

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

**Financial Statements**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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To the Members of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

### *Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (the Church), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, 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 Church as at December 31, 2024, 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*

During the audit, we noted that certain balances included in deferred contributions had been outstanding for a number of years. We were unable to determine the original intent of these contributions, and as a result, we could not assess the extent of any adjustments that may be required to revenues, deferred contributions, or opening net assets related to these amounts. Our audit opinion has been modified due to this scope limitation.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Church 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 ELCIC Group Services Inc. (GSI) and Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) (Note 18) for the year ended December 31, 2024 and March 31, 2024, respectively, were audited by another firm of Chartered Professional Accountants who expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements on April 10, 2025 and July 15, 2024, respectively. We have not completed additional audit procedures on these amounts.

### *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.

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

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

*Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 Church'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 Church's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' 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 auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Church 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.

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Chartered Professional Accountants Inc.  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
May 14, 2025

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**December 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 233,231	\$ 7,958,783
Investments (Note 5)	1,147,046	336,919
Accounts receivable	188,668	128,415
Prepaid expenses	26,336	3,102
	<b>1,595,281</b>	<b>8,427,219</b>
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 6)	24,200	28,487
INVESTMENTS (Note 5)	22,226,937	14,895,764
FUNDS HELD FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN (Note 9)	1,274,325	1,330,456
	<b>\$ 25,120,743</b>	<b>\$ 24,681,926</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable (Note 7)	\$ 1,371,406	\$ 963,370
Certificates payable (Note 8)	3,440	3,440
	<b>1,374,846</b>	<b>966,810</b>
Deferred contributions (Note 21)	472,675	442,253
	<b>1,847,521</b>	<b>1,409,063</b>
CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN (Note 9)	1,274,325	1,330,456
ANNUITIES PAYABLE	43,132	35,572
	<b>3,164,978</b>	<b>2,775,091</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted	2,016,187	2,189,987
Internally restricted (Note 12)	16,066,116	15,874,332
Endowments (Note 11)	3,873,462	3,842,516
	<b>21,955,765</b>	<b>21,906,835</b>
	<b>\$ 25,120,743</b>	<b>\$ 24,681,926</b>

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

See notes to financial statements

# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Investment income <i>(Note 5)</i>	\$ 1,915,588	\$ 1,444,019
Synods <i>(Note 13)</i>	724,336	781,193
Directed Income <i>(Note 14)</i>	469,955	448,011
Canadian Lutheran <i>(Note 15)</i>	173,113	196,212
Affiliated conferences and events	83,597	233,068
Donations - undesignated	48,704	189,534
ELCIC Praise Appeal	7,211	8,950
Convention	-	199,125
	<u>3,422,504</u>	<u>3,500,112</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b> <i>(Note 16)</i>		
Affiliated conferences and events	103,506	258,750
Amortization	8,176	7,336
Canada Lutheran	283,953	258,437
Convention	-	185,493
Global ministries	38,801	72,085
Interest expense	15,187	-
National ministries	477,276	430,120
Partnerships	100,507	134,819
Salaries and benefits	865,274	838,111
Support to ministries	108,038	113,766
Synodical ministries	1,377,802	855,372
	<u>3,378,520</u>	<u>3,154,289</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 43,984</u>	<u>\$ 345,823</u>

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**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted <i>(Note 12)</i>	Endowments	<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>NET ASSETS -</b>					
<b>BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 2,189,987	\$ 15,874,332	\$ 3,842,516	<b>\$ 21,906,835</b>	\$ 21,557,510
Excess of revenues over expenses	(173,800)	217,784	-	<b>43,984</b>	345,823
Net endowment contributions	-	-	14,878	<b>14,878</b>	13,375
Payout of Endowments	-	-	(9,932)	<b>(9,932)</b>	(9,873)
Transfer	-	(26,000)	26,000	-	-
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$ 2,016,187</b>	<b>\$ 16,066,116</b>	<b>\$ 3,873,462</b>	<b>\$ 21,955,765</b>	<b>\$ 21,906,835</b>

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**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 43,984	\$ 345,823
Item not affecting cash:		
Amortization of property and equipment	<u>8,176</u>	<u>7,336</u>
	<u>52,160</u>	<u>353,159</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(60,253)	(3,033)
Accounts payable	408,037	586,388
Deferred contributions	30,422	2,745
Prepaid expenses	(23,234)	33,352
Annuities Payable	<u>7,560</u>	<u>(7,627)</u>
	<u>362,532</u>	<u>611,825</u>
Cash flow from operating activities	<u>414,692</u>	<u>964,984</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase of property and equipment	(3,890)	(19,109)
Funds held for Continuing Education Plan	56,131	13,780
Net (increase) decrease in investments	<u>(8,141,300)</u>	<u>(372,209)</u>
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(8,089,059)</u>	<u>(377,538)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net contributions to Continuing Education Plan	(56,131)	(13,780)
Endowment contributions	<u>4,946</u>	<u>3,502</u>
Cash flow used by financing activities	<u>(51,185)</u>	<u>(10,278)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>(7,725,552)</b>	<b>577,168</b>
<b>CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u><b>7,958,783</b></u>	<u><b>7,381,615</b></u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<u><b>\$ 233,231</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 7,958,783</b></u>

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# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2024

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### 1. PURPOSE OF ORGANIZATION

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (“ELCIC”) is a national organization, the mission of which, as an expression of the universal Church and as an instrument of the Holy Spirit, is to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in Canada and around the world through the proclamation of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments and through service in Christ’s name.

ELCIC was incorporated in Canada on December 12, 1985 under the provisions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Act and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

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### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of ELCIC have been prepared in accordance with Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting, which sets out generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations in Canada and includes the significant accounting policies described below.

#### Revenue recognition

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Contributions are recognized when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

- Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when initially recorded in the accounts.
- Externally restricted contributions, except endowment contributions, are initially recorded in the accounts as deferred contributions and are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are recognized
- Externally restricted endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases to net assets when recorded in the accounts.

Investment income, which consists of interest, dividends, and realized and unrealized gains or losses, is recorded in the statement of operations, except to the extent that it is externally restricted, in which case it is accounted for based on the restrictions imposed on the funds. Restricted investment income that is available for spending is initially recorded in deferred contributions and is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Investment income earned on externally restricted endowments, in excess of the amount made available for spending, is recorded as a direct increase of endowments or is a part of deferred contributions in the program the endowment supports.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and short-term deposits with maturities (at time of purchase) of less than 90 days. Cash and investments meeting the definition of cash and cash equivalents that are held for investing rather than liquidity purposes are classified as long-term investments.

#### Financial instruments

The value of investments recorded in the financial statements is determined as follows:.

- Fixed income bonds and short-term notes are recorded at fair value, which is determined based on valuation techniques.
- Deposit accounts and guaranteed investment certificates are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at their amortized cost.
- Equities traded in active markets are recorded at fair value based on quoted market prices.

Transactions are recorded on a trade date basis and transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

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

Other financial instruments, including accounts and other receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities, are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at cost, net of any provisions for impairment.

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization and is amortized over its estimated useful life at the following rates and methods:

Equipment	10 years	straight-line method
Furniture and fixtures	5 years	straight-line method
Computer database	10 years	straight-line method

The Church regularly reviews its property and equipment to eliminate obsolete items. Government grants are treated as a reduction of property and equipment cost.

Property and equipment acquired during the year but not placed into use are not amortized until they are placed into use.

#### Contributed services

The operations of the organization 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.

#### Pension plan

Contributions to the multi-employer defined contribution pension plan are recorded on an accrual basis.

#### Certificates payable

Certificates payable are initially recorded at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

#### Allocation of expenses

ELCIC expenses directly related to programs are allocated to each program within the statement of operations. General support costs, except some salaries [note 16], are not allocated and are included within the Support to Ministries, Governance and National Ministries programs based on the nature of the expenses.

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### 3. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Church is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Church's risk exposure and concentration.

#### Credit risk

ELCIC is exposed to credit risk in connection with its accounts and other receivables, mortgages receivable and its short-term and fixed income investments because of the risk that one party to the financial instrument may cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation.

#### Currency risk

ELCIC is exposed to currency risk with respect to its underlying holdings in investments denominated in foreign currencies because the fair value and future cash flows will fluctuate due to the changes in the relative value of foreign investments against the Canadian dollar.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Church manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. ELCIC is exposed to interest rate risk with respect to its fixed income investments, certificates payable, and mortgages receivable because the fair value will fluctuate due to changes in market interest rates.

#### Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because 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 the market.

ELCIC is exposed to other price risk through changes in market prices (other than changes arising from interest rate or currency risks) in connection with its investments in equity securities.

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### 4. CREDIT FACILITY

ELCIC has a revolving line of credit in the amount of \$350,000 available through an overdraft facility on the current bank account. A general security agreement exists for the line of credit which bears interest at the bank's prime rate. As at December 31, 2024 and 2023, there was no balance outstanding on the credit facility.

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## Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2024

### 5. INVESTMENTS

Investments are shown at carrying values, which are estimated to be equal to the fair market value. Investments consist of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Short-term notes	\$ 1,147,046	\$ 336,919
Equities	6,265,422	7,222,991
Alternative products	1,722,856	920,966
Fixed income bonds and preferred shares	<u>14,238,659</u>	<u>6,751,807</u>
	<u>\$ 23,373,983</u>	<u>\$ 15,232,683</u>

Included in Fixed income bonds and preferred shares is a Guaranteed Investment Certificate which bears interest at a rate of 5.85% and matures January 20, 2028.

Investments included in the statement of financial position are classified as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Short-term investments	\$ 1,147,046	\$ 336,919
Long-term Investments	<u>22,226,937</u>	<u>14,895,764</u>
	<u>\$ 23,373,983</u>	<u>\$ 15,232,683</u>

Investment income consists of the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Interest income	\$ 550,378	\$ 459,751
Dividend income	389,059	448,887
Realized gains (losses)	702,703	(44,740)
Unrealized gains (losses)	475,063	759,373
Endowment Income	<u>175,157</u>	<u>139,459</u>
	2,292,360	1,762,730
Less: interest on endowment (Note 11)	(278,953)	(223,070)
Less: investment fees	<u>(97,819)</u>	<u>(95,641)</u>
	<u>\$ 1,915,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,444,019</u>

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2024 Net book value	2023 Net book value
Computer equipment	\$ 97,459	\$ 87,677	\$ 9,782	\$ 12,969
Computer software	441,146	441,146	-	-
Furniture and fixtures	66,158	51,740	14,418	15,518
	<u>\$ 604,763</u>	<u>\$ 580,563</u>	<u>\$ 24,200</u>	<u>\$ 28,487</u>

Costs of \$96,326 related to tenant improvements incurred in the 2013 fiscal year were covered by the landlord's tenant improvement allowance.

### 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

	2024	2023
Trade payables	\$ 91,729	\$ 160,722
Rhenish grant	-	60,000
Accrued wages payable	84,808	77,735
Synod interest rebate	1,194,869	664,913
	<u>\$ 1,371,406</u>	<u>\$ 963,370</u>

The ELCIC Mission Fund investments earn investment income on balances that are invested according to the investment policy of ELCIC. The Mission Fund Advisory Board allocates 90% of the investment income on Mission Fund funds to the Synods. These funds are restricted for "Canadian Mission" initiatives at the Synodical level. The formula for allocation is based on 50% split equally among the Synods and 50% allocated on the baptized membership of the Synods using the most recent statistical year-end report. In 2016, the Mission Fund Advisory Board set up an internally restricted net asset fund for the purpose of giving the Synods investment rebate stability. This policy sets a minimum and maximum amount to be paid to the Synods annually until the internally restricted net asset fund reaches a balance of \$500,000. As a result, for 2024 the interest rebates paid to the Synods were \$1,194,869 (2023 – \$724,913), of which \$70,000 (2023 - \$60,000) was allocated to grants. The Synod rebate stability fund balance at the end of 2024 was \$500,000 (2023 – \$500,000) (Note 12).

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### 8. CERTIFICATES PAYABLE

Investment certificates are issued to contributors who wish to provide funds to LIFE for the purpose of granting mortgages. The certificates are issued either on a cashable basis or for a five-year term, at the option of each investor. Certificate holders receive interest payments annually at varying interest rates ranging from 1.0% to 2.5% in accordance with LIFE policy or accrue interest on the original deposit balance.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Certificates Payable-Term - LIFE	<u>\$ 3,440</u>	<u>\$ 3,440</u>

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### 9. CONTINUING EDUCATION PLAN

ELCIC established the Continuing Education Plan ("CEP") for employees working with congregations and agencies affiliated with ELCIC. Contributions are received from the employers at a rate of 2/3 contributed by the employer and 1/3 contributed by the employee. Funds can be withdrawn by the employee for educational purposes that further the employee's goals for ministry and serve the employer's goals for mission.

The CEP funds are financially administered and managed by ELCIC Group Services Inc. ("GSI").

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 1,330,456	\$ 1,344,236
Contributions received	308,470	274,217
Withdrawals	<u>(364,601)</u>	<u>(287,997)</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 1,274,325</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,456</u>

On retirement or termination of employment, any remaining employee contribution (1/3 portion) is refunded. Any remaining employer contribution (2/3 portion) is transferred from the CEP Member Accounts to the CEP Advance-Study Fund.

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### 10. PENSION PLAN

ELCIC and its employees make contributions to the Pension Plan for Clergy and Lay Workers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (the "Pension Plan"), a multi-employer defined contribution pension plan administered by GSI. Pension contributions by ELCIC to the Pension Plan for the year were \$54,693 (2023 – \$52,049).

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# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## Notes to Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 2024

### 11. ENDOWMENTS

Endowments represent resources that are required by the donor to be maintained by ELCIC on a permanent basis.

Endowment net assets consist of the following:

	2024	2023
Externally restricted endowments held, restricted income	\$ 365,649	\$ 361,119
Funds restricted for endowment purposes by the National Church Council, unrestricted income	3,507,813	3,481,397
	<b>3,873,462</b>	<b>3,842,516</b>

#### Endowment Income Allocation

To be retained in endowments	\$ 14,878	\$ 12,375
To be paid out to Lutheran organizations (included in accounts payable)	1,886	1,514
Recorded to deferred contributions	2,144	1,721
Recorded within directed income for specified programs	260,045	207,460
Total Interest (Note 5)	<b>\$ 278,953</b>	<b>\$ 223,070</b>

By National Church Council approved resolution, 25% of undesignated bequests are allocated to the ELCIC general endowment program. In 2024, the total amount of undesignated bequests received was \$100,000. The amount of undesignated bequests allocated to the ELCIC general endowment program was \$25,000 (2023 – \$Nil). The income earned on these ELCIC endowment amounts is unrestricted. During the year, \$26,000 (2023 - \$1,000) was donated directly to the endowment fund.

### 12. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

Internally restricted net assets consist of the following:

	2024	2023
<b>GENERAL OPERATIONS</b>		
Net assets to support specific programs	\$ 345,557	\$ 427,519
Net assets to support operations	325,000	325,000
	<b>670,557</b>	<b>752,519</b>
<b>Mission Fund</b>		
Net assets to support mortgage financing and land acquisition	14,219,153	14,041,392
Synod rebate stability	500,000	500,000
	<b>14,719,153</b>	<b>14,541,392</b>
<b>LIFE</b>		
Net assets to support annuities	3,212	3,212
Net assets to support LIFE mortgages and Certificates	-	-
Net assets to support special projects	311,344	337,344
Net assets to support national grants	361,850	239,865
	<b>676,406</b>	<b>580,421</b>
	<b>\$ 16,066,116</b>	<b>\$ 15,874,332</b>

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## Notes to Financial Statements

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### 12. INTERNALLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS *(continued)*

Internally restricted excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses as summarized in the statement of changes in net assets consists of the following:

#### GENERAL OPERATIONS

Canada Lutheran	\$	(45,341)	\$	(49,203)
Convention		-		15,615
Affiliated conferences and events		(23,777)		150
Other program support		(12,844)		(6,686)
		<u>(81,962)</u>		<u>(40,124)</u>

#### Mission Fund

Net operations		<u>177,763</u>		<u>1,055,610</u>
		<u>177,763</u>		<u>1,055,610</u>

#### LIFE

Net operations		<u>121,983</u>		<u>(776,807)</u>
Bequests		-		-
		<u>121,983</u>		<u>(776,807)</u>

Internally restricted excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses  
for the year

\$	<u>217,784</u>	\$	<u>238,679</u>
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### 13. SYNODS

During the year, ELCIC received benevolence contributions from the Synods as follows:

	2024	2023
Synod Benevolence-EAST	\$ 427,126	\$ 406,701
Synod Benevolence-ABT	77,000	110,000
Synod Benevolence-MNO	110,000	116,610
Synod Benevolence-SASK	35,210	72,882
Synod Benevolence-BC	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>
	<u>\$ 724,336</u>	<u>\$ 781,193</u>



# EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

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### 14. DIRECTED INCOME

During the year, ELCIC recognized directed income as follows:

	2024	2023
Operations		
Global Ministries		
Global Missions	\$ 40,666	\$ 41,477
National Ministries		
Colleges and church schools	5,123	4,407
Worship	37,734	71,738
Compassionate justice	148,673	148,444
Special projects	23,433	-
Reformation challenge	2,925	1,835
Synodical Ministries		
Youth	3,924	3,741
Stewardship	160	340
Leadership	57,031	45,352
Congregational		
Congregations directed	2,610	3,720
	322,279	321,054
Mission Fund		
National initiatives	10	37
Receipted bequest	23,333	-
LIFE		
Bequests (Note 11)	124,333	126,920
	\$ 469,955	\$ 448,011

Endowment income of \$260,045 (2023 - 207,460) (Note 11) is allocated to various categories above.

### 15. CANADA LUTHERAN

The Canada Lutheran magazine received a grant from the Canada Periodical Fund, Aid to Publishers Component for \$82,285 (2023 – \$81,547). This grant is applied for and granted annually by the Government of Canada.

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### 16. EXPENSES

Program and administration expenses for 2024 are categorized as follows:

- Affiliated conferences and events include the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering, the National Worship Conference, the Diaconal Formation Event, the National Youth Project, and the Cora Martinson Memorial Fund. These conferences and events are self-funded by registration fees and other conference and event revenue.
- Canada Lutheran includes expenses and staff costs for producing the magazine of ELCIC. The Canada Lutheran is self-funded through subscriptions, advertising revenue and federal grants.
- Convention includes expenses for the biennial national convention. The convention is self-funded through registration fees and sponsorships.
- Global Ministries include Global Mission program costs, Partner Churches, and the Companion Synod Program.
- National Ministries include the National Church Council, audit and legal fees, Conference of Bishops, special projects for the Faith, Order and Doctrine and the Global Mission Task Force, Specific Appeals (i.e. ELCJHL Gaza war implications appeal), bursary support to colleges and church schools, worship, compassionate justice, communications, information technology, and travel.
- Partnerships include Lutheran as well as ecumenical relationships. Lutheran relationships include the Lutheran World Federation and the Lutheran Council in Canada. Ecumenical relationships include the Joint Anglican/Lutheran Commission as well as relations with other denominations.
- Support to Ministries includes office and administration expenses including rent, telephones, and insurance.
- Synodical Ministries include Canadian mission, leadership, stewardship, and youth.

Program salary expenses are as follows:

	2024	2023
Salaries and benefits	\$ 865,274	\$ 838,111
Canada Lutheran	159,276	170,352
	<u>\$ 1,024,550</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,463</u>

### 17. CONTINGENCIES AND COMMITMENTS

ELCIC entered into a 10-year lease in partnership with Canadian Lutheran World Relief at a new location, effective May 1, 2023. The future estimated annual minimum payments over the remaining period of this operating lease are as follows:

2025	\$ 70,470
2026	72,470
2027	73,469
2028	73,469
2029	75,468
Thereafter	258,891
	<u>\$ 624,237</u>

ELCIC has also entered into an agreement with the Lutheran World Foundation to provide funding for the "Mision en la Amazonia Peruana - Fase 2" project in Peru. The commitment for the 2025 year end is \$17,482, translated at December 31, 2024. The project is expected to end in 2025.

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### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS AND CONTROLLED INTEREST

ELCIC is the sole member of ELCIC Group Services Inc. (GSI). Group Services Inc. is incorporated under the Corporations Act (Manitoba) as a not-for-profit organization and falls under paragraph 149(1)(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada). Pursuant to certain terms outlined in its Articles of Incorporation, GSI's operations are restricted to assist ELCIC and other entities associated with ELCIC by administering the Pension Plan and facilitating the provision of employment benefit programs and services to such entities for their employees. ELCIC appoints the members of GSI's Board of Directors.

GSI has not been consolidated in ELCIC's financial statements. Financial summaries of this unconsolidated entity as at December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the years then ended, which do not include the assets or obligations of the Pension Plan, are as follows:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>ELCIC Group Services Inc.</u>		
Financial position		
Total assets	\$ 2,491,995	\$ 2,472,479
Total liabilities	<u>(440,396)</u>	<u>(327,228)</u>
Total net assets	<u>2,051,599</u>	<u>2,145,251</u>
Results of operations		
Total revenues	958,798	1,041,920
Total expenses	<u>(1,052,450)</u>	<u>(1,092,210)</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	<u>(93,652)</u>	<u>(50,290)</u>
Cash flows		
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,201	(254,847)
Cash provided by (used in) investing and financing activities	<u>250,000</u>	<u>250,818</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	<u>253,201</u>	<u>(4,029)</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>727,527</u>	<u>731,556</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>980,728</u>	<u>727,527</u>

Included in total assets above is \$1,143,100 (2023 – \$1,393,100) of restricted cash expected to fund benefits offered by GSI to subscribing employers and/or plan members.

GSI is the Administrator of the ELCIC Pension Plan, which is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency and with the Financial Services Commission of Ontario, Registration Number 0533240.

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Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) is a non-profit organization incorporated, without share capital, in the Province of Manitoba. It is registered with Canada Revenue Agency as a charitable organization under registration number 106863038 RR0001. CLWR is the service delivery arm for overseas development programming and relief for ELCIC and Lutheran Church Canada. ELCIC has the ability to appoint the majority of the board members of CLWR.

CLWR has not been consolidated in ELCIC's financial statements. Financial summaries of this unconsolidated entity as at March 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the years then ended are as follows:

	2024	2023
<u>Canadian Lutheran World Relief</u>		
Financial position		
Total assets	\$ 24,180,238	\$ 18,842,369
Total liabilities	(13,218,679)	(9,568,994)
	<u>10,961,559</u>	<u>9,273,375</u>
Results of operations		
Total revenue	17,859,310	16,440,825
Total expenses	(16,205,567)	(14,233,358)
Other income (expenses)	34,441	3,464
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	<u>1,688,184</u>	<u>2,210,931</u>
Cash Flows		
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	4,615,562	4,551,743
Cash provided by (used in) investing and financing activities	(3,104,221)	(2,585,498)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	<u>1,511,341</u>	<u>1,966,245</u>
Cash, beginning of year	<u>6,218,610</u>	<u>4,252,365</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>7,729,951</u>	<u>6,218,610</u>

### 19. CONTINGENCIES

The Church has been made aware of a potential claim against it in a legal matter. In the opinion of management, the outcome of the potential claim is not determinable. Should any loss result from the resolution of this matter, any potential loss will be charged to operations in the year of resolution.

### 20. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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21. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS

Deferred contributions relate to externally restricted funding received in the current or prior periods to fund expenses in future periods. Amounts for the Canada Lutheran are subscription fees and grant related to 2025 issues of the magazine.

	Global Ministries	National Ministries	Synodical Ministries	Canada Lutheran	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	\$ 16,241	\$ 286,496	\$ 118,840	\$ 20,676	\$ 442,253
Amounts received during the year	7,356	-	5,480	49,952	62,788
Amounts recognized as revenue during the year	-	(8,366)	(24,000)	-	(32,366)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2024</b>	\$ 23,597	\$ 278,130	\$ 100,320	\$ 70,628	\$ 472,675