



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**May 3, 2025**

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Pacific 10 a.m.; Mountain 11 a.m.; Central 12 p.m. Eastern 1 p.m.; Atlantic 2 p.m.;  
Newfoundland 2:30 p.m.

Via Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/9695044914?omn=86976037304>

Room to open 15 minutes prior to start time.

1. Words of welcome – Rev. Andy Cornell, Executive Director  
An invitation to make a special offering to Renewal Fellowship will be extended.
2. Worship – Rev. Andy Cornell. Music by Jess and Gus of Grace West Hill
3. Constitution of the meeting – Rev. Sandy Copland Dufour, Chairperson of the Board
4. Secretary  
MOTION: “That Ronda Bosch be the secretary for the Annual General Meeting.”
5. Agenda  
MOTION: “That the agenda of the 2025 annual meeting be adopted as presented/amended.”
6. Minutes  
MOTION: “That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, April 20, 2024, be adopted as presented.”
7. Reports  
MOTION: “That all reports without motions be received for information.”
8. Report of the Chairperson
9. Report of the Executive Director
10. Report of the Webmaster
11. Report of the Prayer Calendar Coordinator
12. Reports of the Regional prayer teams
13. Financial Reports  
Reports of the Treasurer  
2024 Reviewer's Report  
MOTION: “That we receive the reviewer’s report, prepared by Christine Gilbert, as presented.”  
2024 Balance Sheet  
2024 Revenues and Expenditures  
MOTION: “That the 2024 financial statements be received.”  
2025 Budget presents and discussed.  
MOTION: “That the budget for 2025 be adopted as presented/amended.”
14. Nominating Committee Report  
MOTION: “That the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as presented and the Board be given power to issue to fill any remaining vacancies.”

15. Amendments to the Constitution. See separate report.

MOTION: “That the proposed amendments to the Constitution be adopted as presented.”

16. In Memoriam

17. Other Business

18. Adjournment

MOTION: “That the annual meeting of The Renewal Fellowship within The Presbyterian Church in Canada be adjourned.”

19. Closing worship. Music by Don Bartlett of Grace West Hill.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Former partners of the Renewal Fellowship:**

**Mr. Bill Voort, Winnipeg MB**

**Mr. Don MacMillan, Gloucester ON**

**Mrs. Patricia McKendrick Richmond BC**

# **MINUTES OF THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**

## **Minutes of the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of The Renewal Fellowship Within The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

Saturday, April 20, 2024

The Annual General Meeting was held using Zoom, start time 1 p.m. EST.

1. Welcome: the Zoom room opened and admitted 30 attendees.
2. Greetings were shared.
3. Executive Director, Andy Cornell welcomed attendees.
4. Mr. Seth Brouwer was introduced as the technical host and he made introductory comments as to how the meeting would proceed in this on-line format.
5. Opening Prayer offered by Andy Cornell and followed with a meditation from 2 Peter 1:3-8. Worship music was offered by video featuring Jess & Gus from Grace Presbyterian Church, West Hill, ON
6. Call to Offering: R.F. operates by donations and gifts so a reminder was given of the various ways to send in offerings.
7. Prayer of thanks and dedication of offerings by Andy.
8. Constitution of the AGM by Board Convener, Sandy Copland Dufour.
9. Regrets: James T. Hurd & Peter Bush
10. Election of Secretary for the AGM: **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that Ronda Bosch be the secretary for the 2024 AGM. **CARRIED**
11. **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the decision of the Board to hold this meeting virtually be homologated. **CARRIED**
12. **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the agenda of the AGM approved as presented. **CARRIED**
13. **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the MINUTES of March 25, 2023 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**
14. **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the REPORTS of the Convener; the Executive Director; the Webmaster; the Prayer Co-ordinator; the Eastern Ontario team; the Hamilton Renewal Network Report be received for information. **CARRIED**
15. **MEMBERSHIP REPORT** – information highlighted included statistics of 175 current members / 127 households / 800 on mailing list. Kyoung Soo clarified that supporting congregations are not included in these statistics.
16. **TREASURER & FINANCIAL REPORTS:**  
**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil to receive the REVIEWER’S REPORT. **CARRIED**  
**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil to receive and consider the 2023 Treasurer’s Report & Financial Statements. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil to receive and consider the 2023 Treasurer's Report & Financial Statements. **CARRIED**

- Balance Sheet comparison 2022 /2023 presented.
- Revenues & Expenses presented
- Grants / Bequests presented

**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil to approve the 2023 Financial Reports. **CARRIED**

17. **MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil to receive and consider the 2024 Budget. **CARRIED**

- Note the Executive Director is reduced from 40% to 20 %
- Postal mailings will be eliminated.
- New publication may be a vehicle of attraction of new members.
- Word of mouth encouragement from all is needed so sharing of faithfulness and mission may be a benefit to all.

18. Nominating Committee Report

**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the report be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

19. **AMENDMENTS to the Constitution:**

**MOTION:** Don Bartlett / Deb Kallender-Stimphil that the proposed changes be as follows:  
Section 3.d - add the following to membership qualifications:

**3. (d) “and to have contributed a membership fee of \$10. to the Fellowship in the past year.”**

**4. (c) “Notice of all Board meetings be given to all members of the Board not less than one week (7 days) prior to the meeting. CARRIED**

**10. (a) That the Fellowship shall meet via online platform every year at a time to be named by the Board.” CARRIED**

**10. (b) omit this. CARRIED**

**10. (c) voting: “individual members whose membership fee has been received seven (7) days prior to the meeting shall be entitled to a single vote at each meeting of the Fellowship.”**

**CARRIED**

Further changes to the Constitution is a work in progress to be brought back to the 2025 AGM.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

An ask of the membership to review the RF Constitution and communicate to the Board suggested changes and revisions.

Note of Thanks offered to the Board, to Sandy as Convener, Andy as Exec. Director, Robin, Linda, Kyoungsoo who are instrumental in their roles of keeping us connecting with each other and with the wider church.

In Memoriam:

Rev. Bob Anderson, Port Rowan, Ont.

Rev. John Bigham, Islington, Ont.

Martha Jane Dorland, Chesley, Ont.

Delbert Fowler, Mississauga, Ont.

Bill Voort, Winnipeg, MB

Grace Whyte, Scarborough, Ont.

Prayer & a moment of silence offered by Sandy Copland Dufour

MOTION to adjourn: George Myers/ Nan St. Louis

Hymn: 'To God be the Glory'

Benediction by Chairperson: Sandy Copland Dufour

# REPORTS

## BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT FOR 2024

Dear Friends

Spring 2025

What an honour and delight to be part of Renewal Fellowship!

In these uncertain times, I'm reminded of a repeated phrase in the book of Judges:

*"In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit."*

While we do have a king and many political leaders, it seems to me that we are a society where everyone does as they see fit. Promises, agreements and treaties mean little. Individuals and groups feel free to throw over traditions, expectations and norms to suit their individual tastes and aspirations. In the Renewal Fellowship we have been working on our constitution, mission, vision and passion. We have spent much time in reviewing and thinking through our values and concerns. Because the landscape has changed, we have tried to respond in a different way of being.

As Executive Director, Andy continues writing blogs and hosts the online café to discuss matters of interest and concern. He has taken on the publication of Living in Truth, again on line, with input from an editorial board. Allan has picked up the organizing of the Pastors' Retreat. Kyoungsoo continues on with the administration and Deb with the bookkeeping; Linda faithfully coordinates prayer efforts and Robin continues on as web master – a very capable and committed team, indeed!

We are grateful for the contact with "Reconquista", a group of younger Christians who work and pray for the renewal of main-line churches throughout North America. We are preparing for the General Assembly the first week in June at McMaster University in Hamilton. Please pray for the commissioners and the prayer room that Renewal Fellowship will host, that the Holy Spirit would break into the sessions and informal gatherings and turn hearts toward our Lord Jesus rather than the way each individual "sees fit". Unlike the Israelites in Judges, we do have a King, King Jesus who sits at God's right hand and intercedes on our behalf.

Because of financial constraints, the executive made some hard decisions in the past year. We are grateful for the faithfulness of those who continue their prayer and financial support as we adjust to changing circumstances. So, while circumstances change, we adapt.

Just as God brought judges with different skills and methods to bring His people in Israel back to faithful attention to Him so we in Renewal Fellowship are working to be faithful to God's call to His people. We have moved to an 'on-line' way of communication and meeting which is more in keeping with how we work today. We have not neglected our aim, however, of authentic Biblical thinking, powerful Spirit-led prayer and effective Gospel witness. Please continue to pray and give as you are able.

In joyful expectation,  
Sandy Copland Dufour

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2025**

We are pleased to present the following individuals to be named to the Board of the Fellowship:

Till 2026: Debbie Kallender-Stimphil ['20], Al Brouwer ['23]

Till 2027: Meridyth Robertson ['21]

Till 2028: Sandy Copland-Dufour ['22], Jinsil Park ['22], Ronda Bosch ['22]

The date in [brackets] indicates the year the person first came on the Board. An initial term is normally for three years, with the possibility of one second consecutive three-year term.

The Board Executive will be:

Chairperson	Sandy Copland-Dufour
Vice-Chairperson	Al Brouwer
Secretary	Ronda Bosch
Treasurer	Debbie Kallender-Stimphil
Executive Director	Andy Cornell

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR 2024

We live in an extraordinary time. Artificial Intelligence is taking the digital age to a new level – it is either the saviour of humankind or it's the advent of a super intelligence which dumbs us down and threatens to replace human life. The reality may be somewhere between those extremes but whatever transpires will be enormous.

Mental and emotional health is challenged by uncertainty. For the vast amount of human history, change took place gradually, almost unnoticeably. The pace increased starting in the Industrial Revolution. It's now exponential, simultaneously in every aspect of life. Our brains were not designed for this. We are wired for linear change and to be sensitive to risks. No wonder we are stressed and living on edge. No wonder increasing numbers of us are questioning our sanity.

The remedy is clear and always has been. (The fact that it's not immediately obvious to others is a point of great frustration.) The only hope for the world is Christ, who "is the same yesterday, today, and forever" – Hebrews 13:8. He is our spiritual lifeline in a world which is adrift. Sadly, the human spirit of progression continues to gnaw at the church's foundation. The result is decay and decline.

The Good News is that some people understand, embrace and pursue the timeless Christ. Since 1983, The Renewal Fellowship within The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been devoted to this witness. Our numbers are fewer. The challenge is greater. Sometimes, the energy to do anything is scarce. But God's hands are always at work.

Enter [PCC Renewal](#), the Canadian Presbyterian wing of [Operation Reconquista](#), the (mostly) Generation Z movement to revive mainline denominations to theological orthodoxy. See their [Instagram page](#). Their arrival on the scene was, for me, the highlight of 2024. Renewal Fellowship is working in partnership with them. Their appetite for learning and faith are impressive. They (and their cousins from other mainline denominations across North America) are nothing less than divinely inspired. They could be part of the Next Great Awakening. Getting to know some of them has revived my calling to the PCC, to remain as a witness for THEO (traditional, historic, evangelical and orthodox) believers within the PCC. A close second high point was the birth of [Living in Truth](#), a new online magazine which replaced Renewal News. Since the demise of *Channels*, the magazine published by RF, there hasn't been a rich publication for evangelical Presbyterians. The quarterly *Renewal News* was never intended to be more than a newsletter. The *Presbyterian Record* was a fine periodical and provided a platform for a wide array of voices and views within the PCC. Sadly, its demise left a gaping hole. (*Presbyterian Connection* was the denomination's answer to that void, but it's not journalism; it's an official voice of the PCC, and unless you are directly accountable to one of its courts, you don't exist.) *Living in Truth* is a new voice for a new era, an attempt to create community and conversation not only within THEO voices within the PCC but also with our close friends in Living Stones. Our vision is to be a voice for Reformed orthodoxy in Canada.

Pray for GA continued in person and online. And our third Pastor's Retreat was another rich time of fellowship. (See separate report).

We are living in a leaner time. My call to RF went from 40 per cent (two days a week on average) to 20 per cent in an effort to reduce costs. Thankfully my congregation was able to make up the difference and

bumped me up to 80 percent. A few unexpected financial bequests took RF out of the red and allowed us to live for another year.

RF amended its structure to reflect the scarcity of volunteers. We made housekeeping amendments to our Constitution in 2024 and proposed further refinements, which are published elsewhere in this annual report for your consideration.

We continue to be blessed with the tireless and faithful service from our prayer co-ordinator Linda Shaw and webmaster Robin Ross. As many of our supporters know, Robin is also the founder and administrative editor of the PresbyCan Daily Devotional. He has stepped back from publishing new devotionals, and the daily email and the website now operate on a low-maintenance automatic cycle. Read the [announcement](#) and note the glowing remarks from readers. While PresbyCan is not a Renewal Fellowship publication, we note the aging of the readers, writers, and staff over almost 29 years, and we empathize greatly. We remain blessed by Robin's ongoing work with RF. In this digital age, his faithful work is needed more than ever.

The rest of my call:

Congregation. Modest growth continues; newcomers bring great hunger and passion for Biblical truth. Personal study. I am completing a Master's in Psychospiritual Studies degree, which is designed to lead to registration as a psychotherapist. I am planning to take a second practicum this fall and graduate in 2026.

Presbytery. I continue as interim moderator at Mt. Zion Ridgetown and as convener of presbytery's Administration Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Cornell, Executive Director  
amcpastor1@gmail.com

## **RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE REPORT FOR 2024**

In comparison to previous years, there was very little activity on the Renewal Fellowship website. Besides the *Prayer Calendar* emailings and reminders for *Prayer Calendar* requests reported elsewhere, emailings and associated webpages during 2024 consisted of two of *Andy's Blog*, one reminder to *Pray for GA 2024*, advertising for the *Pastor's Retreat*, and two issues of *Living in Truth* e-magazine, which also required the mounting of a new website: [livingintruth.ca](http://livingintruth.ca). I also began a year-long task of digitizing all 66 issues of *Channels* magazine, spanning the years from 1983 to 2006. So far, on the [channels.renewal-fellowship.ca](http://channels.renewal-fellowship.ca) website, articles from 25 issues, 1996–2006, and PDFs for 14 issues have been posted.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robin Ross [rross@telus.net](mailto:rross@telus.net)  
Mission, British Columbia  
Webmaster

## **PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR'S REPORT FOR 2024**

At the end of 2024, we were sending by email 228 Daily, 77 Weekly, and 484 Monthly copies of the Prayer Calendar requests. The current month's Prayer Calendar requests are also posted on the [RF website](#), with a downloadable PDF posted for those who want printed copies. The prayer requests are also posted on Facebook. That's a lot of people praying for our denomination and our world and thanking the Lord for His many blessings. Some of our prayers are also included on the PresbyCan Daily Devotional which adds to our count. Since there are no longer printed versions of the Prayer Calendar mailed, you are encouraged to print them for members of your congregation who are not yet on our email list.

I appreciate the prayer submissions I have received from coast-to-coast over the last year. We are a national church. I believe it is important that prayers for specific needs for congregations and presbyteries are included; and for that to happen, I need members of the *Renewal Fellowship* from across Canada to send me prayer requests. The requests need to be short, specific and dated, if possible. If needs arise after the prayer calendar is posted online, it is still possible to have them included in the monthly, weekly or daily email version of the prayer calendar thanks to the faithful and quick work of webmaster Robin Ross. Please look at your church calendars and send your prayer requests to me; and more importantly, PRAY morning and evening for our church. Pray that God would give our leaders and our people great wisdom in these days. Pray that we will love God and love people. Pray that we will have eyes to see how the Lord wants us to serve our communities and our world in the coming year, even in the midst of many changes and challenges. "Praise the Lord in the deepest valley. Praise the Lord on the highest hill."

The best way to send prayer requests to me is by email, but they can also be sent by regular mail to my home address (see below). To ensure your prayer submissions are included in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2025 Prayer Calendar please ensure you submit your requests no later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to all who have submitted prayer requests over the past year. Special thanks to my husband, Ian, for his assistance in preparing the prayer calendar; to Robin Ross, Webmaster, who posts the Prayer Calendar by email; and Andy Cornell, Executive Director, who posts them on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Shaw, Prayer Co-ordinator  
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Simcoe ON, N3Y 1Z9  
rfprayer@gmail.com

## **EASTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL RENEWAL TEAM REPORT FOR 2024**

In 2024, the Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team met via Zoom conference for prayer on ten occasions: January 20th, March 23rd, April 13th, May 11th, June 15th, July 27th, September 14th, October 5th, and December 7th. Different members took turns leading devotions at our meetings.

Our planned meeting in February was cancelled in lieu of a visit in person by our Zoom host to the men's breakfast at Knox Church, Manotick, at which the work of the Renewal Fellowship was highlighted and prayers offered for Christ's church.

Some of us also gathered on July 13rd at Parkwood Church, Ottawa, for the memorial service for Donald MacMillan, a long-time participant in our prayer circle and a former member of the board of directors of the Renewal Fellowship.

Our group is small but regular and faithful in attendance. We continue to be upheld and encouraged in seeking God's mercies together. On a couple of occasions, we have been thankful to have Andy Cornell, as Executive Director of the Renewal Fellowship, join us. The capacity provided by Zoom conferencing continues to be a blessing, enabling us to join together without travel.

We are always open for others to join us, and would be pleased to welcome additional members; contact the undersigned at [jthurd@sympatico.ca](mailto:jthurd@sympatico.ca) if interested and available, and the Zoom link for the next meeting will be sent. We generally meet once a month on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. for about an hour, but the actual Saturday in a given month may vary based on members' availability and other commitments.

May Jesus Who said, "I will build my church" (Matthew 16: 18), be pleased to sustain and renew His church in our time and in time to come.

*"Hear my prayer, O Lord; listen to my cry for mercy." (Psalm 86:6, NIV)*

Respectfully submitted,  
James T. Hurd,  
Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team.

<b>HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION -- 2010 TO 2024</b>													
<b>AREA</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>MARITIMES</b>	45	43	43	43	37	38	37	34	25	24	23	16	6
<b>QUEBEC</b>	9	10	10	10	8	8	8	10	11	10	10	13	8
<b>ONTARIO</b>	415	410	419	419	377	380	387	364	326	313	297	208	134
<b>PRAIRIES</b>	34	36	36	36	28	26	24	23	21	19	19	14	7
<b>B.C.</b>	84	82	82	82	73	67	70	64	57	52	51	47	21
<b>FOREIGN</b>	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>177</b>

<b>MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS - LAY AND CLERGY</b>									
<b>AREA</b>	<b>LAY MEMBERS</b>			<b>CLERGY MEMBERS</b>			<b>TOTAL MEMBERS</b>		
	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>MARITIMES</b>	13	3	-10	3	3	0	16	6	-10
<b>QUEBEC</b>	12	4	-8	1	4	3	13	8	-5
<b>ONTARIO</b>	184	106	-78	24	28	4	208	134	-74
<b>PRAIRIES</b>	13	6	-7	1	1	0	14	7	-7
<b>B.C.</b>	40	17	-23	7	4	-3	47	21	-26
<b>FOREIGN</b>	1	0	-1	0	1	1	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>-127</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>-122</b>

**The Renewal Fellowship**  
**2024 Balance Sheet Previous Year Comparison**

	31 Dec 24	31 Dec 23	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Chequing/Savings			
11010 · CIBC Current Account	72,133.16	47,724.86	24,408.30
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>72,133.16</b>	<b>47,724.86</b>	<b>24,408.30</b>
Other Current Assets			
11500 · HST Recoverable Asset	208.87	697.62	-488.75
12000 · Undeposited Funds	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>208.87</b>	<b>897.62</b>	<b>-688.75</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>72,342.03</b>	<b>48,622.48</b>	<b>23,719.55</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>72,342.03</b>	<b>48,622.48</b>	<b>23,719.55</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
21000 · Payroll Liabilities			
21010 · CRA Payable			
21011 · CPP Payable	256.60	489.66	-233.06
21012 · EI Payable	109.12	183.80	-74.68
21013 · Income Tax Payable	296.03	643.15	-347.12
<b>Total 21010 · CRA Payable</b>	<b>661.75</b>	<b>1,316.61</b>	<b>-654.86</b>
<b>Total 21000 · Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>661.75</b>	<b>1,316.61</b>	<b>-654.86</b>
21100 · Study Expense Payable Accum	0.00	600.00	-600.00
22000 · Designated Funds			
22100 · Pastors Retreat Fund	0.00	2,479.05	-2,479.05
22200 · Living Truth Fund	1,609.94	0.00	1,609.94
22570 · Encouragement Trip Fund	298.53	298.53	0.00
22580 · Scholarship Fund	0.00	2,476.88	-2,476.88
<b>Total 22000 · Designated Funds</b>	<b>1,908.47</b>	<b>5,254.46</b>	<b>-3,345.99</b>
25500 · GST/HST Payable	0.00	-35.50	35.50
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,570.22</b>	<b>7,135.57</b>	<b>-4,565.35</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,570.22</b>	<b>7,135.57</b>	<b>-4,565.35</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>2,570.22</b>	<b>7,135.57</b>	<b>-4,565.35</b>
Equity			
32000 · General Fund Net Assets Net Income	41,486.91	59,364.58	-17,877.67
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>28,284.90</b>	<b>-17,877.67</b>	<b>46,162.57</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>72,342.03</b>	<b>48,622.48</b>	<b>23,719.55</b>

**The Renewal Fellowship**  
**2024 Revenue & Expenditures Previous Year Comparison**

	<u>Jan - Dec 24</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
<b>44000 · Gifts and Membership Received</b>			
44020 · Gifts Individuals	45,668.33	32,541.50	13,126.83
44040 · Gifts Congregations	35,605.94	35,882.38	-276.44
44041 · Office Rent Donation	2,499.00	2,499.00	0.00
44055 · Grants	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00
44080 · Membership Individual	850.00	940.00	-90.00
44099 · Bequests	23,025.78	10,000.00	13,025.78
<b>Total 44000 · Gifts and Membership Received</b>	<b>107,649.05</b>	<b>83,362.88</b>	<b>24,286.17</b>
<b>46000 · Conference Fees</b>			
46100 · AGM & Renewal Day Fees	0.00	850.38	-850.38
46300 · Pastors Retreat Fees	3,289.10	1,683.87	1,605.23
<b>Total 46000 · Conference Fees</b>	<b>3,289.10</b>	<b>2,534.25</b>	<b>754.85</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>110,938.15</b>	<b>85,897.13</b>	<b>25,041.02</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
51000 · Personnel Expense	42,927.99	66,066.37	-23,138.38
52000 · Operations Expense	4,162.76	4,819.03	-656.27
<b>53000 · Mission-Related Expense</b>			
53100 · Web Presence	178.00	89.00	89.00
53200 · Living Truth Expense	148.35	0.00	148.35
53201 · Living Truth Fund Release	-148.35	0.00	-148.35
53300 · PCC GA Presence	713.00	1,401.43	-688.43
53500 · Mailings	46.77	5,973.05	-5,926.28
<b>53600 · Conference Hosting</b>			
53610 · AGM & Renewal Day	250.00	1,157.15	-907.15
53630 · Pastors Retreat Hosting	34,778.13	21,197.32	13,580.81
<b>Total 53600 · Conference Hosting</b>	<b>5,303.08</b>	<b>2,841.02</b>	<b>2,462.06</b>
53700 · Transfer to a Designated Fund	29,027.41	21,992.50	7,034.91
<b>Total 53000 · Mission-Related Expense</b>	<b>35,268.26</b>	<b>32,297.00</b>	<b>2,971.26</b>
55000 · Gifts Expenses	294.24	317.40	-23.16
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>82,653.25</b>	<b>103,774.80</b>	<b>-21,121.55</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>28,284.90</b>	<b>-17,877.67</b>	<b>46,162.57</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>28,284.90</u></b>	<b><u>-17,877.67</u></b>	<b><u>46,162.57</u></b>

## 2025 Budget

Income	<u>Actual 2024</u>	<u>Budget 2025</u>
<b>44000 · Gifts and Membership Received</b>		
<b>44020 · Gifts Individuals</b>	45,668	30,000
<b>44040 · Gifts Congregations</b>	35,606	30,000
<b>44041 · Office Rent Donation</b>	2,499	0
<b>44080 · Membership Individual</b>	850	850
<b>44099 · Bequests</b>	23,026	0
<b>Total 44000 · Gifts and Membership Received</b>	<u>107,649</u>	<u>60,850</u>
<b>46000 · Conference Fees</b>		
<b>46300 · Pastors Retreat Fees</b>	3,289	3,760
<b>Total 46000 · Conference Fees</b>	<u>3,289</u>	<u>3,760</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>110,938</u>	<u>64,610</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>51000 · Personnel Expense</b>	42,929	39,515
<b>52000 · Operations Expense</b>		
<b>52100 · Office Expense</b>	2,556	56
<b>52200 · Administration &amp; Services</b>	870	1,000
<b>52300 · Board Meeting Expenses</b>	737	1,000
<b>Total 52000 · Operations Expense</b>	4,163	2,056
<b>53000 · Mission-Related Expense</b>		
<b>53100 · Web Presence</b>	178	178
<b>53300 · PCC GA Presence</b>	713	700
<b>53500 · Mailings</b>	47	560
<b>53600 · Conference Hosting</b>		
<b>53610 · AGM &amp; Renewal Day Hosting</b>	250	250
<b>53630 · Pastors Retreat Hosting</b>	34,778	33,048
<b>53639 · Pastors Retreat Fund Release</b>	-29,725	
<b>Total 53600 · Conference Hosting</b>	<u>5,303</u>	<u>33,298</u>
<b>53700 · Transfer to a Designated Fund</b>	29,027	
<b>Total 53000 · Mission-Related Expense</b>	<u>35,268</u>	<u>34,946</u>
<b>55000 · Gifts Expenses</b>		
<b>55010 · Canada Helps Charges</b>	157	157
<b>55020 · Par (United Church) Charges</b>	137	137
<b>Total 55000 · Gifts Expenses</b>	<u>294</u>	<u>294</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>82,654</u>	<u>76,811</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>28,284</u>	<u>-12,201</u>

## Proposed Renewal Fellowship Constitution Amendments

### BACKGROUND:

- *Following the direction of the Renewal Fellowship board executive in November 2023, revisions were proposed by the RF leadership in December 2023, reviewed by the board executive in January 2024 and discussed in detail by the board of directors in March 2024.*
- *The list of concerns in the Constitution has been removed because it is a duplication of what is in the Vision, Mission and Passions/Concerns statement. Purpose has been removed from the Vision, Mission and Passions/Concerns statement because it is a duplication of what is in the Constitution.*
- *The basic rationale for the proposed changes: we are a smaller organization, the PCC landscape is different than when these documents were written and our supporters are no longer only within the PCC.*
- **Words in bold were presented to the membership and approved at the Annual General Meeting of April 20, 2024**
- *Additional proposed changes were received at the 2024 AGM. Among them was a proposal to remove or weaken our connection to the PCC. These were referred to the membership during the summer and again in the fall for review. The board received comments, which were discussed at its retreat in November 2024. The board decided to maintain its historic connection to the denomination.*
  - **Words in red are the proposed changes as of March 22, 2025.**

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### Our Constitution

#### Preamble

In our love for the **authentic Church in the Reformed tradition, including The**-Presbyterian Church in Canada, and in gratitude to God for its contribution to our spiritual growth, we as ~~office-bearers, members and adherents,~~ **believers** desire to be united in common fellowship. In prayer to Jesus Christ, as King and Head of the Church, our Saviour and Lord, ~~that there be kindled in our midst the flame of the Holy Spirit's life in calling us to the urgency of our task and the need of our times,~~ ~~Further, reminded of past visitations of that same Spirit,~~ we see the need, first personally and then corporately, for **a rediscovery of theology and practice which adheres to orthodoxy as we seek to submit totally to our Triune God and strive to follow the commands of Christ in Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." ~~godliness in our lives as gift of the Spirit of holiness, and for evangelistic zeal, as the Lord adds daily to our number such as would be saved,~~ ~~Therefore we unitedly express the following concerns:~~**

- ~~Fervent intercession for the Lord to renew his Church for authentic witness and consistent obedience~~
- ~~Fresh power and authority for the local congregation through the Breath of God in our structures and organizations~~
- ~~Responsible participation in the courts of the church~~
- ~~A deep hunger for the teaching of the Bible in its authority~~
- ~~A recall to lives of biblical integrity, especially on the part of those entrusted with leadership of the people of God~~
- ~~A zeal for reaching, through the instrumentality of a national church with a rich heritage, those lost without God and without hope in the world~~
- ~~Fellowship for believers to give encouragement to continued witness and ministry within the Presbyterian Church in Canada~~

Accordingly, seeking to bring glory to our sovereign God, we have banded together in common resolve and commitment.

1. The Name of this Fellowship shall be "The Renewal Fellowship within The Presbyterian Church in Canada."
2. The Objects of the Fellowship shall be as follows:
  - (a) The establishment of means of contact and encouragement for those interested in **evangelical renewal within any Reformed expression of Christ's Church, including The Presbyterian Church in Canada.** ~~the Presbyterian Church in Canada affording an opportunity for them to relate to one another and discuss the issues from time to time arising within our denomination, mutually encouraging and strengthening one another.~~
  - (b) The promotion of publications and other materials that would clarify the concerns that we share, providing biblical and theological comment and encouraging practical and specific ideas for their achievement through various media.
  - (c) ~~Encouraging the development of programs, especially in the areas of prayer/intercession, small groups and evangelism. The objective in such endeavours is to be supportive, constructive, and positive.~~
  - (d) ~~To work through clearly defined and mutually agreed upon goals and objectives and to provide the means by which these can be achieved. Specifically, the organizing of conferences and other seminar type activities which will facilitate the long range process of strengthening the reformed and evangelical witness within our denomination.~~
3. Membership. The Membership of this Fellowship shall be composed of individuals:
  - (a) **who are members or adherents of any Reformed expression of Christ's Church which upholds the trustworthiness of scripture, the Presbyterian Church in Canada and**
  - (b) who are in agreement with the objects of this Fellowship, as stated above, and
  - (c) who are prepared to signify their agreement with the Statement of Faith (Appendix A) and
  - (d) **who have contributed a membership fee of \$10 to the Fellowship within the past year.**
4. The Board of Directors
  - (a) The Board shall **be in agreement with Our Doctrinal Basis** ~~subscribe to the system of doctrine in the subordinate standards of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.~~ The Board shall

consist of ~~twelve~~ **six elected** representatives, of whom not more than ~~six~~ **three** shall be ordained teaching elders. **Two** ~~Four~~ of their number shall be elected at each annual meeting. The Executive Director shall be a **seventh** non-voting member of the Board.

(b) The Board shall have authority to conduct all business arising in the Fellowship between annual meetings. It shall meet at least three times a year, in person or by electronic means. The Board may fix in advance the day of the month in which such meetings will be held, and, in the absence of a resolution fixing such dates, the meeting shall be held at the call of the chair.

(c) **Notice of all Board meetings shall be given to all members of the Board not less than one week (7 days) 30 days prior to the meeting.**

(d) **Four of the elected members of the board shall be designated as officers in the following roles:** The officers of the Board shall consist of the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer (voting). **and The Executive Director (non-voting) is also a member of the board.** ~~These five officers shall constitute the Executive Committee of the Fellowship.~~

~~(e) The Executive Committee shall have authority to deal with all matters affecting the Board of the Fellowship arising between meetings of the full Board and which require action before the next meeting.~~

~~(f) The officers of the Board shall constitute the officers of the Fellowship. They shall be elected by the Board following each annual meeting.~~ **The officers of the Board shall constitute the officers of the Fellowship. With the exception of the Executive Director, they shall be elected to their officer positions within the Board, by the Board following each annual meeting and as required to fill vacancies.**

(g) Board members will normally be appointed for three years with a possibility of being renewed once for another three-year term. Normally a year's pause would take place before further service on the Board. Provision and management of those serving partial terms will be decided by the Board of Directors.

5. ~~Contributions~~ Purpose of gain.

~~(a) Each individual member shall contribute in each calendar year for the expenses of this Fellowship a minimum sum of ten dollars.~~

~~(b)~~ The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other accretions to the organization shall be used in promoting its objects.

6. Banking arrangements

(a) All monies received by or on behalf of the Fellowship shall be recorded and deposited in a Bank to be named by the Treasurer and approved by the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board.**

(b) All cheques issued on behalf of the Fellowship shall require just one signature, and that signature to be that of one of the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board** members (~~Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director~~) or the Administrative Assistant. Any cheques being issued over \$1,000 will require the prior approval of the ~~Executive~~ **board.**

7. The Head Office shall be in the Province of Ontario.

8. Executive Director

(a) There shall be an Executive Director of The Fellowship. He or she shall be hired by the Board.

(b) The Executive Director shall have the responsibility of conducting the affairs of the Fellowship in accordance with the objects herein set forth, and shall act in cooperation with, and under the oversight of, the ~~Executive Committee~~ **Board**.

(c) The Executive Director shall receive a **compensation salary pro-rated to** at least equivalent to the minimum **provided to the ministers in his/her denomination**, ~~operative in the presbytery of residence for salary, house allowance, and (where applicable) study leave, in addition to pension provision and other requirements of the General Assembly as applicable for professional church workers;~~ and subject to annual review.

~~(d) The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio member of the Board without vote.~~

9. The Duties of the Officers of the Fellowship

(a) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Fellowship and of the Board at which he or she may be present, and shall assist the Executive Director as may be required.

(b) The Vice-Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Fellowship and of the Board in the absence of the Chairperson, and shall assist the Chairperson and the Executive Director as may be required.

(c) The Treasurer shall receive all monies paid into the Fellowship, shall bank all monies received, and shall keep continuous record of all receipts and expenditures on behalf of the Fellowship. He or she shall present a financial statement of the Fellowship at each annual meeting and at each meeting of the Board. He or she shall be responsible for the maintenance of a list of contributions made by the members and supporters.

(d) The Secretary shall be responsible for the recording of the minutes of the annual meetings of the Fellowship, and of all meetings of the Board ~~and of the Executive Committee~~. He or she shall be responsible for conducting necessary correspondence of the Board ~~and/or the Executive Committee~~. He or she shall be responsible for the maintenance of a current list of members and supporters and their addresses.

(e) The Executive Director shall perform the duties outlined in Article 8 (b).

(f) The Officers of the Fellowship shall make the necessary registration agreement with the Canada Revenue Agency to enable the issuance of receipts for contributions valid for Income Tax purposes.

10. Meetings

**(a) The Fellowship shall meet once via online platform every year at a time and place to be named by the Executive Committee Board.**

**(b) Notice of all meetings of the Fellowship shall be provided to all members at least ~~ninety~~ thirty (30) days prior to the date of the said meeting.**

**(c) Voting: Individual members whose membership fee has been received ~~who have joined~~ seven (7) days prior to the meeting shall be entitled to a single vote at each meeting of the Fellowship.**

(d) Nominating procedure: The **board** Executive shall **serve as its own** ~~constitute a~~ Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the Board as provided in section 4(a). Further nominations

for candidates for these categories may be made from the floor at any annual meeting.

(e) Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

11. Financial Review: An independent annual financial review shall be arranged by the **board** ~~Executive Committee~~.

12. Amendments:

(a) Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting of the Fellowship by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

(b) Notice of any proposed amendment shall be in writing and shall be forwarded to all members of the Fellowship at least (30) days prior to any annual meeting at which the proposed amendment shall be considered.

13. Vacancies: If the office of any officer or member of the Board becomes vacant by reason of death or resignation, the vacancy may be filled by the **board** ~~Executive Committee~~ until the next election.

## Our Vision, Mission and **Passion** ~~Concerns~~

Our **Vision**, ~~Passion, and Hope~~ is to experience God's renewal of our lives, our congregations, our **church** courts, our theological schools and **everywhere** ~~every place where~~ Canadian **presbyterian and reformed believers connect**. ~~Presbyterians gather.~~

Our **Mission** is to lead each other and The Presbyterian Church in Canada to authentic Biblical thinking, powerful Spirit-led prayer and effective Gospel witness.

Our **Passion is to fervently pray for:**

~~We are fervently praying for:~~

- the Lord to renew his church for authentic witness and consistent obedience.
- fresh power and authority for the local congregation through the breath of God in our structures and organizations.
- responsible participation in the courts of the church.
- a deep hunger for the **authentic** teaching of the Bible and its authority.
- a recall to lives of Biblical purity, especially on the part of those entrusted with leadership of the people of God.
- **a rediscovery of the joy of adhering to lifestyles of Biblical orthodoxy in deliberate contrast to secular culture and values.**
- a zeal for reaching, ~~through the instrumentality of a national church with a rich heritage, those lost without God and without hope in the world.~~
- **fellowship among believers to encourage a continuing evangelical reformed witness in Canada, including within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.**

~~Our Purpose~~

~~We have four specific objectives:~~

- We will promote publications and other materials that clarify, especially for lay people, the concerns we share, providing biblical and theological comment, and encouraging practical and specific ideas. This originally included [Channels](#), a magazine that was published two or three times a year until 2006 when it became an e-publication with articles [archived](#) on this website.
- We will encourage the development of programmes in the areas of prayer, intercession, small groups and evangelism. These programmes will be supportive, constructive, and positive.
- We will organize conferences, seminars, and other activities which will facilitate the long-term process of strengthening the reformed and evangelical witness within our denomination.
- We see the Renewal Fellowship as a means to contact and encourage those concerned about renewal within the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It gives us an opportunity to relate to each other and discuss the issues from time to time arising within our denomination, mutually encouraging and strengthening one another.