069	8,011	623	5,511	-	3,293	-	3,565	832,072	950,714
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>										
Operating expenses - Schedule I	913,132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	913,132	711,623
Books and furnishings	-	-	355	-	-	-	-	-	355	-
Special gifts expenses	-	-	-	2,646	-	-	-	-	2,646	-
	913,132	-	355	2,646	-	-	-	-	916,133	711,623
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) BEFORE OTHER ITEMS</b>										
	(102,063)	8,011	268	2,865	-	3,293	-	3,565	(84,061)	239,091
<b>OTHER ITEMS</b>										
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	2,459	9,314	-	-	-	10,671	-	(74)	22,370	(66,660)
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIT) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>										
	\$ (99,604)	\$ 17,325	\$ 268	\$ 2,865	\$ -	\$ 13,964	\$ -	\$ 3,491	\$ (61,691)	\$ 172,431

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**CHRIST FIRST  
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SCHEDULE I**

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,	2023	2022
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Rent	\$ 327,356	\$ 230,691
Fund raising projects	12,100	12,361
Compass donations	20,362	20,967
Special project gifts and sundry	29,263	23,417
Grants - note 7	32,000	33,461
Loose collection	814	226
	<b>\$ 421,895</b>	<b>\$ 321,123</b>

<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Ministry & personnel	\$ 390,215	\$ 370,275
Property	250,688	172,523
U.C.C. - M & S & annual assessment - note 9	80,016	80,676
Office & accounting	30,432	20,519
Christian outreach	26,702	29,558
Spiritual development	7,470	4,843
Worship	15,529	8,631
Fundraising expenses	117	1,823
Communications	1,141	2,358
Welcoming & fellowship	2,522	4,089
Stewardship	527	636
Church Council	1,200	192
Congregational support	439	294
Capital improvements	106,134	14,956
Real Estate Committee Oversight	-	250
	<b>\$ 913,132</b>	<b>\$ 711,623</b>

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,**

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	<u>Unrestricted</u>		<u>Restricted</u>						<b>Total</b>	Total
	Operating Fund	Endowment Fund	Dr. Earl B. Eddy Library Fund	Special Gifts Fund	Capital Improvement Fund	Manse Trust Fund	Reserve Fund	First United Fund		
<b>NET ASSETS - beginning</b>	\$ 309,243	\$ 252,201	\$ 14,582	\$ 43,239	\$ 4,926	\$ 175,364	\$ 50,000	\$ 67,055	\$ <b>916,610</b>	\$ 744,179
Excess (deficit) of receipts over disbursements	(99,604)	17,325	268	2,865	-	13,964	-	3,491	<b>(61,691)</b>	172,431
Interfund transfers - note 6	59,023	-	-	(5,630)	(946)	(3,447)	(46,000)	(3,000)	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	\$ 268,662	\$ 269,526	\$ 14,850	\$ 40,474	\$ 3,980	\$ 185,881	\$ 4,000	\$ 67,546	\$ <b>854,919</b>	\$ 916,610



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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

<b>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31,</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>CASH PROVIDED FROM (USED FOR)</b>		
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of receipts over disbursements - all funds	\$ (61,691)	\$ 172,431
Changes in non-cash working capital balances		
- operating fund		
Accounts receivable	(4,216)	3,454
Prepaid expenses	-	175
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities - trade	3,556	19,136
Deferred revenue	(13,866)	(10,522)
	<b>(76,217)</b>	<b>184,674</b>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	(22,370)	66,660
(Purchase) of investments - net of sales/redemptions		
- restricted funds	(11,046)	(153,483)
- operating fund	(291)	4,674
	<b>(33,707)</b>	<b>(82,149)</b>
<b>NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>(109,924)</b>	<b>102,525</b>
<b>CASH - beginning</b>	<b>410,662</b>	<b>308,137</b>
<b>CASH</b>	<b>\$ 300,738</b>	<b>\$ 410,662</b>

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**PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

On January 1, 2019, Christ First, The United Church of Canada (the "Church") was formed from the amalgamation of Christ Church and First United Church. The newly formed Church serves the Mississauga community and operates under the United Church of Canada. The Church is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. As such, the Church is exempt from income taxes and able to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes under registration number 13053 3185 RR0001.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**a) Basis of accounting**

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, which is in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**b) Cash**

The Church's policy is to disclose bank balances under cash (operating and restricted funds).

**c) Fund accounting**

The accounts of the Church are maintained in accordance with the principles of "fund accounting" under the deferral method. The specific purpose of each fund is explained below:

**Operating Fund**

The operating fund reports the general receipts and disbursements from the Church's operations.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**c) Fund accounting - continued**

**Endowment Funds**

The Endowment Fund reports resources contributed for endowment. Semi-annually the income earned on the resources of the Endowment Fund are transferred to the Special Gifts Fund. The principal must be maintained by the Church on a permanent basis.

The Dr. Earl B. Eddy library fund was created by a contribution for the library. This fund reports investment income earned on the resources of this fund and is only available to be used for the Dr. Earl B. Eddy Library. The principal must be maintained by the Church on a permanent basis.

**Externally Restricted Funds**

The Capital Improvement Fund was created by a transfer from the Endowment Fund, and reports resources raised from capital campaigns and other restricted contributions that are to be used to keep and maintain the building in a safe and usable manner.

The First United Fund was created from a restricted contribution from the First United Foundation. This fund reports investment income on the resources of the fund which is to be transferred to the Operating Fund annually. Transfers to the Operating Fund are distributed equally between outreach programs and the upkeep of Church facilities. The principal must be maintained by the Church and will not be encroached upon unless otherwise agreed to by the Church council.

**Internally Restricted Funds**

The Special Gifts Fund reports earnings from the Endowment Fund and resources from unrestricted contributions from donors under \$2,500. Distributions are approved by the special gifts sub-committee of the Board of Trustees as per the Church's policy on special gifts.

The Manse Trust Fund was created by the sale of the manse. Earnings from this Fund can only be used to subsidize the minister's housing allowance, which is now part of the total comprehensive salary package.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**c) Fund accounting - continued**

**Internally Restricted Funds - continued**

The Reserve Fund reports funds held for future expenses and can be used at the discretion of the Church Council.

**d) Fixed assets**

The Church does not capitalize fixed asset additions, nor is amortization charged to current operations for the eventual replacement of these assets. Major categories of fixed assets not recorded in the statement of operations include land, buildings, building improvements, parking lots, computer hardware, furniture and fixtures, and equipment. During the year, the Church purchased and expensed fixed assets in the amount of \$49,289 (2022 - \$4,849).

**e) Revenue recognition**

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the operating fund when received. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund when received, otherwise are deferred and recognized as revenue in the operating fund when the related expenditure is incurred. Grant revenue is recognized in the operating fund when the related expenses are incurred. Designated donations are recognized in the operating fund when received and when the corresponding expense is paid. All other revenue is recognized when received, except investment income which is recognized as earned.

**f) Use of estimates**

The preparation of the Church's financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of receipts and disbursements during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in operations in the period in which they become known. Actual results in the future may differ from those estimates made.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**g) Contributed services**

Contributed goods and services are recorded when received at their fair value if the fair value is readily determinable and the goods and services would have been otherwise purchased by the Church. If either of the above conditions are not met, contributed goods and services are recorded when received at a nominal value. Contributed goods consisting of donations in kind of supplies received in 2023 with a fair value of \$136 (2022 - \$34) have been recognized in the statement of operations.

The congregation members and others contribute volunteer services to the Church in carrying out its operating activities. Because of the difficulty in determining the fair value of these contributed services, they are not recognized in the financial statements.

**h) Financial instruments**

The Church initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain non-arm's length transactions. The Church subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at amortized cost, except for short and long-term investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in the applicable fund in the period incurred.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

The Church recognizes transaction costs in net income in the period incurred except for financial instruments that will not be measured subsequently at fair value. The carrying amount of these instruments are adjusted by the transaction costs that are directly attributable to the instrument.

Financial assets measured at fair value include short-term investments.

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**2. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Accounts receivable	\$ 1,312	\$ -
Sales tax recoverable	10,176	7,272
	<b>\$ 11,488</b>	<b>\$ 7,272</b>

**3. INVESTMENTS**

**OPERATING FUND**

<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Mutual funds	\$ 36,430	\$ 33,680

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	Interest rate	Maturity date	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Home Trust Company GIC	4.98%	March 1, 2024	\$ 27,498	\$ -
RFA Bank GIC	4.76%	April 22, 2024	22,937	-
Equitable Bank GIC			-	25,693
Equitable Bank GIC			-	21,914
Nat'l Bank of Canada GIC			-	75,058
Common shares			7,016	7,256
Mutual funds			224,878	134,599
			<b>\$ 282,329</b>	<b>\$ 264,520</b>

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**3. INVESTMENTS - continued**

**DR. EARL B. EDDY LIBRARY FUND**

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<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	Interest rate	Maturity date	<b>2023</b>	2022
Royal Bank of Canada GIC	4.75%	February 10, 2024	\$ 14,799	\$ -
Royal Bank of Canada GIC			-	14,327
			<b>\$ 14,799</b>	<b>\$ 14,327</b>

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**SPECIAL GIFTS FUND**

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<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	Interest rate	Maturity date	<b>2023</b>	2022
CIBC GIC	3.50%	April 3, 2024	\$ 8,800	\$ -
CIBC GIC			-	8,529
			<b>\$ 8,800</b>	<b>\$ 8,529</b>

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**MANSE TRUST FUND**

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<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	Interest rate	Maturity date	<b>2023</b>	2022
Home Trust Company GIC	4.98%	March 1, 2024	\$ 33,300	\$ -
Equitable Bank GIC			-	31,884
Mutual funds			<b>152,580</b>	<b>143,480</b>
			<b>\$ 185,880</b>	<b>\$ 175,364</b>

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**3. INVESTMENTS - continued**

**FIRST UNITED FUND**

<b>SHORT-TERM</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Common shares	\$ 63,407	\$ 63,481
RBC Investment Savings Account	3,874	1,911
	<b>\$ 67,281</b>	<b>\$ 65,392</b>

**4. DUE (TO) FROM VARIOUS FUNDS**

The amounts due (to) from the various funds are unsecured, non-interest bearing with no specific terms of repayment.

**5. DEFERRED REVENUE**

Deferred revenue is made up of members' restricted givings made for the coming year and contributions and funds raised for future projects and events.

Included in deferred revenue is a grant from the United Church of Canada Foundation (a related party by way of being overseen by the United Church of Canada, the head church) in the amount of \$14,500 to be applied towards the Community Network Ministry. As at December 31, 2023, \$14,500 of the grant has been deferred and will be recognized as revenue during 2024.

**6. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

During the year, the Church transferred \$3,447 from the Manse Fund to the Operating Fund to subsidize the Minister's housing allowance. The Church transferred \$3,000 from the First United Fund to the Operating Fund to fund outreach programs and for the upkeep of Church facilities. The Church also transferred \$5,630 from the Special Gifts Fund to the Operating Fund to fund capital improvements. The Church transferred \$946 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Operating Fund to fund capital improvements. The Church transferred \$50,000 from the Reserve Fund to the Operating fund to fund capital improvements. The Church also transferred \$4,000 from the Operating Fund to the Reserve Fund to fund future senior minister sabbatical.



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**7. GRANTS**

During the prior year, the Church received a grant from the United Church of Canada Foundation (a related party by way of being overseen by the United Church of Canada, the head church) in the amount of \$22,000 towards its Community Hub Network Ministry. None of the amount received was expended in the prior year. The amount was expended on salaries and benefits in the current year and recognized as revenue.

During the year, the Church also received a grant from the Oakville Community Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 to be used towards the Accessibility Project. The entire amount was expended on capital improvements during the current year and recognized as revenue.

**8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The significant financial risk to which the Church is exposed to is market risk.

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk. The Church is mainly exposed to other price risk.

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market.

The Church's investments in publicly-traded mutual funds of \$413,888 and common shares of \$70,423 exposes the Church to market risks as equity investments are subject to price changes in an open market.

There has been no change in this risk from the prior year.

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**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

During the year, the Church paid denominational assessments to the United Church of Canada (a related party by way of being the head church) in the amount of \$21,616 (2022 - \$21,196). The denominational assessments are calculated based on an approved formula.

The Church collected funds on behalf of the United Church of Canada (a related party by way of being the head church). The total amount collected during the year was \$58,400 (2022 - \$59,480). This entire amount was contributed to the United Church of Canada's Mission and Service Fund.

No remuneration was paid to Directors or Officers during the year in their capacity as a member of the Church Council.

The related party transactions recorded in the statement of operations are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.

**10. MAJOR COMMITMENTS**

The Church, in the normal course of operations, has entered into various contracts for telephone and internet services, alarm monitoring, elevator inspections, HVAC preventative maintenance, snow removal and lease of a photocopier. The future minimum payments (plus taxes) are as follows:

2024	\$ 27,161
2025	<u>3,446</u>
	<u>\$ 30,607</u>

**11. EMPLOYEE FUTURE BENEFITS**

Ministry personnel and lay employees of the Church participate in a pension plan (the "Plan"), administered by the United Church of Canada. This Plan is a defined contribution plan. Under this Plan, the employees contribute 6% of their Pensionable earnings and the Church contributes 9% of the Pensionable earnings of all employees in active service. Contributions to the Plan are expensed as incurred.

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**12. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

The prior year financial statements were unaudited and prepared on a review engagement basis by the same public accounting firm preparing the current year audit engagement.