



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023

## OUR MISSION

Inner City Pastoral Ministry is an interdenominational Christian Ministry of Presence.

In partnership with the community and guided by the Spirit of God, we walk with the people of the inner city of Edmonton.



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## PROGRAM

Inner City Pastoral Ministry  
Annual General Meeting  
St. Faith's Anglican Church,  
11725 - 93 Street NW, Edmonton  
March 21, 2024

6:30 pm Doors Open & Hospitality

7:00 pm: Opening Ceremony & Guest Speaker

Chris Wiebe JD, Engel Law & Pro Council for the Coalition for Justice and Human Rights

8:00 pm: Business meeting (Annual General Meeting)

1. Approval of Secretary
  2. Approval of Agenda
  3. Approval of Minutes from the Annual General Meeting March 23, 2023
  4. Election of Board Members
  5. Approval of Annual Reports
    - a) Chair
    - b) Pastor
    - c) Associate Pastor
    - d) Lunch Coordinator
  6. Budget
  7. 2023 Financial Report
  8. Acknowledgements
  9. Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

**ICPM 2023 BOARD MEMBERS:**

Andrea Wilhelm, Chair  
Lucas Stone, Vice Chair  
Victoria Wynn, Secretary  
Cathy Armstrong, Treasurer  
Maria Kruszewski  
Colleen Smith (until summer 2023)  
Glen Argan (since fall 2023)  
Ann Matheson  
Colin Millang  
Quinn Strikwerda

**ICPM 2023 MINISTRY TEAM:**

Quinn Strikwerda, Pastor  
Jim Gurnett, Pastoral Associate  
Maria Kruszewski, Lunch Coordinator  
Verna Fisher, Indigenous Knowledge Keeper  
Farley Magee, Musician  
Anne-Marie Johnson, Food Coordinator

## INTRODUCING VERNA FISHER

Verna is a Cree woman living in Edmonton who is the new Knowledge Keeper for the Community of Emmanuel. She is a member of the George Gordon First Nation in southern Saskatchewan. After spending many years working as a camp cook, Verna decided to train as an addictions counselor at the Nechi Institute. During her time there she was hired by the Creating Hope Society first as a housing coordinator, working with the unhoused transitioning into housing, and then as a cultural support worker helping Indigenous people connect with their traditional culture.

During the Covid pandemic Verna served as an Indigenous community outreach worker for the Edmonton Covid Rapid Response Collaborative, organizing events geared towards increasing urban Indigenous uptake of vaccines. Currently Verna is collaborating with Papaschase Elder Fernie Marty on a project called New Beginnings, a non-profit Indigenous cultural society.

We are pleased that Verna has agreed to lead Standing Stones services at the Community of Emmanuel on the fourth Sunday of every month and lead some cultural activities. She is a Christian in the Anglican tradition who is deeply fed by her Cree spiritual tradition. She is passionate about the members of our Emmanuel Community, about supporting them and about facilitating Creator's wholeness in all of life.



## INTRODUCING MISHA VAN THIENEN

My name is Misha, and I am providing support to Pastor Quinn and the leadership team with administration, design, and marketing. I'm a seminary student through Kairos University, and I'm currently working on a Master of Arts focused on Christianity and mental health. I have a small business that primarily offers marketing and design services to non-profit organizations. I'm also a cat mom and a full-time wheelchair user, so life is never dull. I'm thrilled to be working with ICPM because I have lived experience of homelessness and addictions. I am so incredibly thankful that God has opened doors for me to impact others walking the same path! Thank YOU so much for also being a part of this story God is writing in Edmonton's downtown core. Abundant blessings on your life today.

**Misha**



## MINUTES OF 2022 AGM

Inner City Pastoral Ministry  
Annual General Meeting  
March 23, 2023  
St. Mary's Anglican Church

**Present:** Andrea Wilhelm (chair), Rev. Colin Millang, Cathy Armstrong, Lucas Stone, Ann Matheson, Maria Kruszewski, Victoria Wynn (recording secretary), Beverly Trudel, Jim Trudel, Sue Pasker, Ann-Marie Johnson, Linda Heywood, Olga Glowacki, Jim Gurnett, Dorothy Delorme, Helen Underwood, Kathie Reith, Eldon Siemans, Antje Espinaco, Cheryl Soenen-Peters, Donna Bornhuse, Brenda Noble, Angles Espinaco, Ruth Sesink Bott, Dawson Bott, Coby Veeken.

**Regrets/Absent:** Colleen Smith, Fred Matthews.

Jim Gurnett opened the gathering with a presentation on homelessness in Edmonton's inner city.

Business Meeting (AGM):

Call to Order and Welcome: Andrea Wilhelm called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement: Andrea Wilhelm acknowledged that the land upon which we meet is Treaty 6 land, traditional home of the Cree, Nakota Sioux, Dene, Saulteaux, and Métis (Region 4). Rev. Colin Millang gave the opening prayer.

Approval of Secretary: Motion to nominate Victoria Wynn as secretary made by Lucas Stone, seconded by Coby Veeken. CARRIED

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 6 a) Chair Update and 9 b) appointment of auditor made by Ann Matheson, seconded by Dawson Bott. CARRIED

Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 31, 2022: Motion to approve the minutes with the correction of adding an "n" to Anglican in #6 made by Colin Millang, seconded by Maria Kruszewski. CARRIED

a) Chair Update: Andrea announced that Rev. Quinn Strikwerda is on personal leave for three months. She announced that the Board executive and Ministry and Personnel have approved Ruth Sensink Bott as interim minister. Details are to be worked out with the Anglican diocese.

b) Election of Board members: Andrea Wilhelm, Rev. Colin Millang, Cathy Armstrong, Lucas Stone, Ann Matheson, Maria Kruszewski, Victoria Wynn, and Colleen Smith were all elected by acclamation.

7. Approval of Annual Reports: Highlights of reports were given.

a) Chairperson's report: Andrea Wilhelm

b) Pastoral associate's report: Jim Gurnett

c) Sunday lunch co-ordinator's report: Maria Kruszewski added her thanks and gratitude to Ann-Marie Johnson, Mary-Lou Cleveland, David Johnson, and Linda Wiczinski. She also thanked Annunciation Women's League and St. Charles Social Justice Committee, and Islamic Relief Canada for their contributions to the lunch program as they step back, and Assumption/Resurrection Catholic churches for winter wear. She spoke about the upcoming Way of the Cross (Good Friday, April 17, 2023) and the need for volunteers.

d) Christmas Gift Ministry: Colleen Smith. Andrea thanked Anne-Marie for her contribution of homemade cards.

Motion to approve all the reports made by Lucas Stone, seconded by Ann Matheson. CARRIED

8. Budget: Cathy Armstrong presented the budget for general information.

9. 2022 Financial Report: Cathy Armstrong presented the audited report. Motion to appoint St. Arnaud Pinsent Steman as our auditor for 2023. Motion made by Cathy Armstrong, seconded by Lucas Stone. CARRIED

10. Acknowledgements: Andrea acknowledged

Everyone for coming and for giving their passion to our ministry

St. Mary's Anglican Church for hosting our meeting

Jim Gurnett for his presentation

The Board members and Sunday volunteers

She thanked all who were representing their church and Ruth Sesink Bott for stepping in. She also thanked Rev. Quinn Strikwerda, Michelle Nieviadomy, and Jim Gurnett for leading us through the pandemic.

11. Closing Prayer: Rev. Colin Millang led us in a closing prayer.

12. Adjournment: Andrea Wilhelm adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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Andrea Wilhelm, Chair

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Victoria Wynn, Recording Secretary



## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

As I look back on the past year I am filled with gratitude. Early in the year we said goodbye to oskâpêwis Michelle Nievadomy. In March, Pastor Quinn had to go on medical leave. We bridged this time with help from Rev. Ruth Sesink Bott, who stepped in very generously and capably, as well as occasional guest pastors Rev. Nick Trussell and Rev. Arthur Dyck. Nonetheless, we missed Michelle and Quinn. Being shorter-staffed on Sundays also meant our initiative to reconnect with supporting congregations and groups (through visits and presentations) had to be put on hold. Then in the summer we had to suspend Sunday services for a few weeks because of administrative problems. (Not the Bissell Centre's fault, by the way.) So more discontinuity and stress for our community, staff, volunteers and the board.

In the midst of these crises, I was amazed at how everyone was gracious, steadfast and helpful. I want to express my thanks here to all of you: Jim, Rev. Ruth, Annie, the two Lindas, Mary-Lou, Farley, Maria, Rev. Quinn, the lunch crews, the community members, as well as Bissell staff and the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton. As board chair I want to express a special thank you to my fellow board members, who really came through. They made time for extra meetings, did extra tasks, prayed, and had extremely constructive attitudes and ideas. I was amazed at the insight and discernment that happened at those meetings.

We experienced some miracles during this time, prayers answered. God had our back and came through for us. I personally, amidst all the pressure, felt God's peace. A miracle. Thank you, God.

The crises led us to focus on well-being and restoration. And the restoration is happening. Pastor Quinn came back renewed. In the fall Verna Fisher joined us as Indigenous Knowledge Keeper. In December we contracted Misha van Thienen as part-time administrative support. She started working for us in January. You can read more about Verna and Misha elsewhere in this report. Both are amazing, full of love and solidarity with the community ICPM serves.

As a board, we managed to put out newsletters and appeals despite the disruptions. From September to February we worked with Dr. Michael Alpern from the Alberta Community Support Network to strengthen ICPM. We now have a strategic plan, which the new board will implement. We have also restarted our initiative to reconnect with supporting churches and other groups. If your community would like a visit/presentation, please contact us at [icpm.edmonton@gmail.com](mailto:icpm.edmonton@gmail.com).

This is the place to thank all of you financial and material supporters. Thanks to your generosity, we ended 2023 with a small surplus, even though grants from denominations and government keep shrinking.

On the board, Glen Argan replaced Colleen Smith as one of the Roman Catholic directors. We are grateful for Colleen's faithful, professional service. And Glen has hit the ground running - it is mostly he who is responsible for our latest newsletter (February 2024). If you have not seen it, I highly recommend it to you; you can find it on our website. At this AGM we are saying good-bye and thank you to Lucas Stone, who has served as vice chair for the last few years. I will need to step down from the chair position later this year as I will – God willing – start full-time ministry as a Lutheran pastor. If you are interested in serving on the board, please talk to us. It is a very rewarding experience.

What I see clearly when I look back over this past year of crises and recovery is that ICPM is an expression of passion, our passion grounded in God's passion. This is not a passion of charity, but of solidarity and mutuality, as expressed in our vision statement. I am including it here, as it continues to resonate with me as a vision for ICPM going forward. It is a vision needed more than ever in downtown Edmonton.

### Vision for 2019–2024

A spiritual culture of reconciliation emerges in and spreads from the inner city, a culture where everyone is affirmed,  
everyone belongs and contributes,  
everyone has access to God's love and healing,  
and everyone lives in dignity.

**Andrea Wilhelm**



**MLA Janis Irwin joins with the team in preparing to hand out lunch bags following the ICPM Sunday service in front of the Bissell Centre.**

## **PASTOR'S REPORT**

Last year at this time I felt the need for a three-month stress leave, so I was away from March to June, with some holiday time after that. I first off want to thank everyone who stepped up to support me and to keep ICPM running during this time. Special thanks go to Reverend Ruth Bott who filled in for me on a part time basis, Jim Gurnett who continued to be a strong and steady presence, and Board Chair Andrea Wilhelm and the whole ICPM board for managing the details of my absence. It was a healing time of rest, reflection, and getting perspective. I'm happy to report that I am physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually in a completely different place than I was a year ago. The Creator has blessed me with a wonderful team and wonderful healing!

Also, in early spring last year we said goodbye to our Oskapewis Michelle Nieviadomy. I'd like to thank Michelle for her years of providing excellent teaching and guidance to the community. In the fall we welcomed Cree Knowledge Keeper Verna Fisher to ICPM. Verna leads the Sunday worshipping community, the Community of Emmanuel, every fourth Sunday of the month in a Standing Stones service that incorporates Indigenous ceremony and teachings. Verna also is available to lead the community on excursions to share traditional knowledge. In August she took a group out to the country near Tofield to gather sage in the traditional way. She guided us on how to harvest and dry the medicine and we have been using the harvest for all the smudging we do week to week in the community. Verna has been a tremendous addition to the ICPM ministry team.

There was a women's retreat in the summer at Star of the North Retreat Centre where women from the community were able to rest, reflect, and unleash their creative side doing scrapbooking. By all accounts it was a great time. The Men's retreat was in October this year also at Star of the North. The men reflected on the theme of water, engaged in some crafts, and bowled their hearts out. It was a wonderful weekend of connection and prayer. Many thanks to the Star of the North for making these retreats possible.

Christmastime came and went. Mount Olivet Lutheran Church made hundreds of gift bags for the street community with treats and warm clothing items, as well as bags for some of the families we support in the community. On Christmas Eve we distributed the bags, and a lovely Christmas lunch was provided by Brown's Social House in Sherwood Park. About a dozen local churches provided us with \$25 gift cards for Walmart and Superstore for us to distribute to families throughout the year, and many faith communities have supported us with gloves, blankets, socks, toques, and toiletries to distribute during the cold months. I want to thank all these communities from the bottom of my heart.

In January we welcomed Misha Van Thienen to the team. Misha is contracting with ICPM part time to work on administrative tasks, web design and updates, and other communications. Her hard work is already paying off with more streamlined database management and a new website that will go online in the very near future. Good work Misha!

The months since December have been very difficult for the houseless community in Edmonton. An aggressive approach to removing people from informal camping settlements and the subsequent fencing off of these areas has been stressful to the lives of people who, for valid reasons, are hesitant to stay in shelters. People are moved and have their belongings thrown out sometimes multiple times per week. This results in increased stress, fear, and anger. Many folks have decided to relocate into the river valley and farther out from the core where services are not readily available. Members of the ICPM team were present at many of the removals in December and January to help people pack up and to bear witness. We also produced a special edition of *Straight from the Street* newsletter devoted to this issue. If you haven't yet read it, it is available on the ICPM website.

The Community of Emmanuel continues faithfully every Sunday – gather at 8:45 am, worship service at 9:15 – followed by lunch bag distribution at 10:00. Many thanks to the many volunteers and faith communities who make this ministry vibrant and special. We generally have about 80 to 90 people come to sing, pray, hear the word, and enjoy the fellowship of the community. This year we have also added a service after the service at Bissell, at Pioneer Place in the Boyle McCauley neighbourhood. We offer a service of morning prayer on the second Sundays of the month and holy communion on the fourth Sundays. The ICPM Men's and Women's Groups continue to meet monthly and to welcome new members. On every other Thursday we continue to offer Bible study. This year we are watching the series *The Chosen*, followed by a group discussion. And, of course, the ministry team and I are available during office hours and on the street during the week.

On November 24, ICPM participated in a memorial service at the Bissell Centre where we honoured the lives of more than 300 people who had died as a result of homelessness over the previous eight months. Another service took place Feb. 27 where we honoured the lives of over 150 more people. The Bissell Centre has decided to offer these services for the community every four months because of the sheer number of people who are dying due to exposure, violence, drugs, and hopelessness. This is a clear testament to our failure as a society to care for our most vulnerable population. It is also a testament to the great need for the continuing work of ICPM providing warmth, encouragement, understanding, and the hope that comes from the Creator.

**Pastor Quinn Strikwerda**

## PASTORAL ASSOCIATE'S REPORT

Our annual meeting happens as we near the end of the journey through Lent as Holy Week is about to begin. Such a powerful time is full of reminders that we can all have a role in helping others and letting others help us. I think of Simon of Cyrene, who carries the cross part of the way to Calvary for Jesus, who no longer has the strength.

And those thoughts help me think about ICPM and our presence in the community. It is clear there is much we do that is helpful to others – offering the shelter of the Sunday morning gathering of the Community of Emmanuel with prayer and songs and teaching; being on the streets giving out thousands of socks, toques, gloves, bottles of water; taking time to listen respectfully to the story and feelings of someone who is hurting or upset, and more.

I am also aware that the diverse people who connect with us and are part of our life in the urban core also serve and help me in wonderful ways. I am taught by them in ways that no textbook could that each person is part of Creator's good work and not to be judged and catalogued by me and the measures of the world around us. I have the privilege of sitting with people who are leaving this world and praying. I am the recipient of smiles and hugs and fist bumps from people who are mostly invisible to those rushing past. I hear perspectives on what life is all about, what hurts and what brings joy, as people share their thoughts. The streets are alive with Simons, and their services are not only for me, but generously offered.

Life in this part of Edmonton, with the people we mostly connect with, is as grim or worse as anything I have seen in a quarter century in the neighbourhood. There are too many unnecessary deaths, too much chronic suffering of body, mind, and spirit, linked to the cold choices of the powerful to say some people are less important than others. We have the honour to walk with those pushed to the side.

Over the past year it has been good to be part of our regular men's circle, our monthly lunches enriched by a great October weekend retreat in St. Albert, complete with launching little boats down the Sturgeon River with our prayers. It has been enjoyable to have a regular little Bible study take off, with a few gathering every fortnight to learn from the life of Jesus. Recently it has been a delight to see a new Sunday service getting underway at Pioneer Place for people not able to get to Bissell Centre for the service there. It has been good to have Verna join us to ensure we can continue to offer Standing Stones as part of our Sunday program. It is great to have caring friends of ICPM fill my car, time after time with good clothing to share. (A very special word of appreciation to Margaret Penner and Liz Kristensen for the dozens of quilts they have made to pass along to people living in informal shelters.)

I am grateful to be part of a strong caring team of colleagues too. There are many things about the work we do that drain energy and challenge hope, but I am sustained by Quinn, Farley, Maria, Annie, Verna, Linda, and Mary Lou who often have just what I need at the right moment.

In a world where the measure of success is what each of us have achieved, how strong or wealthy or honoured we are, we can forget to let ourselves be aided by others, helped along the rough road, able to let go and be ministered to, often by those we might not expect to do so. But part of my learning this year in this opportunity I have been gifted at ICPM has been to notice how important it is to receive this blessing.



**Jim Gurnett wears his technicolour dreamcoat at a Sunday service.**

**Jim Gurnett**



## LUNCH COORDINATOR'S REPORT

"Whenever you come into my thoughts I give thanks to my Creator. I always pray with a glad heart when I send up prayers for you..."

*Philippians 1:3-4*

First Nations Version:

An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament

Re-reading last year's report, one sentence jumped out at me: "We live in hope."

This past year has taught me a lot about living in hope. Much hope comes from the more than 60 faith, family and community groups who participate in our lunch ministry every Sunday of the year. Thanks to your support, in 2023 we were able to share more than 10,000 lunch bags and many essential clothing and toiletry items that are appreciated by the people we meet on Sundays and other days of the week.



**Maria Kruszewski (left) with other participants at the Sunday morning service on Orange Shirt Day.**

For most of last year, we were very happy to welcome two-to-four lunch provider volunteers each weekend and hope this will continue into the future. It's only right that folks who bring the lunches feel the appreciation of those who receive them. Their efforts also give the ministry team space to check in with folks and have conversations to learn how things are going. We pray for unseen volunteers who pack lunches, or send seasonal clothing and monetary support. In these days when our homeless friends are running from pillar to post ahead of city clean-up crews, it's more important than ever that they know that people connected to Inner City Pastoral Ministry really do *care and walk with them*.

With food prices rising and volunteer help diminishing, we know it can be very challenging for our supportive communities. So we are organizing a Lunch Provider Appreciation Gathering for April 20, details TBA. I look forward to connecting with those able to

join us. I am also always looking for groups willing to provide extra lunches, so if you have that capacity or know of youth groups, confirmation classes, or community-minded groups interested in a small project, send them to me. (icpmlunch@gmail.com)

Thank you just cannot cover it. As Saint Paul wrote a little further on in Philippians (1:7b), so I also say: "You hold a warm place in my heart."

**Maria Kruszewski**

## LUNCH PROVIDERS

We are very grateful for the contributions of the following Lunch Providing communities in 2023:

All Saints' Anglican Cathedral	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Sherwood Park
Annunciation Catholic Knights of Columbus	Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Assumption/Resurrection Knights of Columbus	Peace Christian Community
Assumption/Resurrection Catholic Church	Riverbend United Church
Bardo Lutheran Church, Tofield	Robertson-Wesley United Church
Beth Israel Synagogue	Salem Mennonite Church, Tofield
B'Nai Chayim Children of Life Fellowship	Shanti Life and MSA Foundation
C3 Church	Sherwood Park United Church
Calvary Lutheran Church	Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
Christ Church Anglican Church	Spirit of Hope United Church
Fellowship Christian Reformed Church	Spirit West United Church
Glory Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park	St Luke's Anglican Church
Good Shepherd Anglican Church	St. Agnes/St. Anthony Knights of Columbus, Nazareno Council
Healing Her Homefires	St. Albert Evangelical Lutheran Church
Heartland Alliance Church	St. Albert United Church
Highlands United Church Church	St. Andrew's United Church
Holy Trinity Anglican Church	St. Augustine's Anglican Church
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Spruce Grove/Stony Plain	St. David's Anglican Church
Hosanna Lutheran Church	St. George's Anglican Church
Human Concern International	St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church
Islamic Relief Canada	St. Margaret's Anglican Church
Jeannette Austin-Odina and Family	St. Mary's Anglican Church
Lucas Stone's House Church	St. Matthew's Anglican Church, St. Albert
McClure United Church	St. Matthias Anglican Church
McDougall United Church and Antje Espinaco and family	St. Michael & All Angels Anglican Church
Mill Creek Christian Fellowship	St. Paul's Anglican Church, Leduc
Mill Woods United Church	St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Millet
Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park	St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Mount Zion Lutheran Church	St. Thomas More Catholic Church
Beth Shalom Synagogue	St. Timothy's Anglican Church
Ottewell United Church	Strathearn United Church
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Knights of Columbus, Sherwood Park	Tofield United Church
	Trinity United Church

## **OUTDOOR WAY OF THE CROSS**



**We hope you'll join us at this year's Outdoor Way of the Cross, starting behind the Brick Warehouse (corner of 107 Ave and 99 Street) at 10 am on Good Friday, April 7.**

## BUDGET 2024

### Inner City Pastoral Ministry

	Budget 2024	Budget 2023
<b>Revenues</b>		
Grants	\$50,500	\$54,500
Corporate/church groups/other	40,500	45,000
Individuals	43,500	39,200
Other/Federal fund subsidies	12,000	12,700
Interest	1,500	1,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$148,000</b>	<b>\$152,400</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Employment	\$118,380	\$112,700
Administration & Programs	41,300	38,150
Indigenous Project	4,900	9,400
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$164,580</u></b>	<b><u>\$160,250</u></b>
<b>NET</b>	<b><u>- \$16,580</u></b>	<b><u>- \$7,850</u></b>



**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Inner City Pastoral Ministry

#### *Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Inner City Pastoral Ministry (the Ministry), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statements of changes in net assets, revenues and expenditures 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 Ministry as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

#### *Basis for Qualified Opinion*

In common with many charitable organizations, the Ministry derives revenue from donations and fundraising activities, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Ministry and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to contributions, excess of revenues over expenses, current assets and net assets.

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 Ministry in accordance with 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 for our qualified audit opinion.

#### *Other Matter*

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 were audited by another auditor who expressed a qualified opinion on those financial statements on March 23, 2023 for the reasons described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section.

#### *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 ASNPO, 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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▪ Operating as a Professional Corporation ◻ Operating as a Limited Liability Partnership

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Inner City Pastoral Ministry (*continued*)

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

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Ministry'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 Ministry'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 Ministry'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 Ministry 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.

*JAM Accounting Group LLP*

Edmonton, Alberta  
March 18, 2024

JAM Accounting Group LLP  
Chartered Professional Accountants



**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash	39,402	40,233
Accounts receivable	1,347	1,248
Goods and services tax recoverable	931	1,006
Prepaid expenses (Note 3)	2,641	2,887
Short term investments (Note 4)	80,241	80,241
	<u>124,562</u>	125,615
<b>CAPITAL ASSETS (Note 5)</b>	<u>283</u>	381
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>124,845</u>	125,996
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	7,696	6,034
Deferred grant revenue (Note 6)	20,000	27,500
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>27,696</u>	33,534
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted fund	16,866	12,081
Internally restricted	80,000	80,000
Invested in capital assets	283	381
	<u>97,149</u>	92,462
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<u>124,845</u>	125,996

**On behalf of the Board**

\_\_\_\_\_ Cathy Armstrong, Treasurer

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**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	Unrestricted Fund \$	Internally Restricted \$	Invested in Capital Assets \$	<b>2023</b> \$	2022 \$
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	12,081	80,000	381	<b>92,462</b>	98,491
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	4,687	-	-	<b>4,687</b>	(6,029)
Amortization of capital assets	98	-	(98)	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>16,866</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>97,149</b>	<b>92,462</b>

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**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Grants	82,000	84,000
Donations	70,128	57,943
Investment income	3,786	1,758
	<u>155,914</u>	<u>143,701</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Wages, salaries and benefits	117,345	115,385
Sunday programs	10,681	11,112
Rent	7,000	8,750
Professional fees	4,000	4,000
Insurance	3,676	4,264
Office	2,720	2,588
Communications	2,342	-
Sub-contracts	1,305	500
Mid-week programs	1,190	928
Advertising and promotion	670	2,069
Travel	150	-
Amortization	98	134
Memberships	50	-
	<u>151,227</u>	<u>149,730</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>4,687</u>	<u>(6,029)</u>

**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	2023 \$	2022 \$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses	4,687	(6,029)
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization of capital assets	98	134
	<u>4,785</u>	<u>(5,895)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(99)	1,762
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,662	154
Deferred grant revenue	(7,500)	(7,500)
Prepaid expenses	246	(22)
Goods and services tax payable	75	(547)
Short term investments	-	42,000
	<u>(5,616)</u>	<u>35,847</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>(831)</u>	<u>29,952</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITY</b>		
Canada Emergency Business Account loan repayment	-	(30,000)
<b>DECREASE IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(831)</b>	<b>(48)</b>
Cash - beginning of year	<u>40,233</u>	<u>40,281</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><b>39,402</b></u>	<u><b>40,233</b></u>

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**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

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**1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION**

Inner City Pastoral Ministry (the "Ministry") was incorporated under the Societies Act of Alberta in 1994. As a registered charity the Ministry is exempt from the payment of income tax under Subsection 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The Ministry is an interdenominational faith outreach program providing pastoral care, a place of worship and promoting religious fellowship.

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) and, in management's opinion, with consideration of materiality and within the framework of the following accounting policies:

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

There are no balances subject to significant uncertainty.

Revenue recognition

Inner City Pastoral Ministry follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

Contributed services

The operations of the Ministry depend on both the contribution of time by volunteers and donated materials from various sources. The fair value of donated materials and services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

Income taxes

The Ministry is a charitable organization and as such is exempt from income taxes.

Cash

Cash includes bank balance less cheques issued and outstanding, and deposits in transit.

Short term investments

Short term investments are recorded at their fair value and are highly liquid investments that are convertible to known amounts of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

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**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES** *(continued)*

Fund accounting

The Ministry uses fund accounting to segregate its activities. The following funds are used:

Unrestricted fund - Revenues and expenses related to general operating activities of the Ministry.

Internally restricted fund - Consists of an operating reserve of \$60,000 and a sabbatical reserve of \$20,000.

Invested in capital assets fund - Assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses related to Inner City Pastoral Ministry's capital assets.

Financial instruments

The Ministry's financial instruments consist of cash and short term investments. It is management's opinion that the Ministry is not exposed to significant interest, currency, liquidity or credit risk arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate carrying values due to the short maturity and capacity for prompt liquidation.

**3. PREPAID EXPENSES**

Prepaid expenses consist of insurance amounts only.

**4. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS**

The short term investment is comprised of a single money market investment recorded at fair value. It is a highly liquid investment that is convertible to a known amount of cash and subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value. Return rates fluctuate with market rates and interest earnings are received by the Ministry monthly. Interest is recorded as unrestricted revenue.

**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

	Cost \$	Accumulated amortization \$	2023 Net book value \$	2022 Net book value \$
Furniture and fixtures	7,133	7,003	130	162
Computer equipment	6,449	6,296	153	219
	13,582	13,299	283	381

**6. DEFERRED REVENUE**

The deferred revenue balance consists of grants received from the Charlesworth Foundation, which gave grants in fiscal 2023 to the Ministry totaling \$20,000 (2022: \$12,500, 2021: \$57,500). The Ministry's Finance Committee decided to allocate the grants as follows: \$22,500 to fiscal 2021. \$20,000 to fiscal 2022, \$27,500 to fiscal 2023 and \$20,000 to fiscal 2024. Therefore, the remaining deferred grants related to fiscal 2024 total \$20,000.

**7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Treasurer of the Ministry and their significant other are the directors of the Charlesworth Foundation, which gave grants in fiscal 2023 to the Ministry totaling \$20,000 (2022: \$12,500).

**INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY  
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**8. COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

The prior year comparative figures were audited by another firm of public accountants. Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.