

## TRUSTEE BOARD

Interim Report, May 2020

The Trustee Board of The Presbyterian Church in Canada (the “Trustee Board”) is incorporated by federal statute and recognized by ancillary legislation in every province. The Trustee Board holds church assets other than the assets of active congregations. The board met four times during 2019 in order to discharge its statutory and fiduciary responsibilities.

A key duty of the Trustee Board is prudent oversight of the pension and other funds of the church, with invaluable support from the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC). The IAC members have extensive investment and related experience and also met four times in 2019. Eckler Partners Ltd. continues to advise the church and performs quarterly reviews of the asset managers.

With this support, the church has developed a more sophisticated pension investment structure than many pension funds of similar size. While returns can never be assured, the structure aims to achieve long-term return goals while preserving capital in volatile markets. This may be tested by the extreme market volatility in 2020. For 2019, the rate of return for the pension fund was 15.9%, which was one factor in improved funding of the church pension plan.

The Consolidated Fund includes funds of the national church (other than the pension fund), as well as those of some congregations and other church organizations. Significant changes in the asset managers for the Consolidated Fund were implemented in March 2019, in part to provide increased diversification. For 2019, the rate of return for the Consolidated Fund was 17.5%. The Consolidated Fund may be more affected by market volatility than the pension fund, and the Trustee Board will continue to monitor performance of the new asset managers.

Overall returns for the past 4-year and 7-year rolling periods have been strong. Returns for each portfolio were:

	<b>4 Year Rolling Return</b>	<b>7 Year Rolling Return</b>
Pension Plan	8.7%	9.6%
Consolidated Portfolio	7.6%	8.4%

The Trustee Board is also responsible for all assets of dissolved congregations, with a duty to prudently dispose of those assets and pay the proceeds to the church for use as determined by the General Assembly. At this time, those proceeds are applied as follows:

Pension Solvency Fund	50% (up to cumulative \$2,000,000)
Indigenous Ministries	10%
Applicable Presbytery	40% (subject to approval of mission plan)

Since the current allocation was set in 2017 until the end of 2019, an aggregate of \$1,435,920 has been allocated to the Pension Solvency Fund. In 2019, a total of \$2,200,454 was derived from the sale of assets of dissolved congregations.

The following are currently members of the Trustee Board:

Mr. Richard Anderson	Mr. Peter McDougall
The Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow (convener of Pension Board)	Mr. Oliver Ng (Chief Financial Officer/Treasurer)
Ms. Kathleen Boose	Dr. Margaret Ogilvie
The Rev. Peter Bush	Mr. Abel Pandey
Ms. Sandra Cameron-Evans (convener of Assembly Council)	Ms. Lori Ransom
Mr. Donald Chu	Mr. Bruce Templeton
Mr. Richard Johnston (convener)	Mr. Douglas A. Wall
The Rev. Stephen Kendall (Principal Clerk)	Ex-officio without vote: Ms. Jackie Czegledi, Secretary

The board would like to thank Mr. Richard Anderson and the Rev. J. Cameron Bigelow (convener of the Pension Board) for their time and talents on the Trustee Board.

Richard Johnston  
Convener

Jackie Czegledi  
Secretary