

**Continuing Education Plan of the  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Financial Statements  
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

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## Independent Auditor's Report

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To the Board of Trustees of  
Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada

### Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada (the "Plan"), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Plan 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

As agreed to by the Trustees of the Plan and in common with many benefit fund audits, the scope of our audit was limited to the records of the Plan and therefore, did not extend to an examination of the payroll records of the contributing employers. Accordingly, our verification of contribution revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Plan and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contribution revenue and increase (decrease) in net assets for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, assets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022 and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2023 and 2022 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation in scope.

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 are independent of the Plan 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 we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our qualified audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and 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 Plan'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 Plan or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

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## Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

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### 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 Plan'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 Plan'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 Plan 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.

*BDO CANADA LLP*

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants  
Oakville, Ontario  
May 24, 2024


**Continuing Education Plan of the  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Statement of Financial Position**

December 31	2023	2022
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 717,715	\$ 532,325
Accounts receivable	7,000	8,000
Contributions receivable	67,637	69,053
Due from related party (Note 3)	14,921	-
Investments (Note 4)	7,617,344	7,043,608
	<b>\$ 8,424,617</b>	<b>\$ 7,652,986</b>
<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 48,343	\$ 42,679
Due to related party (Note 3)	-	3,045
	<b>48,343</b>	<b>45,724</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Internally restricted (Note 6)	4,535,362	4,484,679
Unrestricted	3,840,912	3,122,583
	<b>8,376,274</b>	<b>7,607,262</b>
	<b>\$ 8,424,617</b>	<b>\$ 7,652,986</b>

On behalf of the Board:

  
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Chairperson

  
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Trustee

**Continuing Education Plan of the  
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Statement of Operations**

<b>For the year ended December 31</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Revenue</b>		
Employer contributions	\$ 1,103,800	\$ 1,119,731
Investment income (loss) (Note 5)	604,580	(708,675)
	<b>1,708,380</b>	411,056
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Benefits paid to employees	584,836	491,499
Administrative expenses (Note 7)	211,291	256,116
Sabbatical and special grants	57,647	20,468
Group training grants	85,594	60,182
	<b>939,368</b>	828,265
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>769,012</b>	<b>(417,209)</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>7,607,262</b>	8,024,471
<b>Net assets, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 8,376,274</b>	\$ 7,607,262

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

**For the year ended December 31**

**2023**

**2022**

	<b>Internally Restricted</b>					
	<b>Group Training Fund</b>	<b>Employee Accounts Fund</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	
<b>Net assets</b> , beginning of the year	<b>\$ 106,241</b>	<b>\$ 4,378,438</b>	<b>\$ 3,122,583</b>	<b>\$ 7,607,262</b>	<b>\$ 8,024,471</b>	
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>(85,594)</b>	<b>586,915</b>	<b>267,691</b>	<b>769,012</b>	<b>(417,209)</b>	
<b>Transfer between funds</b>	<b>38,195</b>	<b>(488,833)</b>	<b>450,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Net assets</b> , end of year	<b>\$ 58,842</b>	<b>\$ 4,476,520</b>	<b>\$ 3,840,912</b>	<b>\$ 8,376,274</b>	<b>\$ 7,607,262</b>	

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

**Continuing Education Plan of the  
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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 by (used in)</b>		
<b>Operating activities</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures	\$ 769,012	\$ (417,209)
Adjustments to reconcile excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenditures to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		
Realized gain on sale of investments	(31,346)	(68,270)
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	(241,798)	1,038,215
Changes in non-cash working capital balance		
Accounts receivable	1,000	2,000
Contributions receivable	1,416	15,597
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	5,664	3,631
	<b>503,948</b>	<b>573,964</b>
<b>Investing activity</b>		
Net acquisition of investments	(300,592)	(1,000,656)
<b>Financing activity</b>		
Decrease (Increase) in due from related party	(17,966)	5,699
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash</b>	<b>185,390</b>	<b>(420,993)</b>
<b>Cash, beginning of year</b>	<b>532,325</b>	<b>953,318</b>
<b>Cash, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 717,715</b>	<b>\$ 532,325</b>

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

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# Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada Notes to Financial Statements

**December 31, 2023**

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## 1. Significant Accounting Policies

### **Nature and Purpose of the Plan**

The Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada (the "Plan") provides for the continuing education of the clergy and lay employees of participating employers in order to improve their work-related skills and abilities. The rules adopted by the Church have established the basic provision of the Plan as reflected in Canon XII and the related regulations. Effective January 1, 2012, the Plan was registered as a charitable organization.

### **Basis of Presentation**

These financial statements are prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (the "ASNPO").

### **Funding Policy**

The Plan is an employer sponsored plan where the employers are required to contribute \$900 (2022 - \$900) per eligible employee per year.

### **Investments**

Investments are primarily in pooled funds and are stated at fair value in a trade date basis. The change in the difference between the fair value and cost of investments at the beginning and end of each year is reflected in the statement of operations as investment income (loss).

Pooled fund investments are valued at the unit values supplied by the pooled fund administrator, which represent the Plan's proportionate share of underlying net assets at fair values determined using closing market prices.

Net realized gains (losses) on the sale of investments are calculated on a weighted average cost basis. Interest income is recognized on a time proportion basis and dividend income is recognized on the dividend date of record.

### **Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments, excluding investments, are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued and subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

### **Revenue Recognition**

The Plan follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions to the Plan are recorded in the financial statements up to and including the December month to the extent that these contributions are reported by the date of the auditor's report. Contributions reported after this date are included in the next fiscal period.



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## Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada Notes to Financial Statements

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### 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian ASNPO requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of 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 management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

#### **Income Tax Status**

The Plan is registered as a charitable organization for income tax purposes and is exempt from income tax under section 149(1)(f) of the Income Tax Act.

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### 2. Description of the Plan

The following description of the Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada is a summary only. For more complete information, reference should be made to the Plan Regulations.

#### **General**

The Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada was established to collect contributions from participating employers within the Church to provide for continuing education of the Church's clergy and lay workers in order to improve their work-related skills and abilities.

The Plan is administered under Canon XII of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada which outlines terms of membership, contribution rates and benefit credits and payments.

#### **Continuing Education Plan Benefits**

Employers contribute \$900 (2022 - \$900) per year for each eligible employee. 75% of eligible expenses are reimbursed from contributions accumulated for the employee. A bonus may be added from the Plan. The bonus was 10% in 2023 (2022 - 5%).

The Plan also pays for group training through grants to employers. These grants are approved each year for all participating employers. The employers have 5 years to use the grants for qualifying expenses or they expire.

Additional grants are made for sabbatical leave and retraining for employees who have more than 5 years participation in the Plan, subject to approval.

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### 3. Related Party Transactions and Balances

The Pension Office Corporation of the Anglican Church of Canada (the "Corporation") administers the Plan. Under the terms of a Cost Sharing and Agency with the Plans, the Corporation pays shared expenses of the Plans and is reimbursed. In the current year, an amount of \$169,079 has been allocated to the Plan (2022 - \$213,045) at its exchange value (the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties).

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**3. Related Party Transactions and Balances (Continued)**

The following amount is due from (to) the related party at year end:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Pension Office Corporation of the Anglican Church of Canada	<b>\$ 14,921</b>	<b>\$ (3,045)</b>

The Plan has a common Board of Directors/Trustees with the Pension Office Corporation of the Anglican Church of Canada.

**4. Investments**

	<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Cost</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
PH&N Core Plus Bond Fund	<b>\$ 5,026,748</b>	<b>\$ 4,465,933</b>	\$ 4,739,174	\$ 4,025,104
PH&N Canadian Equity Value Fund	<b>391,230</b>	<b>540,073</b>	364,367	488,632
RBC QUBE Low Volatility Canadian Equity Fund	<b>452,555</b>	<b>530,033</b>	426,787	500,921
RBC Global Equity Focus Fund	<b>821,649</b>	<b>1,049,742</b>	824,901	995,233
RBC QUBE Low Volatility Global Equity Fund	<b>902,898</b>	<b>1,031,563</b>	907,913	1,033,718
	<b>\$ 7,595,080</b>	<b>\$ 7,617,344</b>	\$ 7,263,142	\$ 7,043,608

**5. Investment Income (Loss)**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Pooled fund distributions	<b>\$ 300,591</b>	\$ 250,656
Realized gain on sale of investments	<b>31,346</b>	68,270
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	<b>241,798</b>	(1,038,215)
Interest on bank deposits	<b>30,845</b>	10,614
	<b>\$ 604,580</b>	\$ (708,675)

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**6. Internally Restricted Funds**

Internally restricted funds include two separate funds. The group training fund consists of the accumulated approved grants for group training. The employee accounts fund is comprised of accumulated contributions made by member employers on account of employees, which have not yet been used to fund eligible expenses.

The balance in these funds as at year end is as follows:

	<b>2023</b>			2022
	<b>Group Training Fund</b>	<b>Employee Accounts Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Balance</b> , beginning of the year	<b>\$ 106,241</b>	<b>\$ 4,378,438</b>	<b>\$ 4,484,679</b>	\$ 4,195,396
Contributions	-	1,103,800	1,103,800	1,119,731
Transfers from unrestricted	41,390	-	41,390	41,895
	<b>41,390</b>	<b>1,103,800</b>	<b>1,145,190</b>	1,161,626
Benefits paid to employees	-	(516,885)	(516,885)	(460,823)
Group training grants	(85,594)	-	(85,594)	(60,182)
Transfers to unrestricted	(3,195)	(488,833)	(492,028)	(351,338)
	<b>(88,789)</b>	<b>(1,005,718)</b>	<b>(1,094,507)</b>	(872,343)
Net increase (decrease) in fund balance	<b>(47,399)</b>	<b>98,082</b>	<b>50,683</b>	289,283
<b>Balance</b> , ending of the year	<b>\$ 58,842</b>	<b>\$ 4,476,520</b>	<b>\$ 4,535,362</b>	\$ 4,484,679

**7. Administrative Expenses**

	<b>2023</b>		2022
Administrative fees (Note 3)	<b>\$ 169,079</b>	\$	213,045
Audit fees	<b>11,607</b>		10,882
CEP Employer Contribution Interest Paid	<b>(299)</b>		-
Insurance	<b>8,807</b>		9,833
Investment management fees	<b>28,759</b>		27,078
Website management	<b>10,849</b>		11,272
Sales tax rebates	<b>(17,511)</b>		(15,994)
	<b>\$ 211,291</b>	\$	256,116

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### 8. Financial Risk Management

The Plan's activities expose it to a variety of direct and indirect financial risks: credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (including currency risk, interest risk and other price risk). These risks have not changed from the prior year.

#### **Credit Risk**

*Credit risk* is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Plan's financial instruments that are exposed to concentrations of credit risk relate primarily to cash and investments. The Plan manages its exposure to this risk by maintaining its cash with a major Schedule 1 bank and maintaining its fixed income investments in a professionally managed diversified balanced fund.

The Plan also has credit risk to the extent that contributions receivables are not collectible. The Plan manages this risk by closely monitoring delinquent contributors and ensuring late contributions and deviations are pursued.

#### **Liquidity Risk**

*Liquidity risk* is the risk that the Plan encounters difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. Liquidity risk arises from accounts payable and accrued liabilities. The Plan continues to focus on maintaining adequate liquidity to meet operating working capital requirements and capital expenditures.

#### **Market Risk**

The Plan is exposed to fluctuations in equity markets on its investments within the pooled funds.

#### **Currency Risk**

*Currency risk* is the risk that the value of investments denominated in foreign currencies will fluctuate with changes in foreign currency exchange rates. The Plan is exposed to currency risk from the possibility that changes in exchange rates will affect the value of investments denominated in foreign currencies within the pooled funds.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

*Interest rate risk* is the risk that the fair value of future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Plan is exposed to interest rate risk arising from the possibility that changes in interest rates will affect the value of fixed income denominated investments within the pooled funds.

#### **Other Price Risk**

*Other price risk* is the risk that the value of an investment will fluctuate as a result 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 a market.