

EGLINTON ST GEORGE'S UNITED CHURCH  
MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Welcome**

Doug McWhirter, Honorary Chair of the Congregation, welcomed everyone present and those who joined the meeting via Zoom. Thanks to Peter Wilkins and Bryan Estabrooks for assisting.

**Recording Secretary:** Marilyn Piotrowski

A quorum was declared, and Doug called the meeting to order.

**Voting Privileges**

It was moved by Gord Henderson and seconded by Gord Thompson that for the purpose of this meeting, everyone present, both members & adherents, have voting privileges. **CARRIED**

**Financial Update (July 2023 – February 2024):**

Gord Thompson presented the Financial Update

- Donations slightly higher than last year;
- Rental income increased 38% YTD;
- Pickleball program very successful;
- Generous bequests with LLL balance at \$1.3 m
- Expenses expected on budget;
- Budgeted annual deficit (\$93k);
- Rummage Sale and Spring Concert remaining fund-raising events;
- Loss of some major donors;
- Evolve program looking for sustainable solutions.

**Leave a Lasting Legacy (LLL) Proposed Changes**

Due to a recent change in the UCC assessment methodology, admin costs are to be paid by congregations and ESG's annual payments have increased from around 3-4 % or \$22k a few years back to 9% or \$51k currently. The Finance Committee have requested that annual distribution model for the LLL Fund be updated to decrease the National & Global UCC Outreach amount by 10% and to increase the Operating Fund amount by 10%. This will not impact the donations by individuals to M&S that are sent on to the UCC.

It was moved by Gord Thompson and seconded by Hugh DesBrisay that the congregation of ESG United Church, at the request of the Finance Committee and the recommendation of the Governing Council, update the annual distribution model for the Leave a Lasting Legacy Fund as of the June 30, 2024 disbursements, to the following:

- 20% to the Property Maintenance Fund;
- 20% to the Operating Fund;
- 5% to National & Global UCC Outreach (M & S);
- 5% to Local Outreach;
- 50% will remain in the LLL Fund.

**CARRIED**

### **Updates to the LLL Manual**

Janet and Alan Walker are leading the LLL activities and, having reviewed the Operation Manual, have recommended it be updated as follows:

- Reflect 2018 Manual Amendment;
- Individual donations \$1,000+ be recognized on memorial wall;
- Clarify roles;
- Simplify terms and definitions;
- Update historical context language.

It was moved by Gord Thompson and seconded by Hugh DesBrisay that the congregation of ESG United Church, on the recommendation of the Governing Council, approve the revised Leave a Lasting Legacy Fund Operation Manual (February 2024). **CARRIED**

### **Gratitude**

Maggie expressed her thanks to all those involved in preparing for the meeting, with particular gratitude going to Al Morson and Walter Pridham for their efforts establishing the Leave a Lasting Legacy initiative.

**Paul closed the meeting with prayer.**

It was moved by Peter Long and seconded by Arlene Duncan that this meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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**Honorary Chair, Doug McWhirter**

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**Secretary, Marilyn Piotrowski**