



# ELCIC Treasurers Update

*September 2023*

ELCIC National and Synodical Treasurers meet regularly to address issues of common concern, provide support to one another and work together to help congregations.

Recently the treasurers noted that it would be good to share the following reminder with all ELCIC congregations:

## ***Reminder to rostered ministers serving congregations and congregational Treasurers — CRA Authorization for the Clergy Residence Deduction***

Rostered ministers serving congregations are generally eligible for the Clergy Residence Deduction (CRD) thereby reducing the amount of income tax (and CPP) that would otherwise be payable on their income. In the absence of prior approval from CRA, the congregational treasurer is required to include any amounts paid as housing allowance (or in the case of a pastor living in a parsonage, the fair rental value of the parsonage) as income when calculating income tax other deductions for each pay period. The pastor then claims the deduction when filing his/her income tax return at the end of the year. Rather than waiting until filing the income tax return to receive the benefit of this deduction, income tax can be reduced at source on each pay period during the year. For more information, click on the following link: [Clergy Residence Deduction](#)

Keep in mind that requests for reducing income tax at source must be submitted to and approved by CRA each year. It is highly recommended that requests for 2024 be submitted in September or early October 2023 to allow CRA sufficient time to authorize your request.