

**The United Church of Canada
Foundation/Fondation de
l'Église Unie du Canada**

Financial Statements
December 31, 2020



Independent auditor's report

To the Members of The United Church of Canada Foundation

Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The United Church of Canada Foundation (the Foundation) as at December 31, 2020 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.

What we have audited

The Foundation's financial statements comprise:

- the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2020;
- the statement of operations and changes in fund balances for the year then ended;
- the statement of cash flows for the year then ended; and
- the notes to the financial statements, which include significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Independence

We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

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In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation'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 Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 Foundation's internal control.
- 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 Foundation'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 our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation 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.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Ontario
June 2, 2021

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Statement of Financial Position

As at December 31, 2020

						2020	2019
	General Operating Funds \$	Gift Funds \$	Endowed Capital \$	Internally Restricted Funds \$	Externally Restricted Funds \$	Total \$	Total \$
Assets							
Current assets							
Cash	924,463	738,145	-	1,108,211	669,490	3,440,309	2,257,042
Accounts receivable (note 4)	17,764	-	-	-	-	17,764	263,934
Prepaid expenses	3,767	-	-	-	-	3,767	2,917
Gifts of securities in transit	-	53,286	-	-	-	53,286	57,053
	945,994	791,431	-	1,108,211	669,490	3,515,126	2,580,946
Investments (note 5)	-	-	31,488,487	1,067,203	45,609,933	78,165,623	73,184,630
	945,994	791,431	31,488,487	2,175,414	46,279,423	81,680,749	75,765,576
Liabilities							
Current liabilities							
Accounts payable (note 4)	347,189	791,431	-	-	-	1,138,620	956,961
Fund Balances	598,805	-	31,488,487	2,175,414	46,279,423	80,542,129	74,808,615
	945,994	791,431	31,488,487	2,175,414	46,279,423	81,680,749	75,765,576

Approved on Behalf of The United Church of Canada Foundation

Janet Stockton

Janet Stockton (Jun 28, 2021 16:00 EDT)

Chairperson, Board of Directors

Paul Douglas Walfall

Paul Douglas Walfall (Jul 1, 2021 12:52 MDT)

Member of the Board of Directors

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances

For the year ended December 31, 2020

						2020	2019
	General Operating Funds \$	Gift Funds \$	Endowed Capital \$	Internally Restricted Funds \$	Externally Restricted Funds \$	Total \$	Total \$
Revenue							
Donations							
General	-	-	-	286,719	-	286,719	55,572
Designated	-	3,302,528	1,383,330	-	791,269	5,477,127	5,441,627
Investment income	11,208	-	-	1,296	92,880	105,384	17,252
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	11,208	3,302,528	1,383,330	288,015	884,149	5,869,230	5,514,451
Expenses							
Grants (note 4)	-	2,871,442	-	135,698	4,407,367	7,414,507	6,952,077
Salaries and benefits	384,672	-	-	-	-	384,672	317,242
Fund development	10,394	-	-	-	-	10,394	21,940
Marketing and communications	64,118	-	-	-	-	64,118	92,701
Office	221,554	-	-	-	-	221,554	150,541
Investment fees	152,952	-	-	-	-	152,952	146,803
Travel and meeting	4,731	-	-	-	-	4,731	13,664
Professional fees	102,756	-	-	-	-	102,756	102,322
Property and insurance	3,164	-	-	-	-	3,164	4,450
	944,341	2,871,442	-	135,698	4,407,367	8,358,848	7,801,740
Surplus (deficit) before the following	(933,133)	431,086	1,383,330	152,317	(3,523,218)	(2,489,618)	(2,287,289)
Change in fair value of investments	-	(6,689)	-	112,533	8,117,288	8,223,132	10,996,546
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(933,133)	424,397	1,383,330	264,850	4,594,070	5,733,514	8,709,257
Fund balances – Beginning of year	509,229	-	30,105,157	1,923,244	42,270,985	74,808,615	65,770,593
Transfers to (from) The United Church	-	-	-	-	-	-	328,765
Net inter-fund transfers (note 6)	1,022,709	(424,397)	-	(12,680)	(585,632)	-	-
Fund balances – End of year	598,805	-	31,488,487	2,175,414	46,279,423	80,542,129	74,808,615

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended December 31, 2020

	2020 \$	2019 \$
Cash provided by (used in)		
Operating activities		
Surplus for the year	5,733,514	8,709,257
Item not affecting cash		
Change in fair value of investments	(8,223,132)	(10,996,546)
	(2,489,618)	(2,287,289)
Changes in non-cash working capital items		
Accounts receivable	246,170	(232,035)
Prepaid expenses	(850)	3,441
Accounts payable	181,659	(225,581)
Other non-cash item		
Gifts of securities in transit	3,767	27,247
	(2,058,872)	(2,714,217)
Investing activities		
Transfers to The United Church	-	328,765
Purchase of investments (note 5)	(370,846)	(72,321,914)
Disposal of investments (note 5)	3,612,985	74,967,159
	3,242,139	2,974,010
Increase in cash during the year	1,183,267	259,793
Cash – Beginning of year	2,257,042	1,997,249
Cash – End of year	3,440,309	2,257,042

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1 The United Church of Canada Foundation

The United Church of Canada Foundation (the Foundation) was incorporated as a non-share corporation in 2002 under Part II of the Canada Corporations Act and began operations in 2003. It received its certificate of continuance under the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act in 2014. It is registered as a charitable organization under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and is not subject to income taxes, provided certain disbursement requirements are met.

The purpose of the Foundation is to receive and maintain funds, and to apply all or part of the principal and income thereof, to support the mission of The United Church of Canada (The United Church) and other registered charities.

As a not-for-profit entity, the Foundation's operations are reliant on revenue generated annually. The Foundation has complied with the external restrictions on the Gift Funds and the Endowment and Externally Restricted Funds.

On July 1, 2009, the Foundation entered into a relationship and governance agreement with The United Church. The agreement specifies how the two entities will work together in the areas of: fundraising, fund management, fund disbursement and grants oversight, staffing and budget, and governance. This agreement is reviewed periodically and was updated in 2015 to reflect the fact that the Foundation pays for all of its operating costs.

2 Financial statement presentation

General

These financial statements include the assets, liabilities, revenue, expenses and cash flows under the direct administration of the Foundation. Contributed goods and services are not recorded in the financial statements of the Foundation. Volunteers make a contribution of time each year to assist the Foundation by serving on the board and its committees. Due to the difficulty in determining the fair value of such contributed services, they are not recognized in these financial statements.

Fund accounting

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) established by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) using the restricted fund method of reporting restricted donations.

- General – Operating Funds

The Operating Fund records the day-to-day operations of the Foundation.

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- Gift Funds

The Foundation receives and issues tax receipts for gifts, including gifts of securities intended for congregations and other registered charities. These receipts are recorded as designated donations. The sale proceeds, less brokerage costs, are passed on to the charities of the donors' choice. For each participating donor, a personal fund is established, into which gifts are made. Gifts of securities in transit are valued at the closing bid price. The disbursements made to the charities from the sale of securities are recorded as a grant expense. Undisbursed proceeds are recorded in accounts payable until such time as the donor designates a congregation or charity to which the proceeds are to be disbursed.

- Endowed Capital and Restricted Funds

The Foundation holds a number of restricted long-term funds that provide grants in support of the work of all courts of the church. Within these restricted granting funds are the following:

- Endowed Capital Funds – a group of funds with instructions to invest the capital in perpetuity and use the investment income earned for specific purposes, which is included in Other Restricted Funds;
- Internally Restricted Funds – a group of funds that have been internally restricted by the board or management (as itemized in note 7) for a stated purpose; and
- Externally Restricted Funds – a group of funds that have been externally restricted by donors or other entities that have gifted or transferred funds for a stated purpose. See note 7 for a listing of the largest restricted funds.

3 Summary of significant accounting policies

The significant accounting policies followed by the Foundation are as follows.

Revenue recognition

The Foundation follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Net proceeds from the sale of gifted securities to the Gift Funds are recorded as revenue and expense in the period in which the proceeds are received. Undisbursed proceeds are recorded in accounts payable until such time, not to exceed 24 months, the donor designates a congregation or charity to which the proceeds are to be disbursed.

Investments

Investments are stated at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in the statement of operations and changes in fund balances. Fair value is determined based on the closing bid price.

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Financial instruments

The Foundation has classified each of its financial instruments into the following accounting categories. The category for an item determines its accounting.

Asset/liability	Measurement
Cash	Fair value
Investments	Fair value
Accounts receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable	Amortized cost

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with ASNPO requires the Foundation to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

4 Related parties

The United Church and the Foundation are subject to a relationship and governance agreement. All transactions between the two entities are conducted at the exchange amount, which is the amount agreed to by the parties.

In 2020, the Foundation reimbursed The United Church for all direct and indirect costs (including salaries, rent, IT support, etc.). This is consistent with the prior year. All direct and indirect costs incurred in 2020 are reflected in these financial statements.

In 2020, the Foundation issued grants to the General Council of the United Church of Canada totalling \$2,901,607 (2019 – \$1,511,542) comprised of grants for: Mission & Service totalling \$1,020,870 (2019 – \$1,049,521), United Church funds and programs totalling \$370,694 (2019 – \$375,137), United Church projects and overseas projects totalling \$10,043 (2019 – \$86,885), and The United Church Emergency Loan Fund totalling \$1,500,000 (2019 – \$nil), which is included under Grants in the Externally Restricted Funds. The Foundation had \$nil amounts receivable as at December 31, 2020 (2019 – \$248,124) and amounts payable totalling \$250,969 (2019 – \$205,190). These amounts are non-interest bearing.

5 Investments

The Foundation invests in the following selection of Fiera's funds: Fiera Short Term Investment Fund, Fiera Active Fixed Income Ethical ESG Fund, Fiera Canadian Equity Ethical ESG Fund, Fiera US Equity Ethical ESG Fund, and the Fiera International Equity Ethical ESG Fund. This selection of investment is consistent with the Foundation's Investment Policy Statement and the Foundation's values as described in its Socially Responsible Investment Policy.

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6 Net inter-fund transfers

The Foundation accounts for its fund administrative fees in the net inter-fund transfer accounts. The administrative fees for Endowment, Capital and Externally Restricted Funds are charged by the General Operating Funds quarterly based on the average fund balance and are reflected as inter-fund transfers.

The administrative fees of 1.5% per annum charged to Gift Funds, Internally Restricted Funds and Externally Restricted Funds were \$1,022,709 (2019 – \$978,300).

In 2020, there were no transfers (2019 – \$328,765) from The United Church of Canada representing donations intended for the Foundation that came through the United Church.

7 Restricted funds

			2020	2019
	Externally restricted \$	Internally restricted \$	Total \$	Total \$
Compassionate Assistance Fund	3,861,438	-	3,861,438	3,538,777
GCO Mission & Service Fund	3,954,697	-	3,954,697	5,100,967
Estate of Reginald Watkins Fund	1,660,082	-	1,660,082	1,739,726
Good Samaritan Fund for Senior's Ministry Fund	2,193,869	-	2,193,869	1,816,083
Estate of Dorothy Jenkins Fund	1,316,721	-	1,316,721	1,206,749
M&S Endowment Fund	1,459,507	-	1,459,507	1,123,978
UCHSS-Career Improvement-Prof Dev Scholarships	1,063,648	-	1,063,648	228,184
New Ministries Fund (i)	60,732	572,548	633,280	790,051
New Development Learnings Fund (i)	-	456,692	456,692	456,692
The Wesley C. Smith Fund (i)	75,607	494,655	570,262	566,169
Grants Fund (ii)	-	651,519	651,519	447,901
Other funds (iii)	30,633,123	-	30,633,123	27,178,952
	<u>46,279,424</u>	<u>2,175,414</u>	<u>48,454,838</u>	<u>44,194,229</u>

- i) In 2017, the Foundation received an unrestricted gift-in-kind of real estate property from a donor and disposed it for proceeds of \$1,370,074. On December 5, 2017, the board designated two-thirds of the sales proceeds to two funds – one-third to New Ministries Fund and one-third to The Wesley C. Smith Fund, with the remaining one-third to a new fund for New Development Learnings.
- ii) The Grants Fund consists of undesignated gifts internally restricted for granting purposes. Grants are made at the discretion of the Joint Grants Committee and the board.

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iii) Other externally restricted funds include 508 funds with individual balances of less than \$1,000,000.

8 Risk

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the Foundation could encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations as they come due. The Foundation uses its working capital to mitigate such risk.

Interest rate risk

The Foundation does not have any direct investment in instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The pooled investments of the Foundation, however, include instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. Fluctuations in price are inverse to fluctuation in future yields, so these instruments can stabilize investment income available for distribution.

Concentration of credit risk

The Foundation has no direct or specific concentration of credit risk because the investments comprise units of a pooled balance fund.

Market risk

Market risk arises from the possibility that changes in market prices will affect the value of the financial instruments of the Foundation. The investments of the Foundation are exposed to fair value fluctuations. The Foundation's short-term instruments (accounts receivable and accounts payable) are not subject to market risk.

9 Guarantees

In the normal course of business, the Foundation enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee. The Foundation's primary guarantees are as follows:

- a) Indemnity has been provided to all trustees, directors, officers and volunteers of the Foundation for various items including, but not limited to, all costs to settle suits or actions due to association with the Foundation, subject to certain restrictions. The Foundation has purchased directors' and officers' liability insurance to mitigate the cost of any potential future suits or actions. The term of the indemnification is not explicitly defined, but is limited to the period over which the indemnified party served as a trustee, director, officer or volunteer of the Foundation. The maximum amount of any potential future payment cannot be reasonably estimated.

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- b) In the normal course of business, the Foundation has entered into agreements that include indemnities in favour of third parties, such as confidentiality agreements as well as engagement letters with advisors and consultants. These indemnification agreements may require the Foundation to compensate counterparties for losses incurred by the counterparties as a result of breaches in representation and regulations or as a consequence of the transaction. The terms of these indemnities are not explicitly defined and the maximum amount of any potential reimbursement cannot be reasonably estimated.

The nature of these indemnification agreements prevents the Foundation from making a reasonable estimate of the maximum exposure due to the difficulties in assessing the amount of liability that stems from the unpredictability of future events and the unlimited coverage offered to counterparties. Historically, the Foundation has not made any significant payments under such or similar indemnification agreements; therefore, no amount has been accrued in the statement of financial position with respect to these agreements.

10 Impact of COVID-19

Subsequent to year-end, the second and third wave of the novel strain of coronavirus and variants, specifically identified as COVID-19, has resulted in ongoing uncertainty regarding the lasting economic impacts as vaccination programs roll out. Government measures, which include the implementation of travel bans, self-imposed quarantine periods and social distancing, continue to cause material disruption to businesses globally resulting in an economic slowdown. While extensive vaccination is anticipated in 2021, the duration and lasting impact of COVID-19 remains unknown at this time. As a result of the uncertainty, the Foundation may be negatively impacted by the timing and/or amount of future donations and the market value of its investments. It is not possible to reliably estimate the length and severity of these developments and the impact on the financial results and condition of the Foundation in future periods.

11 Comparative figures

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's financial statement presentation.








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