
East Central Ontario Regional Council
Meeting of the Council of Elders
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – 1 PM

Vision of the Council of Elders by which we evaluate progress based on:

Strengthened by God's grace and refreshed by the Spirit,
We follow the way of Jesus in healing our world.

IN ATTENDANCE

Stephen Coles	Member, Speaker
Rev. Michelle Brotherton	Member (incoming)
Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly	Member, Executive Minister
Rev. David King	Member
Ted Meyers	Member (incoming)
Rev. David Moore	Member, General Council 45 Leading Commissioner
Rev. Brian Nicholson	Member
Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander	Member
Joyce Payne	Member, Speaker-Elect
Sheila-Mae Young	Member
Sharon Hull	Corresponding Member, Minister for Spiritual Nurture, Respectful Relationships and Justice with All Ages
Rev. Darren Liepold	Corresponding Member, Congregational Support Minister
Joel Miller	Corresponding Member, Program Assistant to Executive Minister, Recording Secretary

REGRETS/ABSENT

Rev. Kevin Fitzpatrick	Member
Patti James	Member (incoming)
Brian James	Member, Financial Administration
Rev. Lynn Watson	Member

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Devotion – Stephen Coles, Speaker, led the land acknowledgment and shared an opening prayer.

Time for sharing – All are invited to share.

Appointment of an Equity Support Person for this Meeting

2025-09-02-001 MOTION (J. Payne/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders appoint Rev. David King as Equity Support Person for this meeting. **CARRIED**

* The equity score card can be used following this meeting and submitted to the Equity Leadership Team:
<https://ecorcuccan.ca/resources/accessibility/>

Minutes of June 3, 2025 (DEFERRED ACCEPTANCE TO OCTOBER MEETING)

2025-09-02-000 MOTION (/) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders approve the minutes of June 3, 2025, as circulated.

Email Poll of July 23, 2025

2025-09-02-002 MOTION (S-M Young/B. Nicholson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders receive into its minutes the email poll of July 23, 2025:

2025-07-23-004 MOTION (J. Payne/S-M Young) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders approve the following people to serve on the Cambridge Street United Church appeal board:

- *The Rev. David King*
- *Ted Meyers*
- *The Rev. Michelle Brotherton*
- *The Rev. Ryan McNally*

CARRIED

CARRIED**Email Poll of July 24, 2025**

2025-09-02-003 MOTION (S-M Young/D. King) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders receive into its minutes the email poll of July 24, 2025:

2025-07-23-004 MOTION (S-M Young/J. Payne) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders approve the Executive Minister's draft of a letter to be sent to the complainants at Dunbarton-Fairport regarding their appeal. CARRIED

CARRIED**Agenda**

2025-09-02-004 MOTION (S-M Young/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders accept the agenda as circulated. **CARRIED**

Business Arising**a) Way Forward – Vision 2035:**

- i) **Vision Keepers** – Rev. Darren shared how the Regional Council has been divided into 8 subregions (60 km radius). Division of subregions uses strengths and weakness of congregations. Vision Keepers are scheduled to meeting in second week of September. More details and planning for moving forward will be shared during this meeting. A visual representation will be made available upon request to Darren (added to SharePoint).
- ii) **New Council of Elders Agenda Format** – Consent agenda format is still a priority for future meetings and will hopefully be used at the next Council of Meeting.

- b) **Vacancy on the Council of Elders** – A call for expression of interests have gone out; the Nominations Leadership Team shared that there are currently three people who have expressed interest. A recommendation could come to next meeting and then recommended to General Meeting in the Fall.

- c) **Covenant Support Team Chair** – Currently Patti James is the Chair.

- d) **Updates From Prior Decisions**

- **Dunbarton-Fairport** – Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly shared that there has been no response to the Council of Elders' decision not to proceed with an appeal process. Ongoing work with the congregations continues. Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander is currently providing pastoral care.
- **Cambridge Street appeal** – Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly shared Regional Council Appeal team is meeting in near future to review the application for appeal.
- **Here From the Beginning Exhibit – History of the Black Community within The United Church of Canada** (Sharon Hull) – An update will be made available at the October Council of Elders meeting. This raises the questions about the Executive Ministers ability to spend (could a request for \$750 be made instead of having to come to Council of Elders – suggested to have Ministry Through Property & Finance to consider proposing a recommending regarding the Executive Minister's ability to make small financial decisions on behalf of the Regional Council.
- **Maple Grove United Church** – Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly highlighted many of the correspondence related to Maple Grove. The Church has been sold (August 28, 2025). A legal challenge may come forth regarding the notice about the future of the church. It was highlighted that other local United Churches have been watching developments and have noted that the Islamic Community is doing everything to be welcoming and extending invitation to allow their neighbors to get to know them. There are those who are currently working towards building relations and strengthening community. A time of prayer was had to hold all involved in love and hope for the future.
- **Incorporated Ministries Supervision transition to GCO** – Rev. Eric Hebert shared that there is a lot of movement by the General Council office in relation to the regional councils Incorporated Ministries; this body will be called upon to make decisions at times (as in the agenda below regarding AOTS Community Homes).
- **GC45 update** (David Moore) – Highlighted the process for dealing with proposal at general council 45 (use of way-forward teams to collate discussion and move decisions forward). The Indigenous Council and First Third Ministries were highlighted as a conversation provoking items. Worship was uplifting, *Then, Let Us Sing!* was introduced (hymnal resource). It is the hope that a condensed summary of GC will go out to Communities of Faith in the near future (<https://united-church.ca/news/united-church-issues-bold-hopeful-call-action-peace-and-justice>). GC 45 continues to meet over the next couple of years. *Chime* online app was used to study library of information re proposal (one proposal seemed to be lacking in terms of information). It was highlighted that a report to the Regional Council should go to the fall general meeting.

Incoming Correspondence

- a) June 5, 2025, Rev. Nancy Wilson, Keene and Hiawatha United Church, re message of gratitude for the Council of Elders regarding Clergy Retreat (*for information*);
- b) June 5, 2025, Allan Smith-Reeve responding to outgoing correspondence from Sheila-Mae Young re ECORC charity status being assigned to Bedford House for interim, and naming ECORC rep onto its board (*for information*);
- c) June 10, 2025, copied on a letter from Karren Valley, Program Coordinator, Pastoral Relations & Remedial Processes, to the Board and ECORC Commission to Saint-John's United Church (Campbellford) re J.6.3 Ministry Personnel Review Update (*for information*);
- d) June 11, 2025, copied on a letter from Sarah Gearing, Maple Grove United Church, to Mayer Adrienne Foster, Municipality of Clarington, re recent purchase of Maple Grove United Church by Islamic Community (*for information*);
- e) June 16, 2025, Roger West, Chair of the Board, St. Mark's United Church, re request for the appointment of a Regional Council Liaison to St. Mark's United Church (*referred to Covenant Support Leadership Team*);
- f) June 20, 2025, Paul Pierson, Treasurer, Westminster United Church, re Project 2035 (*for information*);

- g) June 25, 2025, Sarah Charters, President, The United Church of Canada Foundation, re funds received from the disbanding of Prince Albert United Church (*for information*);
- h) July 8, 2025, Bruce Glass, Chair, Cambridge Street United Church, re confirmation of hosting ECORC Spring General Meeting on April 30-May 1, 2027 (*for information*);
- i) July 8, 2025, Susan Jackson, Information & Statistics Coordinator, Organizational Development and Strategy, The United Church of Canada, re disbanding of Northminster Pastoral Charge and outstanding 2025 denominational assessment (*for information*);
- j) July 16, 2025, Nathan Gardner, Executive Director, Back Door Mission, re follow up to previous conversations (*for information*);
- k) August 1, 2025, Sarah Gearing, Maple Grove United Church, re formal request for proof of sale and community concerns regarding Maple Grove United Church (*for information*);
- l) August 20, 2025, Mr. Desmond Vandenberg, re request for clarification about the sale of a parcel of land from the church to a developer (*for information*) – see *2025-08-12 Mark Street Redevelopment Complaint.pdf*;
- m) August 25, 2025, Mr. Desmond Vandenberg, re request for clarification about the sale of a parcel of land from the church to a developer (*for information*);
- n) August 25, 2025, Beverlea Renwick, re next steps for AOTS Community Homes (*for action under New Business*) – See *By-Law Number 2.doc*
- o) August 27, 2025, Rev. Wanda Stride, re increasing the number of meetings of the East Central Regional Council (*for action under section I*).

Outgoing Correspondence

- p) June 5, 2025, Shiela-Mae Young, Secretary, Ministry Through Property & Finance Leadership team to Allan Smith Reeve re ECORC charity status being assigned to Bedford House for interim, and naming ECORC rep onto it's board (*for information*);
- q) June 20, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, responding to Paul Pierson, Treasurer, Westminster United Church, re Project 2035 (*for information*);
- r) June 26, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, acknowledging receipt of letter from Sarah Gearing, Maple Grove United Church, to Mayer Adrienne Foster, Municipality of Clarington, re recent purchase of Maple Grove United Church by Islamic Community (*for information*);
- s) July 16, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, responding to Nathan Gardner, Executive Director, Back Door Mission, re follow up to previous conversations (*for information*);
- t) July 22, 2025, Rev. Darren Liepold, Congregational Support Minister to Johanne Blake and Lynn Ikeda, re request for reconsideration of complaint (*for information*);
- u) July 23, 2025, Rev. Darren Liepold, Congregational Support Minister to Robert Bennett, re complaint under the Creating Safe and Respectful Environment's Policy of The United Church of Canada (*for information*);
- v) August 18, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, responding to Sarah Gearing, Maple Grove United Church, re formal request for proof of sale and community concerns regarding Maple Grove United Church (*for information*);
- w) August 20, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, to Mr. Desmond Vandenberg, re request for clarification about the sale of a parcel of land from the church to a developer (*for information*) – see *2025-08-12 Mark Street Redevelopment Complaint.pdf*;
- x) August 25, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, Certificate of the Executive Minister of the Regional Council to Resolution Giving Consent, in the Matter of Maple Grove United Church (*for information*);
- y) August 25, 2025, Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly, Executive Minister, to Mr. Desmond Vanderberg, re request for clarification about the sale of a parcel of land from the church to a developer (*for information*)

Business arising grouped according to confirmed Guiding Principles***I. All Communities of Faith participate in ECORC meetings and initiatives*****a) Dates of future meetings:**

- October 25th, 2025 Fall Meeting – Alderville, ON
- May 1st – 2nd, 2026, Annual General Meeting – Trinity United Church, Cobourg ON
- April 30th – May 1st 2027 (Cambridge Street United Church, Lindsay, ON).

b) Proposed Dates Future General Meetings (to be confirmed):

2026

November 14th TBD (Crossroads United Church, Kingston, ON)November 13th TBD (Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church, Brighton, ON)

- c) **Planning for Fall Meeting** – a site visit will be upcoming. Details still unfolding. Hope that this meeting becomes more relational building between the Regional Council
- d) **Correspondence O** – All were asked to consider Rev. Wanda Stride's correspondence suggesting more regional council meetings in the future, in particular in response by community leadership seeking more gathering

II. Clergy, lay leaders and communities of faith express satisfaction with the support, development opportunities and communication they receive***III. Those involved in any way with ECORC demonstrate awareness of our Vision and Mission statements, and express a feeling of connection to and commitment to the work of ECORC******IV. People in all roles and capacities within ECORC are aware of Council decisions and policies, and know where to find the information they need*****a) Covenant Support Leadership Team (CST)**

- See East Central Ontario Regional Council Covenant Support Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2025 as **Appendix A**

2025-09-032-005 MOTION (J. Payne/K. Ostrander) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders receive for information the minutes of the Covenant Support Leadership Team for meeting held on June 10, 2025. **CARRIED**

V. The number of church buildings in our Regional Council that are accessible is increasing. There is faithful stewardship of property and finances**a) Ministry Through Property and Finance Leadership Team (MTPF) – Sheila-Mae-Young**

- See MTPF minutes of June 25, 2025 as **Appendix B¹**
- See MTPF digital vote of July 7, 2025 as **Appendix B²**

2025-09-032-006 MOTION (J. Payne/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders receive for information the minutes of the Ministry Through Property & Finance Leadership Team (MTPF) for meeting held on June 25, 2025, and the results of digital vote held on July 7, 2025. **CARRIED**

b) East Central Ontario Region Educational Bursary

- See *ECORC Educational Bursary Fund Application* as **Appendix C**

2025-09-02-007 MOTION (S-M Young/T. Meyers) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders receive and approve the recommendation of the Ministry Through Property & Finance Leadership Team to adopt the proposed student bursary application process as outlined in the ECORC Educational Bursary Fund Application. **CARRIED**

c) Zephyr United Church Sale

2025-09-032-008 MOTION (S-M Young/B. Nicholson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders accept the *Agreement of Purchase and Sale* of April 16th 2025, and authorize the Trustees of the Zephyr Congregation of the United Church of Canada to sell property situated at 12990 Durham Regional Road 39, Zephyr, Ontario, L0E 1T0 (LT 38 PL108;UXBRIDGE) to Charlotte Hale for a purchase price of two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$225,000.00). The Trustees of the Zephyr Congregation of the United Church of Canada are: Elwood Kirton, Daryl Rush, Wayne Rynard, Norma Scott and Bruce Smith. **CARRIED**

d) Beaverton United Church Sale

2025-09-032-009 MOTION (S-M Young/B. Nicholson) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders accept the *Agreement of Purchase and Sale* of July 30th 2025, and authorize the Trustees of St. Andrews United Church, Beaverton, to sell property situated at 523 Simcoe Street, Beaverton, Ontario, L0K1A0 (PT LT 28, EOF UNIONST; LT 2, PT LT 1, SOF SIMCOEST, PL 81 (PTLT 13 CON5 30 July September 35,000.00 upon acceptance THORAH); PT LT 14,CON5, THORAH, PT 1, 40R6693; BROCK) to Crusaders of The Divine Church of Christ Philippines, Inc. Toronto Chapter for a purchase price of seven hundred and ten thousand dollars (\$710,000.00). The Trustees of St. Andrews United Church, Beaverton are: Jim Clarke, Lynne Lester, and Mike Bishop. **CARRIED**

- VI.** *ECORC events take place in a variety of geographic locations within our Region throughout the year*
- VII.** *We hold events every year related to outreach and social justice within our Regional Council*
- VIII.** *We observe increasing use of land acknowledgments and more participation in learning opportunities related to Respectful Relations and Indigenous Justice*
- IX.** *Children, youth and young adults are represented on all decision-making bodies*
- X.** *There are events planned for and by children, youth and young adults every year. A significant number of these events provide children, youth and young adults with leadership opportunities*
- XI.** *There is evidence that inclusive language is becoming the norm in the life and work of our church throughout our Regional Council, especially inclusive language and images of God in worship*
- XII.** *Reports from equity monitors and meeting notes give evidence of a growing awareness of equity standards*
- XIII.** *The number of Communities of Faith designated as Affirming continues to increase*

XIV. *An increasing number of Communities of Faith, along with ECORC and the Council of Elders, are developing plans to increase their environmental stewardship*

XV. *We can document specific actions we have taken to become intercultural*

New Business –

a) Peterborough Extension Council Fund

- See *Amendment to the Gift Agreement: The Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund Dated: May 30, 2025* as **Appendix D¹**
- See *The Establishment of the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund* as **Appendix D²**

2025-09-032-010 MOTION (J. Payne/T. Meyer) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders approve the *Amendment to the Gift Agreement: The Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund Dated: May 30, 2025 Between: The Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) and The East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC) Regarding: The Establishment of the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund (PEC Fund) Originally dated: March 17, 2022* as circulated and attached to these minutes.
CARRIED

b) Resolution Re: Disbanding Congregation (ECORC Kindred Works Motion re Trustees)

The Council of Elders identified that the issue of lack of trustees for properties in the land trust or recently disbanded required some clarity. Going forward, the Speaker, Speaker-Elect and Executive Minister would serve as automatic trustees for this purpose. A motion would be required regularly to update the names of the trustees when they are no longer serving in these capacities.

2025-09-032-011 MOTION (D. King/D. Moore) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders approve the following format re RESOLUTIONS RE: DISBANDED CONGREGATIONS

1. Having approved the request of the following communities of faith to disband the pastoral charge as a recognized community of faith with thanks to God for the ministries of these congregations:

- Cedardale United Church, Oshawa, Ontario
- Simcoe Street United Church, Oshawa, Ontario
- St. Stephen's United Church, Oshawa, Ontario
- Northminster United Church, Oshawa, Ontario
- Trinity United Church, Bowmanville, Ontario

the Council of Elders of the Regional Council take the following actions effective as of the date that each of the aforesaid communities of faith (the “**Disbanded Congregations**”) disbanded: 1. appoint Stephen Coles, Joyce Payne and Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly as trustees for each of the Disbanded Congregations;

2. recommends to the Council of Elders that the property of each of the Disbanded Congregations be sold/transferred to the East Central Ontario Regional Trust.

Furthermore, it is MOVED that:

- a. if a pastoral charge closes without naming a Board of Trustees to deal with remaining property, Stephen Coles, Joyce Payne and Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly are automatically trustees of the disbanded community of faith; and

- b. in accordance with The Manual (2025) section G.3.3.4c, if a congregation finds themselves with only one or two trustees or without any trustees for any reason, Stephen Coles, Joyce Payne and Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly are automatically trustees and will serve along with the remaining trustees until the full number of trustees has been appointed. **CARRIED (J. Payne abstains)**

*It was highlighted that the trustees will be the people who occupy the positions of Speaker, Speaker-Elect and the Executive Minister into the future.

c) **AOTS Community Homes**

2025-09-032-012 MOTION (J. Payne/M. Brotherton) That the East Central Ontario Regional Council of Elders wishes to legacy AOTS Community Homes as an incorporated ministry, subject to the conversations at the congregational level to determine whether the Regional Council is moving that authority to the Congregation or to the Corporation. **CARRIED**

d) **Voluntary Associate Ministers** DEFERRED TO OCTOBER MEETING

Equity Monitor Report – Rev. David King highlighted the meeting progressed well according to the continued practice of self-identifying.

The Speaker declares that all the business having come before this meeting of the Council of Elders was duly concluded at 4pm.

Closing Prayer – Stephen Coles

Next Meeting Dates:

- Tuesday, October 7, 2025 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, January 6th, 2026 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, April 7th, 2026 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, May 5th, 2026 (1pm – 4pm) Zoom
- Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026 (10am – 4pm) In-Person

Steve Coles
Speaker

Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly
Executive Minister

ECORC Council of Elders - Participation Roster

	Opening worship/Land ack/closing prayer	Equity Monitor Roles
<i>Summer months - urgent decisions will usually be made via email</i>		
<i>October 7, 2025</i>	David King	Kaitlyn Ostrander
<i>November 4, 2025</i>	Michelle Brotherton	Sheila-Mae Young
<i>December 2, 2025</i>	Brian Nicholson	Patti James
<i>January 6, 2026(if needed)</i>	David Moore	Ted Meyers
<i>February 3, 2026</i>	Ted Meyers	Joyce Payne
<i>March 3, 2026</i>	Sheila-Mae Young	David Moore
<i>April 7, 2026</i>	Joyce Payne	Brian Nicholson
<i>May 5, 2026</i>	Kaitlyn Ostrander	Kevin Fitzpatrick
<i>June 2, 2026 (in-person)</i>	Kevin Fitzpatrick	Michelle Brotherton

Appendices

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Appendix A

East Central Ontario Regional Council Covenant Support Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2025

A meeting of the Covenant Support Team was held by Zoom on Tuesday June 10, 2025 at 2:30pm.

Present: Freda Burns, Caroline Giesbrecht, Sharon Goulding, Svinda Heinrichs, Philip Hobbs, Patti James, Anne Meredith (scribe), Brian Nicholson, Randy Scott, Kathleen Whyte

Regrets: Paul Kneebone, Cheryl McMurray, Stephanie Richmond

Representing the Region: Darren Liepold (acting chairperson), Susan Garrod-Schuster

Darren Liepold welcomed everyone who introduced themselves. The meeting began with a land Acknowledgment.

Forum Reports**Ministry Through Property**

New chair of Ministry through Property Svinda Heinrichs clarified her committee's interaction and communication with Covenant Support.

Retirees

Susan Garrod-Schuster noted that events for companionship and social interaction were to be planned in areas where they were needed. Belleville has a monthly meeting of retirees. Many retirees are finding supply work.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL)

This committee continues to interview one third of the LLWLs per year. There are 23 LLWLs in the Region with 21 accepting pulpit supply.

Calls and Appointments

It was moved by Philip Hobbs and seconded by Kathleen Whyte that, after confirming eligibility on Church Hub, the Covenant Support Team approve the appointment of the Rev. Kristiane Black to Emmanuel Peterborough Community of Faith from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026 at 100% time all terms of The United Church of Canada Manual being met. Carried.

It was moved by Patti James and seconded by Randy Scott that, after confirming eligibility on Church Hub, the Covenant Support Team approve the reappointment of the Rev. Kirby Breithaupt to the Seymour Community of Faith at 60% time from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 all terms of The United Church of Canada Manual being met. Carried.

It was moved by Sharon Goulding and seconded by Patti James that, after confirming eligibility on Church Hub, the Covenant Support Team approve the call of the Rev. Elaine Hall to Newcastle Community of Faith effective July 29, 2025. at 100% time all terms of The United Church of Canada manual being met. Carried.

It was moved by Philip Hobbs and seconded by Caroline Giesbrecht that, after confirming eligibility on Church Hub, the Covenant Support Team approve the reappointment of the Rev. Don Wilmer to Dunbarton-Fairport Community of Faith from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 at 50% time all terms of The United Church of Canada Manual being met. Carried.

It was moved by Kathleen Whyte and seconded by Patti James that, confirming eligibility on Church Hub, the Covenant Support Team approve the reappointment of the Rev. Bob Root to the Bobcaygeon-Providence Community of Faith from July 1, 2025 to July 30, 2026 at 50% time all terms of The United Church of Canada Manual being met. Carried.

Three other call/appointments are in the works and will be confirmed by email poll Rev. Doug Ferris at Eldad-Hampton Community of Faith, Rev. Alan Boyd at Mark Street Community of Faith, Peterborough, and Rev. Carolin Giesbrecht at St. John's Community of Faith, Tweed.

Situations in the Region

A supportive commission is working with Dunbarton-Fairport Community of Faith. Cambridge Street Community of Faith in Lindsay has recommendation from the Region to be followed. A commission is working with Campbellford Community of Faith. St. Andrews By the Lake Community of Faith has a report coming. An investigator begins work for Lakefield Community of Faith next week.

It was moved by Brian Nicholson and seconded by Caroline Giesbrecht that Patti James be appointed as the pastoral charge supervisor for Buckhorn Community of Faith during the second half of the Rev. Rodney Smith-Merkley's sabbatical. Carried. Patti James abstained.

Hampton Community of Faith has approved their governance structure. Pastoral Charge partner Eldad Community of Faith is working on theirs and then the Pastoral Charge will approve their governance structure. The Covenant Support Team will check this fall that these workings are moving forward.

New Business

It was moved by Anne Meredith and seconded by Caroline Giesbrecht that Patti James be chairperson of the Covenant Support Team. Carried.

It was decided that meetings would continue to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 2:30pm. The next meeting will be held Tuesday September 16, 2025 at 2:30 pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. S. Anne Meredith

Appendix B¹

ECORC
MINISTRY THROUGH PROPERTY & FINANCE
June 25, 2025
Zoom
2:30-4:15pm

PRESENT: Svinda Heinrichs, Chair; Brian James, Treasurer; Isaac Mundy; Arthur Smith; Jeff Jullian; Paul Brinkley; Ken Begbie-on phone; Ron Trewin-regrets
 Support Staff: Eric Hebert-Daly-regrets; Darren Liepold
 Cof E rep: Sheila-Mae Young, recording secretary; Michelle Brotherton-regrets

QUORUM CONFIRMED

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	NOTES	ACTION/MEMBER ACCOUNTABLE
1	Opening prayer, Land Acknowledgement, Sharing	Opening prayer by Chair. Quorum declared by Chair Svinda has set up a specific email address for MTPF as well as a Goggle tracker acct. Discussion around using HUB Sharepoint All shared areas of expertise and joy in serving MTPF team	Chair will send invite to all members for acct set up but will also enter into discussions for the Sharepoint access
2	Review of previous minutes	Minutes: 250521 regular zoom and 250529 digital	MOTION: approve 250521 regular zoom and 250529 digital minutes as circulated (B. James/J.Jullian) <i>CARRIED</i>
3	Conflict of Interest	None noted	Chair ongoing item
REPORTS/ACTION ITEMS			
4	Update ECOR Cof E meeting June 3, 2025	That the ECORC concur with the recommendation of the MTPF to approve the request from Newcastle United Church to draw \$40,000 from the Manse Fund (Capital fund) for the 2025-26 year to support the hiring of a full-time to facilitate their ministry plans. Student Bursary application procedure was forwarded to the September meeting as not urgent for time restraints of this mtg Doing Mission Together Grants	Outstanding from Mar ECORC Student Bursary application procedure on ECORC agenda for Sept 2, 2025.

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		All approved x3 with knowledge that worthy of funding and exceeding the budget line. Bedford House Motion amended passed That ECORC receive and approved the recommendation of the MTPF to accept the incorporated Not for Profit Bedford House as part of the ministry of the ECOR until such time as they achieve charitable status in approximately two years. ECORC named Sheila-Mae Young to sit on the Board of Bedford House as representative of ECORC.	
5	UPRC/KW ECOR land trust and Property Management	UPRC=United Property Resource Corporation (owned by UCC) KW-Kindred Works (majority ownership by UCC) Letter from Bob Savaria received. Some issue raised by new auditor but will not affect ECOR until 2026.	FYI
6	Alzheimer's Society Durham Region	Looking for building space. Former Little Britain UC in discussions.	Future update
7	Real Estate Agent Request	Client looking for Ajax-Oshawa mid-large church over 5000 sq ft with ample parking for purchase before Aug 1, with a \$6-7 million budget	Chair S.Heinrichs will advise in the negative
6	Congregational Activities Updates -Northminster UC- Oshawa	Decommissioning service April 27. The Rev. Eric Hebert-Daly attended. Transfer of Lands to ECOR Land Trust with KW taking over Property Management including the current rental is underway. New Faith Group to start underway. Financial records in storage unit with access by ECORC Treasurer and ECOR Congregational Support Minister	ongoing agenda item:

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-Blackstock/Nestleton	Closing June 2026 with change of Pastoral Relations. In discussions about the legacy of the 2 church properties with ECOR Pastoral Support Team. KW not interested in properties could be sale.	ongoing
-Scugog Island UC	Closing June 29, 2025. Land can be severed into 2 properties-Church/Manse. The indigenous nation of the Mississauga of Scugog may be interested in purchasing the Church for the Community meeting space.	omgoing
-Zephyr UC	Decommissioned May 4. The Church property has been listed for sale since Nov 2024 and has a pending offer from an Art Studio. Zephyr UC wants to have rights of first refusal to buy stained glass windows should the windows be altered with new ownership.	ongoing
-Little Britain	Manse damage from ice storm-working with Insurance	No further action needed
-Wesbrook UC	TUCC worked to have the 2 pieces of adjacent Church property declared by Kington city as UC property and not subject to tax	No further action needed
-Kingsview UC	Ice storm damage-working with insurance Extensive work to restore the heating system has been approved by ECORC June 3, 2025	No further action needed

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-Atherley UC near Orillia	Membership 5-7, ice storm damage extensive. Darren visited May 26. Unable to worship is building because of extensive damage/mould. Plan disband Dec 31. Now part of 2 point charge but in discussion re legacy for Rama UC part of Shining water Region.	D. Liepold as Community Support will liaison with his counterpart in Shining Water Region
-Bridgenorth UC	A proposal for an extensive Capital improvement plan was submitted (attached). Funds to be used include reserves from Manse Fund and other with the shortfall provided by fund raising. Discussion ensued around leaving reserves markedly depleted with no information about the present ongoing operation finances of the Church.	J. Jullian will contact Chair of the Capital project Sue Pettersone, Treasurer Lake Vance and clergy at Bridgenorth to get further clarification of the operating balance information for the last year and the 2025 budget. When further information gathered the Team may be requested to have a digital vote or special zoom to discuss.
-Shiloh Cemetery	I am looking for a brief email from the Property Committee just confirming the OK to give the Church building away. I spoke to Brian James 5 years ago explaining the reasoning. Shiloh has a cemetery on the property which does not permit us to dig a well for water or a septic system. We got the OK and have found someone who will pay \$100,000.00 to move the building. The building has been	Future agenda item

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		prepared to move & all essential tasks have been attended to. We have been in touch with Clarington legal and they have drawn up the papers to transfer the Cemetery once the building has been removed. We have arranged to have the hole filled in. I think we have covered all the bases. Thanks Cathy Humphrey 905-983-6116	
7	Brooklin UC	I am the co-Treasurer at Brooklin United Church in Whitby. I got your e-mail from the ECORC webpage where it suggests that there may be grants available for communities of faith. We need to replace our entry doors and as we do that, we are looking to make them accessible by adding accessible door openers. Is this something for which a grant might be available to offset the costs? Bonny Langille (905-718-8037 Cell) Treasurer, Brooklin United Church 19 Cassels Road East, Brooklin, ON L1M 1A4 (905) 655-4141 Suggestions were made by A. Smith to access funds from the Lakeridge Presbytery Extension Council. ECOR also has some funding available	D. Liepold Community Support Minister will respond with the details to Brooklin UC
OTHER BUSINESS			
1	Maple Grove UC sale	The Church has an offer above asking (\$100,000) with closing date of August 28, 2025. Sale approved as noted with letter of objection responded through the ECOR Executive Minister	Certificate A pending

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2	Bethel Grove Cemetery in Hamilton Township (north of Cobourg)	This cemetery seems to be in an isolated corner of a farming property without buildings. MTPF not sure what the Bethel Grave UC is requesting. More information is needed. I. Mundy suggest that he would be willing to compose a Cemetery Policy to make it easier for Congregations and this Team to address issues	S. Heinrichs will contact T. Meyers for more information I Mundy will start to compose a Cemetery Policy for review of MTPF in fall 2025		
3	Young's Point UC	Legal issues complicate as the land was deeded to Young's Point UC directly but the Church building is owned by UCC.	Future needs		
3	Closing prayer	The Rev. Darren Liepold			
4	Adjournment		MOTION: to adjourn at 4:15 pm consensus		
SIGNATURES: Chair: Svinda Heinrichs Recording Sec: S-M. Young					
NEXT MEETING					
Date	Sept 17, 2025 3 rd Wed of the Month	Time	2:30pm	Location	Zoom invites to be sent

Bridgenorth UC capital improvement Proposal

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To: East Central Ontario Regional Council

Mission Through Property Team

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We deeply appreciate your support of our Community of Faith and your consideration of this proposal and look forward to further communication as we continue to serve in the Way of Jesus, the Christ in our time and place.

In faith and trust,

Sue Pettersone – Council Chairperson Lane Vance – Treasurer

<ECOR Educational Bursary Fund Application

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Appendix B²**Digital vote ECORC MTPF NOTES****Monday, July 7, 2025**

PRESENT: Svinda Heinrichs, chair; Brian James, Treasurer; Paul Binkley*; Isaac Mund*y; Jeff Julian*, Arthur Smith; Ken Begbie*
Darren Liepold, ECOR support, Eric Daly-Hebert
S-M. Young (Gidney) COE rep; recording secretary
Michelle Brotherton COE rep

- Indicated members voted in support

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FURTHER ACTION/NOTES/BACKGROUND	ACTION/MOTION FOR COE/COMMISSION
NEW BUSINESS			
1	Bridgenorth UC	Bridgenorth UC submitted a proposal at the regular MTPF Team at its regular zoom meeting of June 25. Further information was requested and received. All members of MTPF have had a chance to review all the relevant materials and are ready to vote on the Digital Motion so that action on the plan can be initiated. Below is the brief description of the proposal. <i>“With the sale of our manse in December of 2024, the net proceeds after expenses incurred totaled \$344,311.00 and we currently have two cashable GICs for \$150,000.00 and \$195,000.00 invested. We understand that a portion of the proceeds will be invested with The United Church of Canada Foundation with the interest paid to us annually. We are requesting that the remaining proceeds be made accessible to us immediately for the following purposes:</i> <i>1.HVAC replacement with new energy-efficient heat pumps for a total cost of \$115,500.00</i> <i>2.Water heater replacement with new energy-efficient unit for a total cost of \$1000.00</i> <i>3.Water treatment system upgrade for a total cost of \$3000.00</i> <i>The following capital expenditures are also essential to the operation of a barrier-free, healthy environment for everyone who utilizes our building. Since our last major renovation and addition took place over 30 years ago, these items will be necessary in the near future:</i>	MOTION: approve and recommend to ECORC the request from Bridgenorth United Church to use available Manse funds and GICs approximately \$540,000 for an ambitious Capital project that will see 1. New HVAC replacement with heat pump 2. Energy-efficient water heater and 3. Water treatment system upgrade Total: \$119,500 with further future plans for 1. Lift refurbishment 2. Insulation upgrade 3. Septic System refurbishment and 4. Main roof replacement. Total: \$125,000 (I.Mundy/P.Binkley) CARRIED

Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of a Regional Council

[By following this format, Trustees will meet the requirements of section G.2.3 of The Manual, The United Church of Canada (2019 edition). This format may be adapted to suit the local circumstances and, where the document is to be registered at a Land Registry Office, to satisfy the requirements of the Land Registrar.]

IN THE MATTER OF PT LT 17 CON 5 KINGSTON AS IN TKD253; AND THE MUNICIPAL ADDRESS OF WHICH IS 2173 UNITY ROAD ELGINBURG, ONTARIO.

AND IN THE MATTER OF Agreement to Purchase and sale from the Trustees of Trinity United Church (Elginburg) to and LESLEY MEGAN HASKIN and TIMOTHY DANIEL TRAVIS DUNN.

CERTIFICATE OF TRUSTEES ASKING CONSENT OF THE REGIONAL COUNCIL

*The United Church of Canada Act, Schedule B, Trust of Model Deed Part 6
The Manual (2019 edition), section G.2.3*

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the following is a just and true copy of a resolution duly passed by the Trustees of TRINITY UNITED CHURCH - ELGINBURG, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the ODESSA PASTORAL CHARGE Pastoral Charge, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees duly held for that purpose at VIA EMAIL, on the 10 day of SEPTEMBER, 2024.

"Moved by REV. PHIL WILSON seconded by BOB CONNOR, that the Trustees of TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, a congregation of The United Church of Canada and part of the ODESSA Pastoral Charge, having received the direction of the Official Board of the said Community of Faith to do so, request the consent of East Central Ontario Regional Council:

(1) to the sale of certain Real Property, the legal description of which is PT LT 80 PL 4 Smith; PT LT 81 PL 81 PL4 Smith as in T17003, and the municipal address of which is 825 Charles Street Bridgenorth, pursuant to an agreement between the Board of Trustees of Bridgenorth United Church, a congregation of The United Church of Canada, and Trudy Wilson as Realtor dated the 24 th day of September, and subject to Regional Council approval, the terms of which are as follows:

TRUDY WILSON, BROKERRE/MAX HALLMARK EASTERN
BROKERAGE

LISTING PRICE THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS
(\$350,000)

COMMISSION RATE: 5% (If Trudy handles both ends of the transaction the commission will be negotiated lower.

(2) Bridgenorth United Church agrees to the disposition of the proceeds arising from the transaction as per the Manse fund policy and approval by the MTP&F Team of ECORC and in pursuance of the said resolution, we hereby apply to East Central Ontario Regional Council for its consent to the Sale.

Dated this 24 th day of September 2024.



Susan Pettersone, Chair and Presiding Trustee



Sharon Baptie, Secretary of Trustees

Appendix C

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Appendix D¹

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**Amendment to the Gift Agreement: The Peterborough Presbytery
Extension Council Fund**

Dated: May 30, 2025

Between:

The Toronto United Church Council (TUCC)

and

The East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC)

Regarding:

**The Establishment of the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council
Fund (PEC Fund)**

Originally dated: March 17, 2022

Background

Changes in the polity of the United Church of Canada in 2019 brought to a close the church court known as the Presbytery. The Extension Council of the former Peterborough Presbytery sought to establish a fund to steward resources in a manner consistent with its historical purposes. The Extension Council transferred its assets to the Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) and entered into a gift agreement in March 2022.

Upon review, it has become clear that the original agreement contained conflicting clauses — specifically the designation of the fund as an **endowment** while permitting **loans** from the fund's capital, which is incompatible with endowment restrictions. This Amendment resolves those inconsistencies by converting the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund (PEC Fund) to a **designated, non-endowed fund**, clarifying its structure, allowable uses, and processes, without changing the original purpose or intent of the fund set out by the donors (formerly the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council).

Amendments

1. Fund Type and Purpose (Amends Sections B and C)

The PEC Fund shall be established as a **designated, non-endowed fund**. While the Fund is a designated, non-endowed fund, every effort will be made to retain the principal of the Fund, however, it is not guaranteed. The **principal of the Fund may be used to provide:**

- Loans to United Church of Canada Communities of Faith within the service area of TUCC for capital projects, in accordance with TUCC's loan policies.

While the **income of the Fund may be used to provide:**

- Grants for ministry initiatives within the same geographic scope, in the following priority areas:
 - Capital Improvements
 - Sustainability Improvements (greening projects)
 - Innovative Ministries
 - Indigenous Outreach and Community Outreach
 - Technology Improvements

Reason:

This amendment resolves the conflict in the original agreement between the Fund's endowment designation and its intended use for loans, which cannot legally be issued from endowed principal. By converting to a non-endowed fund, both loans and grants may be issued directly from the Fund.

2. Investments (Clarifies Section C)

The PEC Fund may be invested in accordance with TUCC's approved investment policies. Loans made through the Fund may be issued directly from the PEC Fund or through a pooled vehicle such as TUCC's Investing in Ministry Fund.

Reason:

Clarifies that capital projects and loans can be supported through either direct or pooled lending vehicles, consistent with TUCC's financial management practices.

3. Geographic Scope (Clarifies Sections B and C)

Loans and grants made through this Fund shall be limited to United Church of Canada Communities of Faith and incorporated ministries within the service area of TUCC (currently the Regional Councils of Shining Waters, Western Ontario Waterways, East Central Ontario, and Antler River Watershed, but subject to change).

Reason:

Confirms and clarifies the existing scope of eligibility in the original agreement.

4. Use of Loan Repayments, Income, and Disbursement Quota (Replaces and Clarifies Section D)

Income generated from loans and investments of the PEC Fund shall be made available each year for granting to ministries within the service area, consistent with the priorities listed in Amendment 1. Loan repayments will be returned to the PEC Fund for future loans or grants.

In accordance with the Disbursement Quota (DQ) requirements established by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), TUCC will ensure that at least the required 5% (current DQ but subject to change by CRA) of the average market value of the PEC Fund's assets — is disbursed each year.

This minimum disbursement must be met regardless of the Fund's investment performance. TUCC is authorized to encroach upon the capital of the PEC Fund, if necessary, to satisfy this disbursement obligation in any given year. Any such encroachments, including amounts and reasons, will be reported to ECORC as part of the annual report at the end of April each year.

Reason:

This amendment ensures compliance with CRA's charitable disbursement requirements

and clarifies how minimum annual distributions will be handled under the new fund structure.

5. Oversight and Reporting (Revises Section F)

TUCC will provide an annual written report to the Executive Minister of ECORC (or their designated successor) by the end of April each year, including:

- The financial performance of the PEC Fund,
- Loans and grants awarded,
- Income generated and its allocation for ministry grants,
- A summary of ministry initiatives supported.

Reason:

Aligns reporting obligations with the revised fund structure and expanded use of both capital and income.

6. Handling of Fund Closure (Revises Section H)

If TUCC ceases to operate, the PEC Fund will be transferred to another registered charitable organization with a similar mission and governance structure, and a demonstrated commitment to uphold the Fund's purpose and integrity. The selection of this organization must be approved by the Executive Minister of ECORC (or its successor body). One possible option for consideration is The United Church of Canada Foundation.

Reason:

Aligns closure procedures with the revised non-endowed structure and original ministry intent.

7. Administrative and Legal Fees (Clarifies Sections I and J)

The PEC Fund will be assessed an annual administrative fee of 1% of the market value of the Fund assets, based on the average of the ending market values of the Fund for the 8 quarters ending December 31st of the preceding year (any part subject to change).

Banking, investment, legal, and loan management fees are additional and will be monitored by TUCC to ensure they remain reasonable. A report of these fees will be included in the annual report to ECORC.

Reason:

Confirms administrative practices for the newly structured non-endowed fund. Amends the number of quarters and date for calculation purposes, as directed by CRA.

8. Amendment Process and Right To Vary (Revises Section K)

This agreement may be amended by TUCC as required to conform with any applicable law or government regulation. Notice of amendments will be provided to ECORC (or its successor body).

Any substantive amendments must be made with the mutual written consent of both TUCC and ECORC (or their successor bodies).

Right to Vary:

If, in the opinion of TUCC, and with the approval of the Executive Minister of ECORC (or their successor bodies), it becomes impossible, impractical, or inadvisable to continue using the PEC Fund for the exact purposes described in this agreement — whether due to changes in the structure, policies, or practices of TUCC and the United Church of Canada, changes in law, or other significant circumstances — the income and/or capital of the PEC Fund may be applied to other charitable purposes that align as closely as possible with the original intent of this agreement. Any such variation must uphold the spirit and values of the Fund's founding purpose, with priority given to supporting capital projects and ministry initiatives within United Church of Canada Communities of Faith in the service area of TUCC.

Reason:

Retains an appropriate amendment process considering the new fund structure. Adds the right to vary clause that all gift agreements must contain to provide maximum flexibility while, as closely as possible, upholding the purpose of the Fund and the donor's intent.

Confirmation

By signing below, both parties confirm their acceptance of these amendments to the original Gift Agreement.

For the Toronto United Church Council (TUCC):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

For the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECORC):

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Appendix D²**The Establishment of the Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Fund**

Changes in the polity of the United Church of Canada in 2019 brought to a close the service of the church court known as the Presbytery. The Extension Council of the former Peterborough Presbytery is seeking an avenue through which the church resources that it has managed for over 60 years can be assigned to a corporate body within the church, with similar intents as the Extension Council and a skill set that assures current managers that funds will be stewarded responsibly. It is in this context that the Extension Council proposes to establish a designated fund with the Toronto United Church Council (TUCC) to achieve these ends.

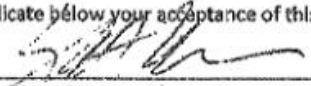
In view of the above, the Extension Council and its reporting court, the East Central Ontario Regional Council (ECOR) have agreed that a fund will be established to provide loans and grants to congregations in response to various ministry needs.

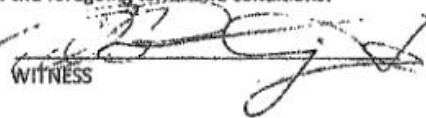
We will transfer the full amount of the Extension Council investments (market value \$345,249 as of Feb. 14, 2022) held by RBC Dominion Securities, upon the signing of this Gift Agreement, signifying acceptance of the terms and conditions of the agreement.

- A. The initial gift establishes the PEC Fund, to which further funds may be added.
- B. The purpose of the Fund is to provide loans and grants to Communities of Faith within the service area of the TUCC for capital projects and to provide grants for ministry initiatives. Grants and loans will be approved and recommended by TUCC through its regular process and will be confirmed by TUCC as being in accordance with this agreement and its governing documents. In addition, recipients of loans made under this plan will be required to meet the standards of TUCC's loan policies, as they may be amended from time to time.
- C. A fund shall be established on the books of Council, which shall be known as the *Peterborough Presbytery Extension Council Capital Fund* ("PEC Fund"). The PEC Fund shall continue to operate in the manner and for the purposes described, as long as all parties to this agreement or their successors agree that it continues to fulfill an important task. The PEC Fund will operate as an endowment fund and its annual income will be made available as grants to healthy innovative ministry initiatives. Its principal will be invested, with the favoured investing opportunity being capital projects within the United Church of Canada in Ontario.
- D. The PEC Fund shall include the cash received initially and such other deposits as may be from time to time transferred to TUCC, and all income from the PEC Fund.
- E. The PEC Fund shall be the property of Council and held by it in its normal corporate capacity, subject to its governing documents (as may from time to time be amended), and administered by its Board of Directors and staff.
- F. Council will report to ECOR or its successor, annually in the first quarter of its fiscal year on the performance of the PEC Fund's investments in the preceding year.

- G. The following ministry purposes are to be considered as priority investments:
- Capital improvements;
 - Sustainability Improvements (i.e. greening projects);
 - Innovative Ministries;
 - Indigenous Outreach and Community Outreach; and
 - Technology Improvements.
- H. Should Council cease to operate, the remainder of the PEC Fund shall be transferred to another charitable organization capable of committing to the retention and disbursement of funds, as might be named by ECOR or its successor body.
- I. Council will provide all appropriate accounting and related investment management services associated with the PEC Fund. The PEC Fund will be assessed annually an administrative fee of 1% of market value of the Fund Assets, based on the average of the ending market values of the fund for the 12 quarters ending September 30th of the preceding year. It is understood that banking and investment fees vary, and are in addition to this administrative fee.
- J. All costs associated with setting up loan and mortgage agreements will be borne by the PEC Fund, including but not limited to legal and other fees charged by other bodies, and loan oversight and management time incurred by Council beyond normal accounting and investment management duties for a fund of this type.
- K. Council is authorized to amend this agreement as is required, to conform to the provisions of any applicable law or government regulation in order to carry out the foregoing intention and minor amendments may be made with the mutual consent of both parties.

Kindly indicate below your acceptance of this gift and of the foregoing terms and conditions.


Lyle Hogg, Chair, PTBO Presbytery Extension Council


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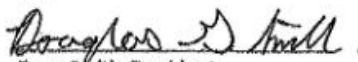
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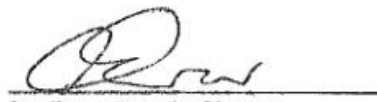
Accepted as of this 17 day of March, 2022. Receipt of the above-described gift is acknowledged and the conditions of the gift are accepted.

TORONTO UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL

Per:

Per:


Doug Smith, President
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Ron Ewart, Executive Director
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