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# **Community of Faith Profile: Cover Page**

Please fill in this page and send it in with your completed worksheets and Living Faith Story.

Community of	Faith/Congregation FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH		
Pastoral Charge	e (if different)		
Date of Approv	val by Governing Body (Council/Board) November 15, 2022		
Date of Approv	val by Congregation <u>January 8, 2023</u>		
Purpose:	☐ Annual Self-Assessment Review and Update		
I	☑ Preparation for Ministry Personnel Search		
I	☐ Preparation for Property Transaction		
I	□ Other		
Included:			
I	□ Demographics Worksheet		
	□ Living Faith Story		
1	□ Real Property Worksheet		
	☐ Manse Information Worksheet		
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# **Community of Faith: Living Faith Story Worksheet**

PURPOSE: To provide information about the Community of Faith's understanding of their ministry and mission.

**Who uses it**: Communities of Faith in regularly assessing their ministry and in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub.

Community of Faith: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH	
Address: 350 QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON, ONTARIO, N6B 1X6	_
Pastoral Charge: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH	
<u> </u>	
Regional Council: ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED	
Date: <u>December 2022</u>	

#### **Mission Statement**

First-St. Andrew's United Church has adopted as its vision and goal the achievement of its mission statement:

"First-St. Andrew's United Church of Canada: An inclusive Christian Family encouraging spiritual growth through worship, friendship, learning and action."

The mission statement expresses the major guiding objective of First-St. Andrew's United Church.

#### Our values are incorporated into our Vision statement

We, the people of First-St. Andrew's United Church, will continue our commitment to creating a community, where all people are welcome regardless of age, differing abilities, economic circumstance, ethnic background, gender, gender identity, physical or mental health, race, or sexual orientation.

All persons are welcome to take part in every aspect of our Church life and witness, including membership, leadership, celebration of life passages, baptisms and marriage.

Our vision is founded in the ministry of Jesus, which leads us to celebrate God through our worship and music, to counter injustice, to reach out to others in need, to preserve the environment, to engage in learning, and to grow spiritually as individuals and as a Church family.

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As we continue on our journey of learning what it means to be an inclusive worshipping community, we understand the importance of hearing and respecting each other's stories, gifts, and skills.

We celebrate the richness that this diversity brings to our congregation as it challenges us to be ever more open to new perspectives and broader awareness.

## Describe how you currently live out your unique mission:

There are a wide variety of opportunities for members and adherents to participate in church life.

## **Leadership roles**

- We have a Leadership Council and in addition to the positions of Chair, Past Chair, Chair Elect, Secretary and Treasurer standing committee chairs and the Co-Chairs of our Board of Trustees are also members of Council.
- Board of Trustees is responsible for managing our investments funds and for oversight of our physical property.
- Standing Committees:
  - o Christian Development Committee
  - Finance Committee
  - Membership and Nurture Committee
  - Ministry and Personnel Committee
  - Mission and Outreach Committee
  - Music Committee
  - Planning Committee
  - Property Committee
  - Stewardship Committee (pending approval)
  - Worship Committee

In addition, there are many opportunities to participate in our community of faith. Many of these have committees or groups associated with the activity.

- Creative, artistic projects, graphic design
- Working with historical church documents and archival material
- Helping with children's programs
- Helping with youth programs
- Helping with adult programs
- Learning more about my religion
- Spiritual practices
- Helping with church services: Collection, greeting
- Helping with church services: Reading scripture
- Working with computers, entering data

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- Word processing, photocopying, answering the church phone
- Social media networking, promotion
- Working with AV equipment, photography, live streaming services and concerts
- Helping at Music at First-St. Andrew's concerts: ushering, receiving donations, selling tickets
- Writing articles or press releases
- Driving people to church
- Visiting house bound members of the church
- Calling members of the congregation to keep in touch
- Welcoming new people to our church
- Preparing and serving food
- Serving at Coffee and Conversation
- Gardening, property cleanup
- Sewing, knitting, needlework
- Singing, playing a musical instrument
- Conducting church tours
- Working on mission projects
- Climate action
- Assisting with Ark Aid's Out of the Cold program
- Participating in Affirming outreach
- Creating budgets, managing finances
- Strategic planning, church governance
- Planning events, coordinating projects

# What are your goals for the next year that might enhance your current ministry or begin something new?

We have given this question careful consideration and as a result have identified a number of important themes, not only for the immediate future but for the longer term as well. We recognize that some themes are more fully developed than others. We know, for example, that staffing is an immediate area of attention while thinking about what we want to look like ten to fifteen years from now is less clear. Nevertheless, we know we need to plan for that longer-term future and take steps to realize it. The repurposing of part of the church building is an important "preparing for the future" step for FSA.

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### **Important Themes:**

## 1. We need to build Ministry Leadership and Staffing that will guide us into the future

Starting in September 2021 we hired a new Minister of Worship and Congregational Life – Rev. Dr. Joshua Lawrence. He has brought new energy and leadership to FSA and has successfully connected and engaged with the larger community. He was instrumental, for example, in FSA hosting the overnight accommodation for homeless people last winter in partnership with Ark Aid Street Mission and plans for the upcoming winter are currently underway. We look to Pastor Joshua to provide on-going ministerial leadership to FSA in the years ahead.

We are very pleased to have partnered with Siloam and Metropolitan United Churches to hire a shared Minister of Youth & Young Adults – Marilyn Arthur. This happened in 2022. Marilyn has brought energy, focus and leadership to engaging with older teens and young adults in creative ways.

We are currently recruiting for a part-time Youth and Young Family Coordinator. Christian Education and development are an important part of FSA and over the next year we are looking to maintain stability and support engagement by our children, youth and young families.

We have put a pause on the recruitment of a Director of Music (full-time) and expect that within the next year this recruitment will be completed and that this person will not only get settled into their new role but will be able to move FSA forward and enhance the music program in new and exciting ways - ways that will not only meet the needs of the FSA community of faith but also connect with and attract the larger community.

The pastoral care needs of our community of faith are many and we are looking to recruit a person with the skills and experience to serve this need within our community on an on-going, part-time basis. We see this role as an ideal role for sharing with another pastoral charge. Within the next six months we hope to have this role filled and operational on an on-going basis.

### 2. We need to ensure the long-term financial health of FSA

FSA recognizes, as it has for some time, that we are generally an aging congregation with limited numbers of younger members joining annually. Like many others, we are struggling to meet our on-going costs from annual givings. Thankfully, endowments managed by our Board of Trustees have put us in a position where funds are transferred from the interest of the trust accounts to general operating accounts to "balance" the annual budget. We recognize that this will continue to be an on-going dynamic and steps are being taken, through our Board of Trustees to increase the endowment funds, so that additional revenue can be obtained.

In addition, steps are being taken to rent out parts of the church building that are either not being used or being underused. This applies especially to the second floor of the building.

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## 3. We need to address Volunteer "burnout" and to expand our traditional volunteer base

FSA has a dedicated community of faith and many individuals who volunteer many hours of their time, skills and talents to FSA in fundraising, caring for others, teaching and support, bringing leadership to the running of the church and its many groups and committees. At times though, the number of people who 'step up' are the same who say "Yes" when asked time and time again. While not a new challenge, it is an important one to address – otherwise volunteer burnout will weaken commitment and volunteer resources. A volunteer recruitment, retention and support strategy is an important community building initiative.

# 4. Young people and Young Families need focused attention to make FSA attractive and welcoming to them

FSA is challenged to attract young people, including young adults, and young families to FSA. We are not alone in this regard, as we know it is characteristic of many of the traditional "mainstream" faith communities. Nevertheless, while Sunday mornings might not be the time or place to engage young people and families – the success of our weekly "Sing for your Supper" sessions points to what is possible for young children and this might be expanded. Having stability in our Children and Young Families Coordinator role will help FSA to move forward in this direction along with alternative gatherings of celebration and song for example. This is another illustration of essential community building for FSA. We need to "play to our strengths" in music and being an Affirming Ministry of the United Church.

The youth need to know that someone is there for them, whether they go on to further education in this city or somewhere else. It's an important time of their life and we should be there for them. We have to find a way of keeping these teens in our thoughts as well as being an important part of their lives until they settle into some other community.

It is difficult getting teens out and parents to participate at this age, but the church needs to support the teenage years by connecting children with the adult programs. It is a big and important part of one's life. If we are going to have a future with people supporting the church, we also need to focus attention on young adults and what will be attractive to them.

As noted, the new Minister of Youth & Young Adults – Marilyn Arthur has made a significant contribution to this matter and this will grow and expand over time.

## 5. We need to adapt and change to meet the future

FSA enjoys a long and distinguished tradition of being one of the founding churches in downtown London, having occupied the corner of Queens Avenue and Waterloo Street since 1841. It has gone through many changes physically and in terms of its membership and role in the community. It grew and expanded, and now has contracted over that time. Farquhar House (the former manse) and some church programming space has been converted to rental space.

Efforts to reach out to the wider community, not just through the Eco-meditation garden initiative, but in many other ways have been successful: the outdoor church services and summer concerts, the art shows, the sing-along Messiahs in collaboration with other choirs. The

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partnership with Ark Aid Street Services to provide shelter for homeless people over the winter months was a significant undertaking in 2021-22.

The future of FSA requires preserving what is sacred, cherishing, and growing faith among its members; being committed to social justice and service, and, enhancing music and the arts, all of which bear witness to being a vibrant community of faith. To make this future a reality, FSA will be challenged to change and adapt. As it has done in the past, so it will again to create a viable future.

The following statement came out of a retreat held in October 2021.

#### **Faith Development, Spiritual Care and Support**

The overarching objective of these opportunities for faith development, spiritual care and support — and the challenge for FSA - is to provide a variety of ways in which the diverse needs of different people at different stages of life and situations can grow, learn, receive support and experience care.

### Service, Social Action and Social Justice

The overarching objective of service, social action and social justice is to use a variety of means and opportunities to live out our faith and commitment to "love one another" and respond with empathy, caring and action.

#### Music and the Arts

The overarching objective of music and the arts is to give expression to the talent within our own community of faith and to celebrate the talent and diversity outside of ourselves – all of which enriches our lives personally and collectively.

While laudable goals in and of themselves, these statements do not easily translate into actionable steps. They do, however, serve to define the substance behind our commitment to Faith, Service and the Arts (or FSA for short).

At a Workshop held on October 4, 2022 the following three priority action areas were identified by Council and staff as priorities for 2022-23:

- Focus attention on Service/Outreach
- Promote and facilitate intergenerational Involvement
- Promote and facilitate inter-congregational and interfaith collaboration

FSA is undergoing significant changes in many ways. This provides both a challenge and an opportunity for FSA. A significant challenge over the next year will be to manage and support staffing changes and transitions and at the same time build community in the face of or in the aftermath of COVID-19. The opportunity is that with new staff comes new perspectives, the opportunity to build and change to meet the changing needs of our community of faith and the larger community it serves. The opportunity to build relationships, collaborations and partnerships with others needs to be part of our future goals over the next year and beyond. It needs to be a hallmark of our future.

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# **Community of Faith: Demographics Worksheet**

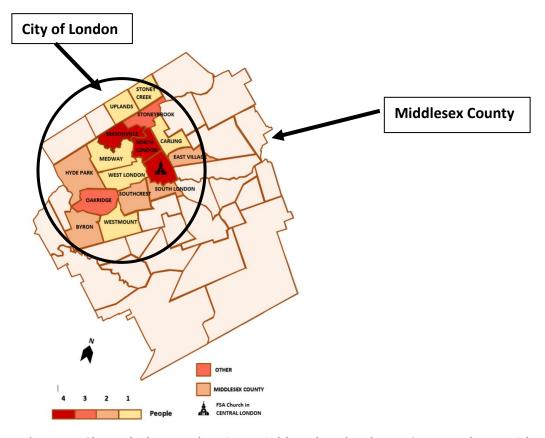
PURPOSE: To provide information about the Community of Faith's ministry and community. Who uses it: Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub and preparing their Living Faith Story. Copies are sent to the Regional Council in digital form. Community of Faith: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH Address: <u>350 QUEENS AVENUE, LONDON, ONTARIO</u> Pastoral Charge: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH Regional Council: <u>ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED</u> Date: December 2022 Background information to help prepare your Living Faith Story and to determine your ability to support ministry: ABOUT OUR PEOPLE: (Multi-point Communities of Faith will complete Part A, B and C for each congregation) Number of congregations: ■ 1  $\square$  2 □ 3 ☐ NA (e.g. for Outreach Ministries) Congregation A First-St. Andrew's (Avg. Sunday attendance) (Name of Congregation) We think of ourselves MAINLY as: □ Rural ☐ Remote ☐ Small town ☐ Suburban 🛛 Urban ☐ Inner City ☐ Other \_\_ Most of us live (check only one): ☐ In apartments **☒** In single-family homes ☐ In retirement homes ☐ In long-term care homes ☐ On working farms ☐ On rural retirement properties The rest of us live (check all that apply): **In apartments** ☐ In single-family homes **☒** In retirement homes **☒** In long-term care homes ☐ On working farms ☐ On rural retirement properties

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Our congregation includes (approx. number in each group) from 2022 Pastoral Care report

Age Group	Number	%	
0-10	27	7.40%	Young Children
11-20	16	4.38%	Teenagers
21-30	20	5.48%	Young adults
31-40	27	7.40%	Adults
41-50	27	7.40%	Adults
51-60	29	7.95%	Older adults
61-70	73	20.00%	Young Elders
71-80	79	21.64%	Older Elders
>80	67	18.36%	Oldest Elders
Unknown (35)		0.00%	
	365	100.00%	

# **Neighbourhoods FSA Attendees Live**



**Figure 1:** Choropleth Map showing neighbourhoods where FSA attendees reside. Regions with no name mean that 0 respondents selected this option

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This map is an excerpt from a Western University geography project undertaken in partnership with FSA. December 2019

See Appendix for more details.			
Also see			

Our gifts, skills and passions:

common interests.

☐ Other description:

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In our Community of Faith we have gifts in the following areas:

Gifts	Description
☑ Education	Many members are affiliated with Western University and Fanshawe College
	Many are former or retired elementary and secondary school teachers
☑ Artistic	A number of members are artisans and artists
☑ Worship	We have a roster of people who are scripture readers at services and greeters
□ Compassion	We have an active roster of volunteers who reach out to those who cannot attend church – Caring Callers and a prayer chain in addition to having a designated pastoral care volunteer. The FSA knitting group (the Knit Wits) regularly make prayer shawls for distribution to those in need. We have a Care for the Caregiver support group  We have a lay visitation team  We have a ministry of supportive letter writing for people experiencing loss, illness grief etc.  We are currently recruiting of a Minister of Pastoral Care
☑ Hospitality	
☐ Other	Through the FSA UCW the following community services are supported financially:
	East London United Church Outreach (ELUCO), London Community Chaplaincy
	Rotholme Women's & Family Centre. My Sister's Place. St. Paul's Social Services,
	L'Arche, ANOVA - Women's Community Centre, Camp Kee-Mo-Kee – a United
	Church camp. The UCW also supports the Mission & Service Fund of the UCC.

In our Community of Faith we have people with these skills:

Skills	Description
☑ Play musical instruments/Sing	We have a senior choir; Laudamus Bells (handbells), First-St. Andrew's Strings ensemble. We have people provide solo music for specific services. We hold seasonal music events. We have four paid soloists in the Senior Choir and two Eberhard vocal scholars. We also rent space to music and choral groups on an on-going basis.
☑ Teaching	We have volunteer church school teachers and leaders.  We have a weekly bible study group  A number of members are either current or former researchers, professors and teachers
☑ Organizing	Both staff and volunteers are very adept at organizing a variety of small and large events
☑ Social Media	We are now livestreaming Sunday morning services and posting to YouTube We have a very active and up-to-date web site We have a Facebook page We issue weekly eBlasts to keep our community of faith up-to-date on developments

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☑ Health Care	Nurses, physicians and other health care providers, as well as health care			
	researchers are members of our faith community			
☑ Cooking/Baking	Fund raising events often include cooking and baking goods for sale			
□ Listening				
	Creative, artistic projects, graphic design, photography, social media			
☐ Other				
☐ Other				

In our Community of Faith we have people who are passionate about:

Passions	Description
	Our Mission and Outreach Committee is active in poverty issues and we
	are an active supporter of ELUCO (East London United Church Outreach)
	and two members of FSA sit on their Board
	The UCW actively supports local social agencies that address poverty issues
	Scarves, mittens, hats, blankets, baby outfits and more are handmade for
	people in need throughout the community
	Scarves, hats, and mitts are collected and distributed at Christmas
	time.
	We actively support St. Paul's Social Services by collecting and donating
	food
☑ Poverty issues	The Mission and Outreach Committee is also an active supporter of Los
	Quinchos, a school in Managua, Nicaragua for children who work on the
	streets
	FSA hosts regular meetings of Bridges Out of Poverty/Circles – a local
	initiative to support people living in poverty to improve their life skills and
	capacity to cope
	In the winter of 2021-22 we hosted an Out of the Cold program in
	partnership with Ark Aid Street Mission, providing overnight respite for
	homeless people – seven days a week for three plus months – usually 50
	people per night. We are poised to continue this arrangement for the
	winter of 2022-23.
N Affirmation National Affirmation	We are an affirming community of faith and we support AIDS/HIV research
Affirming Ministry	and support services
☐ Building Community	
	We are involved in Climate Action London and have sponsored several
☑ Climate Change	grant applications for this organization.
	https://www.londonenvironment.net/climate_action_london
☐ Health Care	
Morld hunger	Our Mission and Outreach Committee advocates for Mission and Service
☑ World hunger	Fund contributions on a regular basis.

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	We are an active partner with St. Marys United Church in St. Marys in an
	annual Foodgrains Project for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank
	We helped to support the recent settlement of a Syrian refugee family by
☑ Refugee support	acting as guarantors. FSA is the Sponsoring Organization.
	We are also working to bring a family from Afghanistan to London
	We actively support Amnesty International and advocate for homeless and
△ Social Justice	marginalized persons
	Art is promoted at FSA and in the community
	We have a poet-in-residence and she (Robyn Butt) has just published a
☑ Other: <b>Arts</b>	book of poetry (sonnets) based on the stained-glass windows at FSA – it is
	called <b>The Window Sonnets</b> . We also provide meeting space for a group of
	local visual artists.
☐ Other	
☐ Other	

# Our heritage as a Community of Faith: (check one that best applies):

		ionalist/Presbyterian/Lo	cal Union/Aboriginal congregation
OR, Began between			
☐ 1925 and 1945	☐ 1945 and 1965	☐ 1965 and 2000	☐ After 2000.
We think of our Com	munity of Faith as in the	e following way: (choose	e one that best applies):
	vision and are really exc even a bit unrealistic at	•	nized as we will be but really
	oout our vision and purpe and optimistic in who w	. •	the skills and gifts to bring it about;
☑ We are clear al toward our vis	• •	oose; we have the skills,	gifts and confidence to move
	re changing; we haven't we are still confident in	•	n it; we have some anxiety about
been; we don't			no longer continue as we have ne anxiety. We believe that we
productive yea	•	ission and service; we w	ding down after many positive and ant to celebrate what we have

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NOTE: Two boxes have been checked as we have skills, gifts and confidence to move forward and know we need to change but we have some anxiety about the future as it has not been clearly defined but important steps are being taken to define our future as a community of faith.

ABOUT OUR TANGIBLE ASSETS
Governance structure:
How many people are on your Governing Body?12
Comment: Some people hold more than one position on Council
How many are typically present at a meeting of your Governing Body?16-18
Comment: We currently have one vacant Youth member position
Support for Your Ministry:
Is there support for administrative tasks (e.g., bulletin, scheduling, reception)?  ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many hours per week? $37.5$ If yes, is this $\square$ paid or $\square$ volunteer?
Who takes the service when your minister is away on holidays or study leave?
We have a small number of Ministers who can be called upon to take the services
Ministry and Personnel Committee:
How many members?8
How often does the committee meet? Monthly and as needed
Has one or more of the committee members attended an M&P Committee Training event in the last three years?   ☐ No
Our Church Building(s): (include information for each building if more than one)
☐ We don't have a church building. (if you check this one, please comment briefly on where you worship and what other spaces you use for your ministry.)
How many people does the sanctuary hold?525
What is the seating/set up in the sanctuary (pews, chairs, choir loft, etc.) Primarily pews on main level & in choir loft, but there are several rows of chairs possible at the front of the sanctuary. There is a combination of pews and chairs in the balcony. The chairs in the choir loft are for the choir, near the organ console.
Is the sanctuary used other than for Sunday worship? ☐ No ☑ Yes if yes, how? Recitals & concerts (internal and rentals) and for musical practices

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Is there a basement?		□ No		
Are there meeting rooms?	☑ Yes	□ No		
For what are they used? Commit	tee meetings, Ch	ristian educatior	& groups, out	side renters
Is there a nursery? ⊠ Yes	□ No			
Are the toys/furniture compliant	with current safe	ty standards?	⊠ Yes	No
Most toys are compliant – changi of summer and any unsafe furnitu	•	•	•	luled for the end
The nursery is not actively used a purposes. The current nursery wil	•	•		• •
Are their Sunday School rooms?		□ No		
<b>How many?</b> 4 rooms on lower lev ⊠ Yes □ No	el plus youth roo	m on the third fl	oor. Are they r	multi-purpose use?
Are there activity rooms? (i.e. qui	lting, gym, librar	y) 🛛 Yes	□ No if yes,	please describe.
Proudfoot Hall (gym), library, Fires	side Room (large r	multi-purpose ro	om)	
Is there an approved Kitchen?		□ No		
Comment: It is not a commercial	kitchen			
Where is the office located for the	e minister?			
Second floor – but this may cha Minister	ange – pending re	ntal of the space	e currently occu	ipied by the

**Describe it:** The current office a large office with a desk, bookshelves, an ensuite washroom, and a couch and arm chairs and coffee table to allow for one-on-one and small meetings.

## To what extent is the building available for ministry purposes compared to being rented out?

The former Manse is rented out on a full-time basis to Meals on Wheels London. In the main church building a small kitchen preparation area in the basement is rented out to Meals on Wheels on a full-time basis. Other rooms are rented out to groups either for special events or on an on-going basis but at present all these spaces can be used by FSA groups when available.

There is the possibility that the entire second and third floor of the church will be leased to a long-term tenant but these discussions have not yet been concluded. (November 2022). If they do conclude to the satisfaction of both parties, use of the church for ministry purposes will be defined by the first floor and basement areas of the church.

A space use report undertaken for FSA by Geography student at Western University in 2019 (before COVID) showed the following: of 1,072 bookings in 2019, 57.93% were unpaid uses and 42.07% were

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paid rentals. Of all of the booking categories, the three largest were music (231) soul care (206) and meetings (141). Note that these are pre-COVID conditions and a number of renters stopped using the building during COVID and have not returned.

Spatial Use Category	Number of Events	Percentage of Total
Arts and Crafts and Sales	56	5.22%
Meetings and committee	141	13.15%
Food	72	6.72%
Music	231	21.55%
other	37	3.45%
Faith	111	10.35%
Clubs and groups, parties	52	4.85%
Community Service	41	3.82%
Yoga, Meditation, Mindfulness and Labyrinth	74	6.90%
Funerals and Visitations	7	0.65%
Kee-Mo-Kee	24	2.24%
Soul Care	206	19.22%
Weddings	4	0.37%
Youth and Children	16	1.49%
TOTAL	1072	

## What computers/telephones are provided at the church?

- There is WiFi connectivity throughout the church building
- Each of the staff offices has a desktop computer and they are networked
- Each staff office has a telephone and there is a landline on the landing between the ground level floor and the lower level (Proudfoot Hall)

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Is there a photocopier in the church?	? ⊠ Yes	□ No		
Is internet provided at the church?	□ No	⊠ Yes	if yes ⊠ High Speed	☐ Dial-up
Is the church accessible?   No level. This provides access to the sand provides access to a lower level and a accessible washrooms on the lower level.	ctuary and med also to the mai	eting room: n hall of the	e church (Proudfoot Ha	e elevator that
What other measures of accessibility etc.)	y do you provi	de? (e.g. As	ssistive hearing device	, large print,
Assistive hearing devices are available bulletins are available.	e at the rear of	f the sanctu	uary. Large print hymnb	oooks and
Do you have plans for improving acc	essibility?	⊠ No	☐ Yes <i>if yes,</i> h	ow?
ABOUT OUR GEOGRAPHICAL COMMUN  Our relationship with our neighbour    Strong, we know them well an	s and commur	-		
Good, we have some connect	_		and know about local	concerns
Comment – could be improved. V buildings) as well as high rise resi	Ve are located	near profe		
We are members of the Woodfiel	ld Community	Associatio	n	
We have built an eco-meditation at Queens Avenue and Waterloo.	_			
Poor, we don't know people in projects or concerns.	n the area arou	ınd the chu	rch, and have no know	ledge of local
☐ Improving, we are getting to k	now people ar	nd are learr	ing about the neighbo	urhood

## Describe briefly the social and ethnic make-up of the community: Central London

- Average income was \$36,983 in 2016 up 17% from 2011
- Average household income was \$52,477, up 15% from 2011
- Number of married or common-law families 1,620 down 1% from 2011 most (1,215) had no children
- Of all census families (2,090) 75% were two person families

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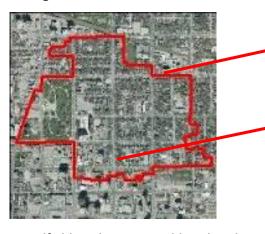
 Number of lone parent families in 2016 was 470, up 6% from 2011. Of these 350 had one child and 395 were female headed

- Of all residents 10,655 were Canadian citizens and most (9,420) were Canadian born
- Of ten-year age groups in Central London the largest number (3,280 or 29%) were between 20 and 29 years of age
- In terms of education 40% had completed some form of post secondary education
- The majority of people in the area live in apartments (72%) whereas only 16% lived in single attached dwellings in 2016
- The unemployment rate in Central London in 2016 was 9.4%
- Common sectors of employment were sales and service (28%), education, law, social, community and government services (15%) and business, finance and administration (14%)
- 15% of the residents of the area were immigrants with the highest number being from Europe (710) followed by Asia (415)
- For most people English is the language spoken at home and is also their mother tongue
- Only 5% of the population spoke a language other than French or English at home

Information Source: City of London, Policy and Planning Support, Central London Neighbourhood Profile (1996-2016)

### Identify the following about your neighbourhood/community:

### Strengths:



Woodfield District, City of London, ON

First-St. Andrew's United Church

Woodfield is a historic neighbourhood in Central London, just northeast of downtown. There are many historic houses in Woodfield, some of which date from the 1840s and most were built between the late 1800s and early 1900s. There are also a few more recently built townhouses and mid- and high-rise apartment buildings. Woodfield is located within walking distance to the Downtown, Richmond Row, and Old East Village shopping districts.

Victoria Park, London's main downtown park, is located in Woodfield. It is a great place to find nature within the downtown area, hosts many large festivals in the summer and has festive lights and an

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outdoor skating rink in the winter. Across from Victoria park is London City Hall, as well as Centennial Hall, a concert and entertainment venue.

There are two schools in Woodfield. Central Secondary School, located right beside London City Hall, and Lord Roberts French Immersion Elementary School. Students also attend St. George's Public School, St. Michael Catholic Elementary School, and Catholic Central Secondary School.

West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District

The term "Woodfield" refers to a geographic area which has been identified as a downtown neighbourhood by area residents and recognized as such by the Planning Department. Historically, Woodfield developed as a result of the city's expansion north and eastward. Several factors have contributed to the delineation of Woodfield. Several early estates were established in this area which drew affluent Londoners. This expansion, eastward, stopped at Adelaide Street and the Grand Trunk Railway established a boundary to the south. Today, the recognized perimeters of the neighbourhood are Richmond Street (west), the CPR tracks (north), Queens Avenue (south), and Adelaide Street (east).

West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District was designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act in 2008.

## **Challenges:**

The most visible challenge of the neighbourhood and FSA is homelessness and people using the church and surrounding area for living "rough." Drug paraphernalia, including used needles are not uncommon. In addition, while FSA hosted the winter Out-Of-The-Cold program in partnership with Ark Aid, vandalism and interference with neighbours was an issue and stressed relationships with neighbours and other renters.

Name some ideas where your gifts/skills/passions might be welcome in the community

Passion for music/arts/social justice

Here are two or three websites that offer detailed information about our community:

https://www.historicwoodfield.com/

https://www.london.ca/About-London/heritage/Pages/West-Woodfield.aspx

http://www.london.ca/About-London/community-statistics/neighbourhood-profiles/Pages/City-of-London,-Central-London-and--Downtown.aspx

Other faith communities represented in our neighbourhood/community are:

- Metropolitan United Church
- St. Paul's Cathedral (Anglican)
- St. Peter's Cathedral (Roman Catholic)
- First Baptist Church

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- Minh Dang Quang Temple (Buddhist)
- London First Church of the Nazarene
- Calvary Chapel
- Dundas Street Centre United Church
- Church of Pentecost London Assembly
- Colborne Street United Church

We have close ties with the following groups/ organizations/faith communities:

- Ark Aid Mission Services
- St. Paul's Cathedral (Anglican)
- Metropolitan United Church

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#### 2021 data

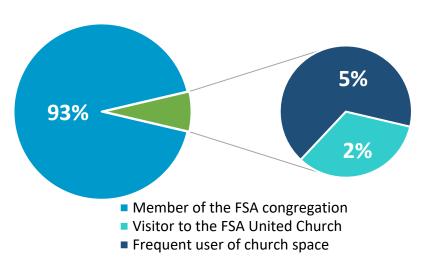
Number of Preaching Places	1	Removed by Death	15
Number of Church Schools	1	Removed by Certificate or Other	8
Number of households under Pastoral Care	277	Total Membership, Resident and non-Resident	427
Number of financially supported households	247	Total non-Resident Membership	0
Number of Baptisms (adult)	0	Identifiable Givers to Local Expenses	253
Number of Baptisms (children)	8	Identifiable givers to Mission and Service Fund	107
Number of Marriages	10	Average Weekly Attendance at Sunday Worship	115
Number of Funerals	12	Total Membership, Church School	Est 20
Total Membership, Resident and non-Resident (previous year)	427	Total Membership in Christian Education Program	186
Membership by Profession of Faith	4	Membership in Men's Group	
Received by Certificate or Other	0	Membership in Women's Group	

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# Appendix – Church Profile from Western Geography Student report, December 2019, Authors Joy Tigchelaar and Aaron West

# **Appendices**



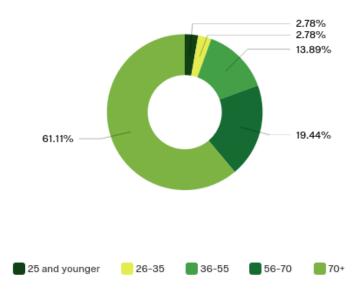


The majority of survey respondents (N=48) are members of the congregation. There were no responses from adherents of the broader united church community, and very few responses from visitors and frequent users of its space. For future studies it would be beneficial to further receive the opinions of people in the surrounding community. This will target individuals who would not otherwise enter the building and better serve renters of FSA's space. A community needs survey will reveal what the surrounding community would like FSA to provide or change to meet its needs.

Figure A: Pie Chart showing the role of survey respondents at FSA

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## **Age of Survey Respondants**



The majority of survey respondents were greater than 70 years of age. This may influence why many members are less open to more drastic changes. A key limitation is that the survey results could not show the true age-range of our study population. Older people tend to be more frequent attendees in most church congregations, and so are more prone to participate in a survey. Comments such as "Don't allow too many people to use the church, as it needs to retain its current lovely upkeep" highlight a resistance for change. Additionally, it is difficult to determine future steps for the church when the majority of respondents were of an older age bracket. Getting the congregation ready for change is a vital step for modifications to take place.

Figure B: Pie Chart displaying results to "What age bracket do you belong to?"

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# **Gender Identity of Survey Respondents**

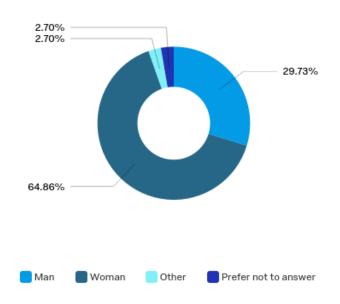
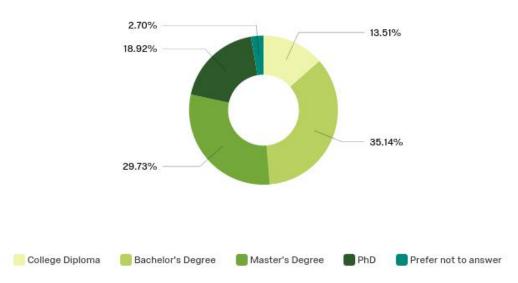


Figure C: Pie Chart displaying results to "What gender do you identify with?"

# **Education Level of Survey Respondents**



**Figure D:** Pie Chart displaying results to "What is your highest level of education?"

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# **Faith Background of Survey Respondents**

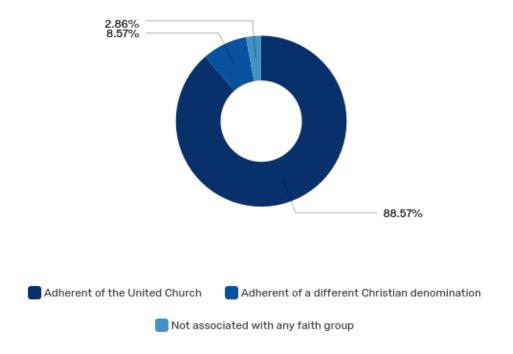


Figure E: Pie Chart showing results to "What is your Faith background?"

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# **Ethnic Identity**

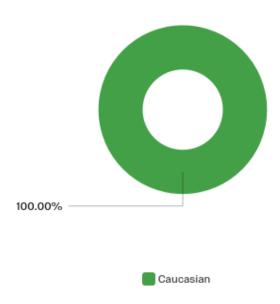
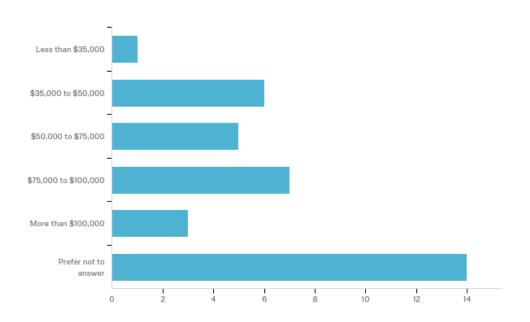


Figure F: Pie Chart showing results to "What ethnic community do you identify with?"

## **Annual Household Income**



**Figure G:** Bar chart showing results to "What is your annual household income?"

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# **Neighbourhoods FSA Attendees Live**

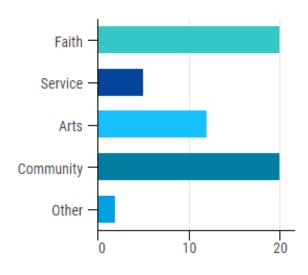




Figure H: Pie Chart displaying results to "What London Neighbourhood or area beyond do you live in?

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# Personal Significance of FSA's Space to Survey Respondants



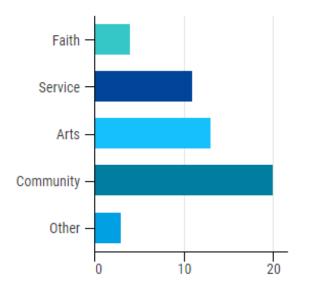


Most frequent terms used per category:

- · Faith: Love, Sanctuary, Church,
- · Service: Outreach, Community Needs
- · Arts: History, Heritage, Architecture
- Community: Proudfoot Hall, Friends, Home

**Figure 1**: Personal Significance of FSA. Comments were allocated to categories of Faith Service, Arts, Community and Other to observe the highest perceived personal significance.

# Percieved Significance of FSA's Space to the Broader Community



# **BROADER COMMUNITY**



Most frequent terms used per category:

- Faith: Spiritual, Church
- Service: Outreach, Garden, Programs
- Arts: Expression, Concert, Historic
- · Community: Social Justice, Safe

**Figure J**: Perceived significance of FSA in the Broader Community. Comments were allocated to categories of Faith Service, Arts, Community and Other to observe the highest perceived significance.

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The following people provided content to complete this document:

- Steve Elson
- Heather Locking-Cusolito
- Kathryn Skelly

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# Antler River Watershed; Horseshoe Falls; Western Ontario Waterways Regional Councils

# **Community of Faith: Real Property Worksheet**

**PURPOSE**: To provide information about the Community of Faith's real property assets.

**Who uses it**: Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub and to be sent to the Regional Council.

Community of Fait	h: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
Address: 350 QI	JEENS AVENUE, LONDON, ONTARIO N6B 1X6
Pastoral Charge: F	IRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
Regional Council:	ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED
Data: Dagambar 2	
Date: <u>December 20</u>	J22

The community of faith continues to describe its ministry context by outlining some of the details of its real property.

Please list all church property including manses, building lots, or other property held separate from the church land and building. Include the street address.

- The Trustees of FSA (hereafter referred to as FSA) owns the property listed as 350 Queen's Avenue, London, Ontario. The property includes the church building; the former manse (now used as a rented administrative office) designated as 356 Queen's Avenue; a small outbuilding (shed) for lawn maintenance equipment and a parking lot.
- FSA owns no other property separate from the church land and buildings.
- The church building and surrounding property is zoned NF (Neighbourhood Facility) by the City of London.
- The former manse and surrounding property have two zoning designations R3-1 –
  which is residential and OC-4 which refers to Office Conversion permitted uses of OC-4
  zoning includes dwelling units and offices in existing buildings.
- FSA is located on the western boundary of the West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District.

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# Excerpt from the 2008 document defining and describing the West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District

## **HERITAGE BUILDINGS**

Within the West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District, a large proportion of buildings have been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act or listed in the City of London's Inventory of Heritage Resources. There are also a number of properties that are neither listed nor designated yet retain their heritage value and architectural significance. All of these properties were assessed and identified in Phase 1 of this study with A, B or C ratings. The assessment also ranked some buildings as 'D'. These buildings have lost or irreversibly altered their original heritage features and/or lack architectural character within their new or old design. See Figure 3 for the assessment of each property within the West Woodfield Heritage Conservation District.

Despite a building's architectural rating, all buildings contained within the heritage district are protected and governed by the policies and guidelines of this plan. (bold added) The policies and guidelines for the properties ranked as 'D' are concerned primarily with maintaining compatibility within the neighbourhood and the visual nature and streetscape of the community.

The buildings on FSA property are not as designated heritage buildings. However, the property has been designated as having an A rating – meaning that the buildings have both heritage and architectural significance. Please note highlighted section above.



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Congregational property is sometimes listed in the name of one of the denominations that formed The United Church of Canada. Has the title for these properties been confirmed as being properly held as the property of a congregation of The United Church of Canada?
⊠ Yes □ No
The title to the property dates back to 1841 before the building of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 1869. In 1847 the trustees for the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian were deeded the land in perpetuity by Queen Victoria.
Cemeteries
Please list all cemeteries including any previously connected with the congregation and no longer operated by it. Please include cemeteries of congregations who may have amalgamated or from existing congregation.
Not applicable to FSA .
Name of Called/Appointed Minister or Pastoral Charge Supervisor: Rev. Dr, Joshua Lawrence
Date: December 2022

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Antler River Watershed; Horseshoe Falls; Western Ontario Waterways

### **Regional Councils**

## **Community of Faith: Financial Viability Worksheet**

**PURPOSE**: To provide information about the Community of Faith's financial ability to support ministry.

Who uses it: Communities of Faith in gathering their profile information for ChurchHub and preparing their Living Faith Story. Copies are sent to the Regional Council in digital form.

Community of Faith: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Address: 350 QUEEN'S AVENUE, LONDON, ONTARIO

Pastoral Charge: FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

Regional Council: <u>ANTLER RIVER WATERSHED</u>

Date: December 2022

#### Please append a recent financial statement to this worksheet.

We have attached a copy of our recent financial statements  $\ oxinvert$ 

Link to the 2021 FSA Annual Report:

#### https://www.fsaunited.com/ files/ugd/25fec5 0909b59c36324de09d4b3743ef865000.pdf

The following is a collection of background information. It is designed to help you look for trends over the last 6 years. This information is to help prepare your Living Faith Story, to determine your ability to support ministry, and to send to the Regional Council.

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#### 1. Do your expenses exceed your revenues?

Year	Total Revenues (incl. PAR, envelopes, fundraising, other income)	Amount given through envelopes	Amount given through PAR	Expenses	Do expenses exceed revenues? (yes/no)	Bank balance at end of year
Jan- Jun 2022	\$ 397,182	\$ 48,277	\$ 129,342	\$ 475,128		
One year ago 2021	\$ 760,127	\$ 118,496	\$ 252,737	\$ 748,999	No	\$ 45,085
Two years ago 2020	\$ 660,433	\$ 88,043	\$ 291,112	\$ 662,789	Yes	\$ 36,957
Three yrs ago 2019	\$ 806,475	\$ 113,024	\$ 286,280	\$ 822,010	Yes	\$ 36,313
Four yrs ago 2018	\$ 793,438	\$ 100,724	\$ 308,862	\$ 793,438	No	\$ 48,305
Five years ago 2017	\$ 835,631	\$123,155	\$ 309,985	\$ 829,157	No	\$ 48,305
Six years ago 2016	\$ 848,981	\$454,586	combined	\$ 845,692	No	\$ 41,831

## Comments

Please include any comments you think are pertinent to your consideration—renovations, special fundraising, money that comes in as revenue but you really don't have use of because it goes out to organizations, GICs, term deposits, memorial fund, support of M&S, no minister, or minister on sabbatical. These comments help you understand why expenses might grow one year and revenues another.

#### 2. Payroll Costs:

At present we have called or appointed the following paid staff:

Minister of Worship and Congregational Life: 40 hours per week Minister of Pastoral Care: 14 hours per week (vacant at present)

Music Director: 37.5 hours per week (position vacant)

Office Manage<u>r: 37.5</u> hours per week

Facilities Manager/Custodian: 20 hours per week

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Minister of Youth & Young Adults 3<u>7.5 ho</u>urs per week: (shared w Metropolitan United Church and Siloam United Church)

Children's Program Coordinator 12-15 hours per week (vacant at present)

Although we do not have a Director of Music at present, we do have a Senior Choir Director and Organist for Sunday services. We also have a contract cleaning service and a contract Bookkeeper.

Cost of payroll (\$ paid plus employer contributions (EI, etc.) for everyone.

Current	One year	Two years	Three years	Four years	Five years	Six years
year (2022	ago	ago	ago	ago	ago	ago
Jan-June)	(2021)	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
\$ 150,111	\$ 298,024	\$ 293,439	\$ 366,479	\$ 386,093	\$ 378,717	\$ 364,033

3.	Have you experienced a deficit for more t	than two co	nsecutive years in the last five years?
	No ☐ Yes A portion of the income derived from our Trustees in consultation with a profession funds.		. , , ,
	Are there any outstanding loans? ☒ No Click or tap here to enter text.	☐ Yes	if yes, please list?

## 4. Do utilities, maintenance, and repairs exceed 25% of revenues?

Year	Utilities (Power & Water)	Fuel	Maintenance	Total	Exceeds 25% of Revenues (Yes or No)
Current year Jan- June 2022	\$ 9,950	\$ 16,364	\$ 35,196	\$ 61,510	No
One year ago 2021	\$ 13,283	\$ 16,171	\$ 56,722	\$ 86,176	No
Two years ago 2020	\$12,911	\$ 11,584	\$ 52,613	\$ 77,108	No
Three years ago 2019	\$ 16,040.51	\$ 16,708.93	\$ 84,134.30	\$ 116,883.74	No

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Four years ago 2018	\$ 17,241.44	\$ 15,515.55	\$ 78,993.83	\$ 111,750.82	No
Five years ago 2017	\$ 18,257.28	\$ 14,389.52	\$114,161.93	\$ 146,808.73	No
Six years ago 2016	\$ 18,782.65	\$ 9,546.70	\$ 88,113.22	\$ 116,442.57	No

### 5. How many contributors support your congregation?

Current year	One year ago 2021	Two years ago 2020	Three years ago 2019	Four years ago 2018*	Five years ago 2017	Six years ago 2016
Est 265	228	263	354	252	281	400

			The following table is taken from a 2022
Age Group	Number	%	Pastoral Care Ministry needs assessment
0-10	27	7.40%	report titled The Future of Pastoral Care at
11-20	16	4.38%	First StAndrew's (FSA) United Church. The
21-30	20	5.48%	data source is the FSA photo directory.
31-40	27	7.40%	•
41-50	27	7.40%	
51-60	29	7.95%	
61-70	73	20.00%	
71-80	79	21.64%	
>80	67	18.36%	6. How many contributors
Unknown			would you have in each age group this
(35)		0.00%	year?
	365	100.00%	,

We do not have access to this exact

information. However, as stated in the Demographic Profile Worksheet, the age profile of our congregation is as follows: This is based on a 2022 review of the FSA photo directory Source: Report on the Future of Pastoral Care at First St.-Andrew's (FSA) United Church September 2022.

If one were to consider contributors in the adult age groups only, the profile would look like this:

Young Adults (21-30) – 20 or 5.5% Adults (31-40) – 27 or 7.4% Adults (41-50) – 27 or 7.4% Adults (51-60) – 29 or 8.0% Adults (61-70) – 73 or 20% Adults (71+) – 146 or 40%

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7. Is there a reliance on a few generous contributors where 50% of the revenues come from one or two contributors? ☑ No ☐ Yes

## **Contributors and Givings**

Annual giving	Number of givers: Current year	One year ago 2021	Two years ago 2020	Three years ago 2019	Four years ago 2018	Five years ago 2017	Six years ago 2016
\$0-\$100	89	35	48	98	38	60	156
\$101-\$500	72	54	73	64	58	58	67
\$501-\$1,000	41	29	34	47	49	41	45
\$1,001- \$5,000	56	86	91	91	96	111	114
\$5,001+	7	24	17	18	11	11	18

Have you taken part in a stewardship project (campaign) in the past two years?  — No project
$\ \square$ Letters to congregation when we have the need
☑ Regular information and letters sent to all members and adherents
Program such as Called to Be the Church with information during worship, letters, and a request for commitment
☑ Program and information presented at a congregational get-together
☐ All-member visitation
□ Other
If you did, what were the results?
Click or tap here to enter text.
Have you encouraged members, at least yearly, to increase PAR givings? $\ oxtimes$ Yes $\ oxtimes$ No
Currently approximately 120 people contribute using PAR.

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10. Please list any investments, special funds, and other monies your community of faith holds. What are the rules/restrictions around the use of those funds? (Dec 31/21)

Link to the 2021 FSA Annual Report:

https://www.fsaunited.com/ files/ugd/25fec5 0909b59c36324de09d4b3743ef865000.pdf

The 2021 Annual report – pages 36-38 and pages 49-67 contain the full financial statements for 2021 for both operating and Trustee funds of FSA.

More information is available upon request.

#### THINKING ABOUT THE DATA YOU HAVE COLLECTED

The covenant with a minister that you call is seen to be at least a three-year commitment. Show how you will be able to meet that commitment.

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

#### Treasurer's observations:

The financial strength of FSA is represented by a modest 2021 growth in donations/donor and our investment portfolio totaling over \$4,000,000. The Trustees have calculated that we will not have to use the investment capital for seven years to fund church operations at the current level of staffing. We are currently taking steps to significantly increase our annual operating revenue from sources other than congregation givings.

Clearly, we are financially viable for at least three years.

Search team's observations (if separate from above):

Not applicable at this time as a Search Team has not yet been formed.

Regional council's observations (optional):

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**RECOMMENDATIONS** (This section must be completed. If you are having difficulties making a recommendation please contact the Minister, Congregational Support and Vision for assistance)

Now that you have all of this information, what is your plan for ministry (ministry stream, highest category you feel you can afford, full- or part-time), and how are you planning to pay for this ministry for at least a three-year commitment?

To find the Ministers' Salary Schedule and Cost of Living Group please see: <a href="https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/ministers-salary-schedule-and-cost-living-groups">https://www.united-church.ca/leadership/church-administration/ministers-salary-schedule-and-cost-living-groups</a>

Cost of living Group 3 = minimum comprehensive salary of \$66,631 (full-time) in 2023 for F14+ years of eligible service. For a designated lay minister, the salary minimum is \$65,047.

\*\* Recommendation of treasurer, and governing body:

<u>The First-St. Andrew's United Church</u> community of faith is viable to call/appoint a Minister of Pastoral Care up to Category <u>F</u> for <u>14</u> hours per week.

Payment for the Pastoral Care Ministerial position, for at least three years, will be addressed through a combination of Board of Trustee funds and contributions by members. A significant donation has been made to this position – funds to be managed by the Board of Trustees and the interest from which will be dedicated to this position.

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Replacement Value of Church Building(s) and Content	20,452,045	2,045 Total Raised for All Purposes by	
Value of Manse and Site	913,435	(A) Congregational Givings	371,234
Housing Allowance	n/a	(B) United Church Women	11,809
Value of Other Property, Endowments, Investments, etc.	4,513,310	(C) Other Organization, Sources, Means	731,987
Estimated Value of Church Land	1,200,000	M&S Received from Pastoral Charge (Exclusive of UCW)	\$48,988
Property Insurance on All Church Buildings and Contents	21,365,480	M&S Received from United Church Women	\$2,750
Total Liability on Loans, Mortgages, etc.		Paid Out for Other United Church Appeals or Funds	
Expended for Local Capital Improvements	6,125	Paid Out for Other Purposes (Hospital, Bible Study, etc.)	
Expended for Capital Debt Principal and Interest Repayment	n/a	Compensation Paid to One Minister, Lay Supply or Student Supply	87,662
Expended for Operation of Pastoral Charge (incl. All Salaries)	748,999 (2021)	Compensation Paid to Other Ministerial Staff	28,745
		Travel Expenses Paid to Ministerial Staff	1,272

2021 data