

Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church 2023 Annual General Meeting

Sunday March 3 2024 at 11:30 am.

AGENDA

Opening Devotion

Mission Statement of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:

As a Reformed church, we rely on the truth and inspiration of the Scriptures for God's guidance into the future - a future that we approach with wonder and anticipation, knowing God is with us. Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the law and good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions. As worshiping communities joyfully celebrating the sacraments, we are supported, strengthened and equipped to share the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

Land Acknowledgement: We begin this meeting by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the 3 Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa and the Potawatomie.

Appointment of Secretary:

Review of Rules of Order: Rev. Lisa Aide

Approval of Minutes of Congregational Meeting held on Sunday March 5, 2023

Acceptance of Reports

Report of the Board of Managers

Acceptances of Financial Report of 2023

Acceptances of the Budget for 2024

New Business

Prayer and Adjournment

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

The time has come once again for the celebration of life at Paulin Memorial. I often struggle to include every detail when it comes time to summarize a year in the life of Paulin. 2023 was an amazing year. So many things have happened both within our walls and outside of them as we continue to serve as Jesus' hands and feet in the world. In 2023 we were blessed to have 20 people stand up and become full members of our church. We were able to welcome two children into the body of Christ, and our worship services were able to grow both in person and online, as people came to worship the risen Lord.

Some of the highlights of the year for me were things like our Christmas Eve worship, when the fan of the grinch came to join us in the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Watching the number of children grow during Sunday worship, and then having them come and minister to us with a song about their Paulin Smile. I have been blessed to continue working with the many different committees in our church. They are filled with such passionate people who seek to not only serve the Lord, but to make each event, activity and worship service better than the one before. Everyone is willing to use their God-given gifts for the sake of our Paulin congregation.

The office of the church has never run smoother thanks to the help of both Margaret and Joanne. They have both stepped up to take on a volunteer role in running the church office and dealing with the many different rentals requests that come in from community groups. I am so excited to see how our new stage will be put to use in the coming year as we are now able to offer a unique space to perform upon.

In 2023 we lost some long time members of our church family, but it was a blessing to be able to celebrate their life and see what a lasting impact they had not only on our church family but also on the community at large. And although we will miss them greatly we know that they are now safe in God's Holy kingdom and one day we will meet again.

This past year was filled with wonderful moments of stewardship and fundraising. From a play performed on our newly renovated stage, to a Christmas Bazaar, teas and so much more. We were also able to reach out into the community with mission projects from gathering socks and underwear, to soup suppers to support camp Kintail, and garage sales for

PWSD. Paulin has had another active year as we sought to share our ministry and our mission with the community around us.

This year we also started the next step in the New Beginning Program. We sought to rediscover the question of why we are here, and in small groups searched to create a new vision for our church for the coming years. It has been so great to see so many of our members get involved with the small groups and to hear them get passionate about what the future might hold for Paulin.

I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve at Paulin and I look forward to what 2024 brings our way. I know that God will be with us, helping us to grow and flourish in the days yet to come. So we boldly walk forward in faith knowing that the best is yet to come.

Thanks be to God, amen.

MINUTES OF THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR PAULIN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The annual congregational meeting of Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church for 2022 was held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 at 11:45 am. An in-person meeting took place in our church sanctuary. There were 36 people present.

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Rev. Lisa Aide opened the meeting in prayer. She read the Mission Statement of the Presbyterian Church in Canada as an opening devotion. *As a Reformed church, we rely on the truth and inspiration of Scriptures for God's guidance into the future – a future that we approach with wonder and anticipation, knowing God is with us. Relying on the power of the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the law and good news of Jesus Christ through our words and actions. As worshiping communities joyfully celebrating the sacraments, we are supported, strengthened, and equipped to share the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ.*

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Appointment of Secretary:

Mary Ellen Sands King moved to accept Nancy Blair as secretary, seconded by Moira Diffey. Motion carried.

Review of Rules of Order:

Rev. Lisa Aide reviewed the rules of order for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Guy Simon's moved approval of the Minutes of the Congregational Meeting held Sunday, March 5, 2022 and located on pages 5-6 of the 2023 annual report. Seconded by Jim Aide. Motion carried.

Errors in Report:

That Chrys' last name be corrected from Lake to Stammler.

That the error in the financial report should be read an amount of \$700, not \$750. A motion was made by Jim Marchand and seconded by Moira Diffey to make the correction in the report. Motion carried.

Report of the Board of Managers:**Acceptance of the Financial Report of 2022:**

The financial report was presented by Deb Naklie

A motion was made by Guy Simon's to accept the financial report and was seconded by Jim Marchand. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob McVicar to accept the budget for 2023 and seconded by Jim Aide. Motion carried.

Election of New Board Members:

No new board members to be elected at this time.

New Business:

Anne McLachlan gave an update on the legal actions that were taken against the church.

Jim Aide moved to adjournment of the meeting at 12:45.

Rev. Lisa Aide closed the meeting in prayer.

2023 Session Report

During 2023, the elders on session meet for 9 in-person meetings and 2 joint meetings with the board of managers. As always, meetings began with a spiritual devotion and prayers for those with pastoral concerns. The members of session have endeavoured to continue to provide a space for worship, faith formation, and mission work. Highlights from the session meetings are posted on the office bulletin board and on the church website. A newsletter is distributed 4-6 times a year.

In 2023, Paulin Memorial continued our support for the work of Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D), both essential components of our denomination's mission work. Presbyterians Sharing provides support for the administrative work of our national church, support for congregations, and mission work both within Canada and globally. While our allotment from the PCC for Presbyterians Sharing for 2023 was \$16,180, the congregation committed to submitting a minimum of \$4,000. Through our envelope designations, fundraising, Birthday church & direct donations by individuals, we were able to provide \$6,054.76 in support. Our allotment for 2024 is \$18,079 but the session is once again recommending the amount of \$4,000. PWS&D is an NGO that supports humanitarian relief & development work around the world. Our congregational donations and direct individual donations amounted to \$6,789.91. As outlined in the Mission & Outreach committee report, we have also responded generously to other needs and appeals within our community and congregation.

In 2021, we applied for the Presbyterian Church in Canada's (PCC) New Beginnings Program in order to discern God's future for our congregation. We received support from the Essex Kent Presbytery and a grant for \$4,500 from the PCC to participate in this program. Rev. Aide gathered the relevant documents and Rev. Mavis Curie visited our congregation on December 2, 2021.

Unfortunately, because of uncertainty related to the pandemic, the process was put on hold. We were required to submit further documentation in November 2022 and the program was restarted in March 2023. After delays related to availability of coaches, we kicked off the Transformation weekend with Rev. Paul Kang on November 3-5. Led by 5 House Leaders (Nancy Carle, Audrey Landon, Jim Marchand, Janet Brigham-Turowski & Anne McLachlan), 48 people attended 4 meetings from November 9, 2023 to January 10, 2024. The House Leaders will write a report to be presented to the congregation in February 2024. An

Implementation Team will be formed and coached by Rev. Kang over 6-8 months to implement the future story.

Two children were baptized in 2023: Luke, son of Adam & Cady Wingelaar in October and Andrew, son of Michelle & Dan Blokker in November. Rev. Lisa Aide and Jonathan Calder celebrated their marriage at Paulin on October 7, 2023. In April, we welcomed 12 new members by profession of faith or transfer: Kristina Garswood, John Garswood, Arnold Eagle, Linda Eagle, Rob Kissau, Margaret Kissau, Elizabeth Rivet, Susan Lucas, Lillian Ridgwell, Nancy Bryans, Betty Ann Michaud, & Lynn Chappell. In November, we welcomed another 6 members by transfer or profession of faith: Donald Towlsey, Jeanmarie Towsley, Mary Singh, Festus Moasun, Yvonne Moasun, & Paul Henderson. Through death, we were saddened to lose the following members in 2023: Ken Havens, James Fleming, Jon Landon, Dorothy Lake, Richard Gowman, Shirley Paterson, Ted Douglas, Geraldine McAusland, Jack McMillan, & Pat Leary. As we remember these people, we thank God for their lives and lift up their families in prayer. We also pray for other families in our church who have lost loved ones that are not mentioned above.

As our Synod fees are determined by the number of people on the membership roll, inactive members (no attendance or donation in 2 years) were contacted to determine if they wished to stay as members. Ten people were removed at their request or due to transfer to another church. Eleven were removed from the roll due to inactivity and no contact.

In April 2023, working together with our lawyer and insurance company, a settlement was reached with a former employee who file a lawsuit through small claims court. Due to a nondisclosure agreement, no further information can be provided.

Letters of resignation from ruling elders were received from Anne Boden & George Boden in March, Norm Diffey in June, and Amy Vreman effective February 2024. Lisa Golab returned from a leave in January. A. McLachlan resigned as Clerk of Session in December 2023. Active Elders serving on session at Paulin at the end of 2023: Kim Burgess, Louise Dupuis, Don Dupuis, Carla Johnson-Hicks, Audrey Landon, Jim Marchand, Anne McLachlan, Deborah Naklie, Bonnie Pittock, Beth Stockford, Darrin Stockford, Ann Torrie, Amy Vreman & Joanne Zuk. We are blessed to have many other ordained elders at Paulin who are not presently serving on Session.

Staff & Committee Chairs:

Organist/Choir Director: Heather
Inksetter

Office Volunteers: Margaret
Douthart

Rentals: Margaret Douthart &
Joanne Zuk

Custodian: Charlene Marchand

Clerk of Session: Anne McLachlan

Presbytery Reps: Audrey Landon,
Carla Johnson-Hicks & Rev. Lisa Aide

Roll Clerk: Audrey Landon

Worship Committee: Mike Golab

Stewardship: vacant

Mission & Outreach: Anne
McLachlan

Christian Education : vacant

Congregational Life : Bonnie Pittock

Pastoral Care co-ordinator : Moria
Diffey

Fundraising: Joanne Zuk

Board of Managers: Bob MacVicar

Treasurer: Deborah Naklie

Envelope Secretary: Margaret
Douthart

Submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session

Worship Committee Report

The Worship Committee is responsible for the worship services each and every week. Monthly meetings are held to discuss new and improved ideas to make sure everything goes as smoothly as possible.

The committee consists at present of Rev. Lisa Aide, Mike Golab (Chair), Norm Diffey, Heather Inksetter (Music Director), Jim Marchand, Carol Turner (Recording Secretary), Mary Ellen Sands King and Ann Torrie.

This year marks Paulin Memorials 70th Anniversary of being a church in this community. We look forward to continue to serve this community with FAITH for 70+ years.

As always the committee is open and encourages the congregation for suggestions to improve our Sunday services, and are always ready to accept new members to join. If interested please contact myself or Rev. Lisa.

Submitted by Mike Golab

Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church: Choir Report, 2023

Members of the Paulin choir worked diligently over the year to present special music on a number of occasions. A highlight was our Christmas cantata, *Love came down*, with music by Stan Pethel and a text by the poet Christina Rossetti. The choir prepared anthems for each Sunday of the year, and their ministry of music was highlighted particularly for services including Good Friday and Easter, Thanksgiving, and communion.

It is my pleasure to work with this diligent and talented group. When we are at full strength we have ten singers. Although all members do their best to be present, we often have less than full attendance because of a combination of holidays, illness, travel, or work. For this and other reasons, I would be very pleased to have a few more people come forward as potential choir members.

Practice is Thursday evenings at 7, and I usually release the singers around 8:20, giving them time to store their folders and gather their things by 8:30. If you would consider joining us, please come and see me. We work together and have a diverse set of skills, so do not hesitate to give the choir a try. It is a very good way to experience fellowship and enjoyment, and to serve the church. This year we welcomed Yvonne and Jeanmarie and it is great to have them.

I extend grateful thanks to Carolyn and Carol, the librarians. It takes a good deal of time to keep everything organized, stamped, distributed and collected. We have a rich collection of music at Paulin and they do a marvellous job. I would also like to thank Jim Marchand for working on the choir area in the sanctuary for us, as well as building shelves. Another person who helped us is Ron Dossenbach. He is able to trouble shoot problems with the organ and quick to respond to requests for help. Our instrument tuners Al Veltman (piano) and Jan Vanderstad (organ) tuned our two beautiful instruments in the spring and fall, and continue to keep them in good condition.

Thank you to Rev. Lisa and Jonathan, and also to the Personnel committee, Session and the Board of Managers for their continued support. I look forward to continuing the music ministry here at Paulin Presbyterian.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Inksetter

January, 2024

Faith Community Action Committee

Committee Members for 2023 were Bonnie Pittock, Sheila Bowyer, Kim Burgess, Carolyn Burgess, Karolyn Gagnier, Anne McLachlan & Rev. Lisa Aide. As our philosophy has shifted to asking the recipients of our monthly projects about their needs, we have changed our name from Mission & Outreach to Faith Community Action. Our ongoing project within our building is to provide menstruation products in the washrooms. In January, we collected pet food and hygiene products for The Welcome Centre, a shelter for women and families. 80 people attended the Pancake Supper in February and \$461.49 was raised for Presbyterians Sharing. 15 people participated in the Coldest Night of the Year walk at the Unemployed Help Centre (UHC Hub) and raised \$715. A Soup/Chili

supper held in March raised \$521.03 for Camp Kintail. With the news that over 850 refugees had relocated to Windsor, we responded by collecting household and personal items for Matthew House Refugee Centre in March. In April, we heard how Paulin members are the hands and feet of God in the community through their work with Compassion Canada (Don & Ev Adams), the Windsor Optimist Sunshine Camp (Norm Diffey) and the United Way On Track to Success program (Anne McLachlan). In May, we contacted Street Help and collected snack items, water bottles and sleeping bags/back packs for them. In June, several hundred community members attended our Indoor Yard Sale and we raised \$650 for PWS&D. Healthy snacks were collected in August for Westgate P.S. to start off their school year. We learned about the Living Wage project and encouraged our congregation to pay our church employees at least a living wage as calculated by the WE Public Health Unit (\$18.65 for 2023). To acknowledge the role of our Presbyterian denomination in the residential school system, we wore Orange Shirts at the September 24th Worship service. A successful Pew Challenge in October resulted in 214 pairs of socks, 148 underwear, and \$30 donated to patrons of the Soup Shack. In November, cheques & gift cards totalling \$1,375 and 7 boxes of items were dropped off at Hiatus House. Twenty PCC Calendars were sold and a profit of \$100 was sent to Camp Kintail. A. Landon co-ordinated the Mitten Tree and Paulin people generously donated 54 pairs of mitts, 30 pairs of socks, 4 scarves, and 65 hats. Items were dropped off at Roseville, Begley, Victoria and Westgate elementary schools with the scarves & some hats donated to Street Help. Keeping with tradition, the loose offering from the Christmas Eve service was split between Presbyterians Sharing and Paulin's Operating Fund with each receiving \$191.50. Thanks to K. Gagnier for liaising with Street Help & the Soup Shack & to S. Bowyer for dropping off items to the various agencies.

Respectfully submitted by A. McLachlan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

2023 has seen great growth in our Sunday School program, now each week we can have a range of children from 3-10 depending on who is with us from week to week. The children continue to grow in their faith and their love of God under the guidance of Audry Landon, who is always ready with a craft and a story to help them learn about the wonderful ways in which God has impacted our world. Audry has also been teaching the children some of the songs of the faith and it was a great gift to have them sing as part of our worship service. Each Year we are making sure that we are

following the Leading with Care policy, by making sure that each teacher and monitor signs a covenant of care form and reviews our church policy.

Bible studies at the church are still going strong at Paulin. The morning bible study has grown to have as many as ten people on a Wednesday morning. We have covered topics from Ezekiel to looking at the many names that Jesus has taken upon himself during the advent season. Currently we are making our way through the gospel of Mark and all are welcome to come and join us. The evening Zoom bible study is holding steady at four people. Last year we made our way through the pastoral letters and the book of Romans. But this bible study has turned into a great way to reach those in our congregation who are no longer able to attend an in-person study due to mobility issues.

2023 was our first VBS after Covid, and while we were not blessed with as many campers as we might have wished, we know that with time and prayer we will be able to get back to what we once had before the pandemic.

Congregational Life Committee

Members: George Boden, Joanne Zuk, Carla Johnson-Hicks, Bonnie Pittock and new members Elizabeth Rivet and Susan Lucas.

Coffee Hour – We continued to enjoy coffee most weeks following Sunday worship. There is a sign-up sheet to assist if you wish.

Card Ministry – As a wonderful outreach, many cards were sent for different circumstances. Please contact Rev. Lisa or Bonnie Pittock if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

Prayer Chain – We resumed this ministry later in the year. Please contact Rev. Lisa with any prayer requests, after receiving permission from the said person.

Women's Breakfast – Women meet the first Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m. at the Lumberjack Restaurant and all are welcome. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway. Louise Dupuis

Wednesday Night Dinners - We are working on a "to be announced" schedule, not every month.

Chair – Bonnie Pittock

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Our team were happy to resume our visits to members of our church family who are now in long-term care and retirement homes. These visits are always at the convenience of the residents, who in some cases prefer only phone-calls.

Sadly we lost the following people in 2023: Shirley Paterson (April 27), Dorothy Lake (May 10), Ted Douglas (June 23) and Jack McMillan (July 28). During the year Margaret and Robert Knight moved to Huron Lodge and Meta Willesem to La Chaumiere in Emeryville. Janet and Ian Hart and Barbara Main are being visited in their homes.

The team remains the same as in 2022: Ellen Boudreau, Moira and Norm Diffey, Sandra MacLean, Carol Malcolm, Diane Pelletier, Elizabeth Rivait, Jim and Bea Ross, Carolyn Simmons, and Carol Turner. Thank you to all for their continued diligence as well as to others in the congregation who contribute through visits and in other ways to this outreach of the Paulin ministry. Rev. Lisa continues her monthly worship services at some of the homes.

Submitted by Moira Diffey, Team Coordinator

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Fundraising Report

2023 was a very busy and successful year for the Fundraising Committee. We kicked off the fundraising year with our Robbie Burns Dinner on February 4, 2023.

We brought back our Community Dinners, one Wednesday a month in March, April and May.

Our Annual Mother's Day Tea was held on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

We continued the practice of having two summer Barbeque dinners, our hamburger and corn on the cob dinner in July and the Steak dinner in August. To save the expense of renting a barbecue, our committee watched for sales and was able to purchase a barbecue, thanks to the generosity of members of the congregation.

In the Fall we worked with Riverfront Theatre to put on a dinner Theatre Production of “Charlie’s Aunt”.

We concluded the year by hosting our first Poinsettia Bazaar.

The total amount raised for the General Fund by these events, after expenses, was \$13920.85.

Many thanks to all who helped put on these events and to those who attended them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Your Fundraising Committee
Joanne Zuk, Chair
Bonnie Pittock
James Marchand
Don and Louise Dupuis

Board of Managers Report 2023

The Board of Managers consisted of the following members:

Margaret Douthart, Deb Naklie, Joanne Zuk, Don Adams, Allen Burgess, Bill Kunsch, Jim Aide, Mike Golab, Terry Henry, Jeremy Fisher, Eric Tulp and Bob MacVicar.

During the year the following resigned, Jim Aide & Eric Tulp, Jeremy Fisher moved to Barrie, Mike Golab left the Board to take on chairing the Worship Committee of Session. Terry Henry retired after fifty years of service to two congregations and the Presbytery of Essex-Kent. He is taking a well-deserved rest. The Board is in the process of filling these vacated positions and have had some success with the return of Jim Marchand and the addition of John Garswood. We are hoping others will consider joining the Board.

The renovations to the upper hall stage were completed by Riverfront Theatre group at no cost to the congregation, with our thanks. It is hoped that with a usable stage and lighting, other groups will consider renting our upper hall for theatrical productions and events. The Board also had the opportunity to provide

rental space for computer coding classes as well as a summer day camp which brought in a significant amount of rental income. After the successful relationship built with this provider, it has been agreed that the same camp will be offered this summer along with using our church during school breaks and professional development days. These ventures, coupled with an increase in volunteer hours, allowed us to operate with fewer staff positions and have resulted in positive results. Some members of the Board have participated in the New Beginnings programme by attending group sessions. This programme is funded in part by a \$4500 grant from our national church supported by our Essex-Kent Presbytery. It is expected that this programme will help us identify where we are and what we need to consider as we move forward. An actionable plan is expected in 202 and the Board is considering how best we can serve the changes this may present.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob MacVicar, chair

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR 2023

As part of their responsibilities, the trustees must make sure the church and property are properly insured. Once again this year, arrangements have been made to spread the insurance premiums over a 10 month period. This allows the treasurer to plan more effectively to disburse the church finances. Unfortunately, the cost of insurance has increased more than the cost of inflation over recent years, but this cost for 2024 seems to have moderated. It should be noted that the church property has an appraised value of more than \$7,000,000. The insurance cost for 2023 was \$16,714.10.

In accordance with the trust deed for Paulin, trustees are elected for a 6 year term, with two trustees being elected in every second year. The next election is scheduled for 2025 so no election is needed this year.

A financial statement for the Memorial Fund is as follows:

OPENING BANK BALANCE	\$35,690.15
INCOME DURING 2023	
DONATIONS DURING 2023	\$ 7,903.37

BEQUESTS (2)	\$ 2,800.00
INTEREST FROM GIC'S	\$ 293.87
BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023	\$46,687.39
INVESTMENTS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023	
3 GIC'S MATURING IN 2024	\$81,488.61

Respectfully submitted by the trustees

Terry Henry-chair * Margaret Douthart-secretary * term expires in 2025

Deborah Naklie ** Jane Van Buskirk ** term expires in 2027

Diane Pelletier ***Crystal Stammer *** term expires in 2029

FINANCE COMMITTEE

2023 ended on a very positive note! Revenue from fundraising and a new rental relationship provided much welcomed income. In addition, many members of the congregation have made donations to cover specific expenses. Once again, our secret garden angels have generously donated flowers and shared their green thumbs to provide us with beautiful gardens. A big financial boost came in December which brought us in the black, for the first time since 2020! We wish to THANK everyone who supported Paulin by whatever means...regular offerings, special donations, supporting fundraising efforts or your time to help with church office duties, repairs & maintenance. It all makes a difference! We know that 2024 still poses challenges for many with inflation not yet where we want it to be. For those who are able, we ask you to consider the last time you increased your contributions to the church. We ask everyone to prayerfully consider their financial support in order for Paulin to maintain its ability to function as a place of worship and fellowship within our community.

We also want to thank Terry Henry for all his help and support for the past several years as he retired at the end of December from our committee. We will miss your profound ability to guide and advise us with your knowledge and experience.

Respectfully submitted by the Finance Committee: Deb Naklie, Bob MacVicar

Envelope Secretary Report

There were a total of 97 envelopes used as well as 37 on PAR.

More contributors have found using PAR or E-Trans very convenient.

The following is a summary of the contributions:

Contribution Range	Number of Contributors
1-300	32
301-750	39
751-1500	25
1501-5000	35
5000 +	3

Total contributors 134

Respectfully submitted by Margaret Douthart

NOTES to the FINANCAIL Statements (unaudited) Dec 31 2023

- 1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:** These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting policies that are considered appropriate for Paulin Memorial Church and include the following significant accounting policies. Our accounting process is Cash Basis Accounting. (a) Fund Accounting: The accounts of the congregation are maintained in accordance with the principals of "Fund Accounting" in order

that limitations placed on the use of resources are maintained. The Operating Fund accounts for all operating activities. Reserves consist of amounts removed from general surplus to be used for specific purposes as approved by the board. (b) Capital Assets: Capital assets are recorded at cost.

2. **INCOME TAX STATUS:** Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church is a registered charity within the meaning of the Income Tax Act (Canada) and is exempt from income taxes.
3. **REVENUE RECOGNITION:** All revenue is recognized in the year in which it is received. Any Designated Income not utilized in the same year is held in a reserve fund within the operating account.
4. **SHORT TERM INVESTMENT:** 3 investments are held with WFCU. 1) GIC 007 - \$20,000 @3.35 – 1 year Cashable to mature Dec 7 2024; 2) GIC 008 - \$50,000 @3.25% -1 year Cashable to mature Dec 7 2024; 3) GIC 005 - \$11,486.61 @4.95% - 1 year GIC to mature Jan 20 2024
5. **MORTGAGE PAYABLE:** 4.5% mortgage, payable to Presbytery of Essex/Kent, repayable in blended monthly payments of \$506.12. Balance at Dec 31, 2023 is \$ \$2,997.26
6. **MONETARY DONATIONS for 2023 – PWS&D - \$4,311.65; Presbyterian Sharing - \$5,295.34; Camp Kintail - \$651.03; Soup Shack - \$30; Total \$10,288.02**