



Annual General Meeting Report

September 9, 2025

APRIL 2024-MARCH 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc. has as its mission
to:

Provide some of the food requirements of needy people of Prince
Edward Island

Approved by: The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc. Board
September 12, 1989

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The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc./PEI Food Banks

Annual General Meeting 2024/2025

Held on Sept 9, 2025 at

The Upper Room Food Bank

15 Plywood Place, Charlottetown

Year Ended March 31, 2025

Agenda

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Call Meeting to Order (5:30 pm)
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Approval of 2023/2024 Annual Meeting Minutes
5. Reports:
 - A. Chairperson
 - B. Executive Director
 - C. Finance Committee:
 - Finance Committee Report
 - Approved Budget for 2025/2026
 - Appointment of Auditors for 2025/2026
 - D. Strategic Plan Committee
 - E. Food Drives Committee
 - F. Property Committee
 - G. Human Resources Committee
 - H. Outreach Committee
 - I. Nomination Committee
6. Other/New Business
7. Adjournment

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of Reconciliation, we acknowledge that the land upon which we gather is unceded Mi'kmaq territory. Epekwitk (Prince Edward Island), Mi'kma'ki, is covered by the historic Treaties of Peace and Friendship. We have an opportunity now to reflect on the impacts of colonization on Indigenous peoples, traditional ways of life and communal and individual food systems. We pay our respects to Indigenous peoples and communities who have occupied this Island for over 12,000 years and commit to continue building meaningful relationships with Indigenous communities and leaders to further the work of true reconciliation.

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Annual Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2024

Call to Order

Ken Campbell called to order the annual meeting of The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc. at 5:30 pm on June 18, 2024, at the Food Bank.

Attendance

The following members of the Upper Room were in attendance: Ken Campbell, Jennifer Fernandes, Richard Collier, David Swan, David Harper, Mike Sirois, Elaine Fraser, Jamie Larkin, Bob Steen, Sean Bradley, Mike MacDonald, Brenda Moore, Lorraine Goley, Nicole Mountain, and Carol Fitzpatrick. Dandan Wang sent her regrets.

Land Acknowledgement

Mike Sirois acknowledged that the Upper Room is located in the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we acknowledge them as the past, present and the future caretakers of this land.

Agenda

David Harper moved we accept the agenda. Elaine Fraser seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Minutes from the last annual meeting June 22, 2023

Jennifer Fernandes moved that the minutes, from the June 22, 2023, annual meeting be accepted. Richard Collier seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Chair

Ken Campbell reported that the past year was a challenge as cost increases forced the number of households using our services to rise dramatically. We will soon be moving to our new location, this represents growth, change and new opportunities. Ken thanked all who were involved with helping our organization thrive and grow stronger.

Ken talked about the loss of our Treasurer and friend this past year, Paul Evoy. Paul served as our Treasurer with integrity and an unwavering commitment to our organization's mission.

Executive Director

Mike MacDonald spoke about the many challenges we faced and significant achievements we had faced in the past year. The number of people using our services has increased 100% since 2019. The continued community support allows us to provide groceries and hot meals to our clients at no cost.

Our Board has nine members who contribute to our organization's goals, financial planning and overall, well-being of the Upper Room. We have 14 staff and over 200 volunteers, who contribute 9500 hours of volunteer time. We are grateful for all of the continued support we receive.

We continue to be busiest between November and February due to Christmas Hampers, CBC "Feed a Family" and increased donations. We purchased turkeys not just for ourselves but for members of our association and other community organizations.

We received our accreditation from Food Banks Canada through the National Standards of Excellence Program. This was a significant achievement, and we look forward to helping other Island Food Banks achieve this goal. This April we had our first PEI Food Bank Session.

Finance Committee

Brenda Moore gave the Angels report prepared by Nancy Barrett. It has been 35 years since Nancy had the idea to ask individuals for 52 dollars. This idea resulted in raising nearly 2.7 million dollars in those years. Nancy has over two thousand angels each year with 95% giving again. Nancy sends out a newsletter to all angels late in August and within a week the donations are literally pouring in.

We don't have Financial Statements tonight as the Auditor hasn't finished reviewing them. We should have them soon, and we will send them out to everyone here this evening. The Finance Committee this year consisted of Paul Evoy, Brenda Moore, and Dandan Wang.

URHM received more donations than budgeted for as with inflation and costs rising, we expected donations would decrease. Thankfully while some donors stopped giving or decreased the size of their donation others gave more and new donors donated.

We gave each school a grant last year to help meet students' food insecurity issues. Our main online donation site continues to grow in popularity receiving over \$400,000 in donations.

The budget for 2024-25 was approved at the last Board meeting and predicts a deficit of \$84,000.

Motion

Brenda Moore moved that Bradley Handrahan be appointed auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. David Harper seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Strategic Plan

David Harper reported that the Strategic Plan Committee, consisting of David Harper, Richard Collier, Ken Campbell, and Mike MacDonald, met four times during the year. Some of the items on our plan were delivered this year. URHM met with other Food Banks to discuss food insecurity and other issues; separately and together. The Committee monitored and made suggestions on the coming location move. We also developed standards which were sent to Food Banks Canada for approval.

Food Drives

Jamie Larkin reported that in order to help clients with their food needs we rely on donations from others and food drives are the major source of food donations. The three main food drives: Charlottetown Y Service Club (38 years), Stratford Area (33 years) and Stuff-a-Bus (19) years. The longevity of these food drives is a testament to the commitment of the organizers.

Besides these major food drives there are numerous small ones that show the constant support of Islanders and the committee (Jamie Larkin, Elaine Fraser) and the rest of the Board appreciate each and every donation.

Property

David Harper on behalf of the Committee (David Harper, David Swan) that the Food Bank's move is being planned and the hope is that no closure will be required. At the Soup Kitchen a walk-in freezer and cooler were installed. A refrigerated pick-up truck was purchased. Our pick-up truck was traded in on a 2023 truck. We are going to receive an electric van from CAA Atlantic, along with insurance, a charger and maintenance for a year.

Human Resources

Richard Collier reported that the committee (Richard Collier, Jennifer Fernandes) is committed to providing a safe, welcoming working environment for staff. URHM now provides extended health, dental, and life insurance to permanent full-time employees. This year they, also, started an employee recognition program. HR policies were reviewed to ensure they meet all guidelines.

Outreach

Mike Sirois reported for the Committee (Mike Sirois, Ken Campbell, Dandan Wang, Mike MacDonald). The Committee continued to support outside organizations: six other Food Banks, shelters and outreach, ones in Cornwall, and the schools.

Nominations

Motion

Richard Collier moved that Bob Steen and Sean Bradley be elected for three-year terms as Board Members on the Board. David Harper seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Richard Collier moved that Ken Campbell be reelected for a three-year term. Jamie Larkin seconded the nomination. **Motion Carried.**

Next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.

Adjournment

David Swan moved the meeting be adjourned at 6:09 pm. Jamie Larkin seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

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Chair

X

Secretary

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Chairperson Annual Report 2024-25

This past year reminded us of what resilience looks like. The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry/PEI Food Banks faced change, growth, and challenge—and rose to meet each one with heart and purpose.

The move to our new Food Bank space was more than a shift in location—it was a leap forward in capacity and care. We served more Islanders than ever before, and while the numbers tell one story, the real impact is felt in every meal shared and every hand extended.

In a time when food insecurity continues to rise across Canada, our work here in PEI is part of a larger movement—one rooted in dignity, compassion, and community. We are proud to be part of that mission.

I'm deeply proud of our team. Staff, volunteers, donors, and partners—you are the reason we continue to lead with compassion. Your time, energy, and generosity fuel everything we do.

We also honour two incredible women whose impact will always be part of our story. Carol Fitzpatrick retired this year after years of dedicated leadership as our Food Bank Manager. Linda MacLaughlan, a long-time volunteer, passed away unexpectedly—her kindness and spirit touched everyone she met. Their legacy lives on in the compassion we bring to our work every day.

Looking ahead, we remain committed to strengthening partnerships, expanding access, and ensuring no Islander is left behind. Our vision is clear: to continue building a province where no Islander goes hungry.

Together, we're not just feeding people—we're building hope. Let's keep showing up, lifting others, and leading with heart.

Thank you for believing in the work. Let's keep going.

Submitted by: Ken Campbell, Chairperson

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Executive Director Annual Report 2024-25

The past year has been marked by both challenges and meaningful accomplishments for the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry/PEI Food Banks. We remain steadfast in our mission to serve Islanders through our Food Bank and Soup Kitchen in Charlottetown, while also fulfilling our role as the Provincial Association for Food Banks—supporting food banks across Prince Edward Island.

One of the most significant changes this year was the relocation of our Food Bank. Though the move covered only a few hundred feet, it required extensive preparation and effort. The new space has greatly enhanced our ability to receive food donations and better serve our clients. We are incredibly proud of the new facility and the expanded opportunities it provides.

Demand for our services remains high. Last year, our Food Bank served 37,839 individuals—an increase of over 11% compared to the previous year. Meanwhile, our Soup Kitchen provided 38,752 meals, reflecting a decrease of more than 15%. These numbers speak to the evolving needs of our community and the importance of our continued presence.

As the provincial association, we continue to support other food banks by providing food, funding, and assistance with initiatives such as preparing for the Food Banks Canada National Minimum Standards. We also collaborate with organizations across the province to support vulnerable Islanders in meaningful ways.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our incredible team of staff and volunteers. You are the heart of our organization, and your impact is immeasurable. Last year alone, our volunteers contributed 8,643 hours of their time. I had the honour of presenting five of our volunteers with the King Charles III Award in recognition of their outstanding dedication. I was also humbled to receive the King Charles III Award myself, along with the Ed Bloos Award from Food Banks Canada—an honour given to individuals who demonstrate exceptional commitment to the food banking movement in Canada.

We also bid farewell to Carol Fitzpatrick, who retired in June after making a tremendous contribution to our Food Bank. Her legacy will be felt for years to come. I must also acknowledge Linda MacLaughlan, a remarkable volunteer whose warmth and compassion touched everyone she met. Her infectious smile and unwavering kindness made all feel valued and welcomed. Tragically, Linda was taken from us far too soon in a fatal accident. Her memory continues to inspire us.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support from Islanders. Community events and food drives—such as Stuff A Bus, the Y-Service Food Drive, the Stratford and Area Food Drive, Chief's Haunted Barn, and CBC's Feed a Family—continue to make a significant impact. We were also fortunate to receive generous donations from the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Rossy Foundation, enabling us to purchase more food and extend our reach across the province.

Our partnership with Food Banks Canada remains vital. Their support in providing food and funding is essential to our operations, and their commitment to ending food insecurity in Canada is truly unmatched. They continue to help us grow and adapt to meet the needs of Islanders.

This past year has proven our resilience and adaptability. As we move forward, we remain committed to being a leader in serving underprivileged Islanders. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and staff. Together, we will continue to serve our community and province for many years to come.

Food Bank and Soup Kitchen Statistics

Soup Kitchen meals served:

2024-25 = 38,752

2023-24 = 46,901

2022-23 = 46,565

Food Bank Totals:

	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Households	14,407	12,960	10,208
Adults	24,998	22,181	17,457
Children and Infants	12,841	11,336	9,430
Total People	37,839	33,547	25,331
New Clients	823	1,157	750

Christmas Packages:

Households = 1001

Total People = 2,188

Volunteer Hours: 8,643

Food received : 764,415lbs

Submitted by: Mike MacDonald

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Finance Committee Report for the Year ended March 31, 2025

The Finance Committee for this past year consisted of Sean Bradley (Treasurer), Dandan Wang (Secretary), Bob Steen (Director), Mike MacDonald (Executive Director), and Brenda Moore (Finance Manager). MNP audited our financial statements this year and everyone here will receive a copy.

As always when we are working on the budget, revenue is a huge unknown. We have been lucky over the years that we have maintained a stable base of donors but there has always been Donors, who donate a substantial amount for one year only. It is amazing that over the years, when one or more of these donors move on, someone else has always been there the following year. Often these donors may be a National Foundation that have viewed us as a suitable charity, without us approaching them. Expenditure is always much easier to budget with a small increase in most cases. The budget for 2025/26 was approved by the Board at its June meeting and predicts a loss of \$84,000 for year. Wages and food continue to be our main expenses.

Some significant changes this year were:

- The Rossy Foundation donated \$350,000 for food purchases for us and our Food Bank partners, which went into Deferred Revenue. It will be transferred into revenue as it spent on food. This was unexpected and the largest donation received to date.
- Since Covid the Province has given us money or gift cards to share with our partners. None of this was planned long in advance or expected. However, in December we received \$200, 000 and later found out that they have included another \$200,000 in their budget for next year. I think all the Food Banks affected by this are relieved to have this stability for the coming year.
- One of the expenditures that has more than doubled this year is rent. We moved from 34 Belmont St. To 15 Plywood Place in October and have a 50% increase in space in a bright newly renovated building. The building, which we equipped with racking gives us Space to accept more shipments from Food Banks Canada and others. We can store our partners' share until they have space in their locations. A benefit for clients is that this location is out of way and provides them with privacy on their visits.
- Our telephone costs also increased on our move. We needed to change from the staff sharing one line to each of us having individual phone lines. We were offered cell phones as an option and apart from the cost of the phones, the cost of the lines was similar. We have found cell phones to be a wise choice. It allows us to work remotely if required, we can also give our close contacts our specific phone number, and we can easily take it with us throughout the building.
- The "Angels" program continued to be our biggest yearly fundraiser. It raised over \$100,000 for the Upper Room in the 2024-25 fiscal year. This was Nancy Barrett's idea

thirty-six years ago and she is still actively involved today. She mails out a newsletter to start the campaign each September and takes care of issuing the charity receipts. Since the start this campaign has raised over \$2.7 million, allowing us to serve the public at a higher level than we could have otherwise.

We are grateful to all our donors, who together made us successful in supporting our clients with the food they needed and should have.

Submitted by: Sean Bradley

Bob Steen

Dandan Wang

Brenda Moore

Mike MacDonald

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Comparative Income Statement

	Actual Apr 01, 2024 to Mar 31, 2025	Budget Apr 01, 2025 to Mar 31, 2026
REVENUE		
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Upper Room Angels	110,623.80	90,000.00
Angles - Campaign Expense	5,729.79	(7,000.00)
Angles Revenue: Totals	104,894.01	83,000.00
Donations: General_	606,479.92	475,000.00
Donations: Church & Community Grps	158,709.72	90,000.00
Donations: Corporate	228,039.57	320,000.00
Donations: Corporate Angels	353,184.78	230,000.00
Food Banks Canada	25,657.06	20,000.00
Donations to be shared with others	279,473.40	600,000.00
Paid out to Other Food Banks	173,107.93	(300,000.00)
Given to Clients	-	-
VIK Donations	69,085.08	10,000.00
Gift Cards	70,192.53	35,000.00
General Donations	1,617,714.13	1,480,000.00
Interest revenue	74,945.77	70,000.00
Transfer from Upper Room Angels Fun	76,557.00	77,000.00
Transfer to Operating Fund	76,557.00	(77,000.00)
TOTAL REVENUE	1,797,553.91	1,633,000.00
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EXPENSE		
Operating Expenses		
Amortization	-	30,000.00
Professional Services	14,274.28	15,000.00
Advertising	13.24	1,500.00
Bank charges and interest	3,203.11	3,500.00
Donations, Gifts	2,699.39	5,000.00
Equipment purchases	7,879.91	5,000.00

Food Purchases	385,804.76	510,000.00
School Food	-	-
Garbage collection	6,452.57	7,000.00
Freight Charges	-	1,000.00
Food or Fundraising	18,375.63	16,000.00
Insurance	13,237.52	14,000.00
Membership	316.05	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	3,708.41	4,000.00
Office supplies	18,059.10	19,500.00
Propane	-	400.00
Property Tax 33 Belmont	719.35	3,000.00
Repairs and maintenance	9,522.15	38,000.00
Warehouse Rent	138,965.78	210,000.00
Shop Supplies	4,313.18	6,000.00
Telephone-Soup Kitchen	2,050.63	2,100.00
Telephone-33 Belmont St.	1,414.11	1,600.00
Cell Phone	980.74	1,000.00
Telephone - 34 Belmont, 15 Plywood	5,909.30	4,800.00
Total-Telephone	10,354.78	9,500.00
Travel: Mileage	252.67	500.00
Travel: Othe	727.64	-
Travel: National meetings	1,749.01	12,000.00
Vehicle - Gas	6,232.23	7,000.00
Vehicle - Repairs/Tires	5,954.05	5,000.00
Vehicle - Insurance/reg	5,443.27	6,300.00
Total Vehicle Lease Expenses	17,629.55	18,300.00
Wages	656,104.49	710,000.00
UI Expense	14,318.04	15,600.00
CPP Expense	28,387.99	38,000.00
WCB Expense	7,147.59	3,000.00
Pension expense	2,547.91	3,000.00
Medical Insurance Expense	9,944.30	10,800.00
Wage reimbursement	-	-
	8,070.40	-
Payroll Expense: Total	710,379.92	780,400.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,368,638.00	1,710,600.00

BUILDING EXPENSES

Garbage - Soup Kitchen	7,587.85	7,900.00
Electricity-Soup Kitchen	6,363.29	6,900.00
Equipment - Soup Kitchen	1,020.28	8,000.00
Heat-Soup Kitchen	2,015.69	2,100.00
Propane-Soup Kitchen	4,207.85	4,000.00
Property Tax-Soup Kitchen	7,312.49	7,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance-Soup Kitchen	11,087.85	10,000.00
Water & Sewer - Soup Kitchen	735.62	750.00
TOTAL BUILDING EXPENSE	40,330.92	46,650.00

TOTAL EXPENSE	1,408,968.92	1,757,250.00
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NET INCOME	388,584.99	124,250.00
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The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.
Strategic Planning Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

We continued to follow the URHM Strategic Plan. The committee met 4 times over the past year to review and enact the “Year Four” deliverables. We welcomed Sean Bradley, as a new member. Our year 4 plan includes.

1. Monitor and plan key deliverables and milestones and adjust as required.
2. Monitor current and future infrastructure requirements and opportunities.

We discussed the following this year.

1. Working with and encouraging other Island Food Banks.
2. The move to our new location at 15 Plywood Place (completed in 2024).
3. The possibility of new Provincial funding (received first payment).
4. New infrastructure requirements such as racking & a forklift (both completed in 2025).
5. The option of buying versus leasing of our new building (this is in progress).
6. The possibility of creating a new 3- or 5-year strategic plan. The Board voted to accept Katherine Morrow’s offer to create and guide us through a new plan (we are meeting in September).

This fall, the committee will focus on the “Year Five” deliverables:

1. Evaluate plan success.
2. Review mission/mandate to ensure it remains accurate and adjust if required.
3. Review current and future infrastructure requirements and opportunities.
4. Begin a new three or five-year planning cycle.

Submitted by:

David Harper
Richard Collier
Sean Bradley
Ken Campbell
Mike MacDonald

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Food Drive Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

The mandate of The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc. is to provide some of the food requirements to people in need in Prince Edward Island. In order to help fulfill that mandate, our organization depends greatly on community groups, local businesses, schools, churches, and other supporters. As events are held, not only do we receive food and/or funds, but awareness is also created about our work and our needs.

With the cost of living continuing to rise across Prince Edward Island, an increasing number of Islanders are turning to The Upper Room for assistance. The latest Hunger Count, released by Food Banks Canada in October 2024, indicates a 32% increase in PEI food bank usage compared to 2023, and a staggering 50% increase since 2019. These figures underscore the growing demand for our services amidst economic challenges.

Despite these rising costs, the generosity of Islanders remains a cornerstone of our mission. Our three largest and long-standing food drives continue to deliver remarkable results. As of 2024, the Y Service Club has been leading its food drive in the Charlottetown - Cornwall - Winsloe areas for thirty-nine years; the Stratford & Area Food Drive has been contributing for thirty-four years; and the Ocean 100 Stuff-A-Bus event at No Frills for twenty years. The longevity of these events is a testament to the unwavering generosity of donors and the steadfast commitment of organizers.

Throughout the past year, numerous grocery stores, churches, schools, community groups, media outlets, restaurants, law offices, accounting firms, car dealerships, and other organizations have held events and/or made monetary donations. There are far too many to mention individually, but we are deeply grateful for each and every contribution we receive.

As we look ahead, we recognize the need for continued and expanded support to meet the growing demand. We encourage new community partners to join us in our mission, whether through hosting food drives, volunteering, or providing financial contributions. Sincere thanks to everyone for their great efforts in providing food, funds, and/or volunteer time to The Upper Room as we strive to continue our work of helping our fellow Islanders in need.

Submitted by: Elaine Fraser and Jamie Larkin

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.
Property Committee Annual Report 2024-25

The Property Committee met and discussed some of the main property priorities. The committee members are Dave Swan & Dave Harper in consultation with Mike MacDonald.

1. Our number one priority was the new building at 15 Plywood Place. We discussed the layout of our building as it was being renovated. We were happy with the results and the smooth transition to our new building.
2. We realized the need for a forklift and racking to enhance the efficiency of this new infrastructure. Fortunately, the Latter-Day Saints Church of Cornwall donated a new forklift. Racking was purchased and installed.
3. We also discussed the upgrade of the vehicles needed for our operation. We traded in our pickup truck for a new 2024, and we were very fortunate to be the recipient of a new electric van donated by the Atlantic CAA.
4. We have installed a security system at the Food Bank.
5. Our next prioritized purchase will be a generator for the Food Bank.

Submitted by: David Harper and David Swan

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.
Human Resources Committee Annual Report 2024-25

This Fiscal Year continues to bring positive changes and a continued sense of community. The Human Resources Committee has remained committed to inclusive excellence and ensuring a safe, welcoming working environment at both the Soup Kitchen and the Food Bank, that enables staff to do their best work every day.

The committee also supports the Board in fulfilling its mandate to provide governance oversight in relation to the Upper Room Hospitality Ministry's current and future human resource needs; employee recruitment; compensation and employee relations matters; occupational health and safety; organizational development; the CEO's plan for continuity; and any other human resource related matter that is referred to the Committee by the Board for its consideration and recommendation.

In the past year, the Human Resources Committee:

- Supported the Strategic Plan process that enables autonomy and decision making, better alignment of operation resources and create a structure that supports local connections with community partners and local teams
- The Committee undertook comprehensive reviews of both the Executive Director's and staff's compensation to ensure a culture that boosts retention and performance.
- We continue to support the development of the CEO's Strategic Plans for the URHM Workplace.

Submitted by: Richard Collier, Jennifer Fernandes, & Ken Campbell

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc.

Outreach Committee Annual Report 2024-25

During the past year, the Outreach Committee continued its efforts to connect with the community and build partnerships that allow us to continue offering food assistance and support to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and food insecurities.

2025 Highlights & Activities

Strengthened Community Partnerships

- Collaborated with temporary homeless shelters to ensure regular food support for residents.
- Partnered with food banks throughout the Island to share resources and reduce duplication of services

Expand Outreach efforts

-Met with local non-profits to explore joint initiatives addressing food insecurities such as the Community Outreach Center and the S.A.F.E program.

- continued efforts to reach out to new organizations to see if/how they would welcome our supports

Innovative Approaches

- Continued to explore strategies for connecting with hard to reach populations
- Began to explore ideas/ways to connect with local businesses for more continued financial support for future stability.

Advocacy & Awareness

- Shared information with community organizations on available food assistance services via cards, pamphlets and forms to provide food bank and upper room locations, info and hours of service provided.

Looking Ahead

-Continue expanding partnerships with both established and emerging community groups

- Strengthen volunteer engagement in outreach efforts

We look forward to the new coming year of ideas and opportunity to continue to support those who are most in need,

Submitted by:

Ken Campbell

Dan Dan Wang

Mike Sirois

Mike MacDonald

Nominating Committee Report

TO: URHM Membership

FROM: URHM Nominating Committee

DATE: September 9, 2025

**RE: Nominating Committee Report
2024-2025 Annual General Meeting**

The Nominating Committee is a Board Committee that is tasked with various items, including nominating individuals to the Board, and nominating the Board's executive for the next year.

This year the Nominating Committee nominates the following individual to be appointed to a three (3) year term as a Board Member on the Board:

- Lisa MacLean

This year the Nominating Committee nominates a current Directors to be reappointed for a three (3) year term as a Board Member on the Board:

- David Harper
- David Swan
- Elaine Fraser
- Jamie Larkin

We would also like to acknowledge the contributions of two existing Board Members, Dandan Wang and Richard Collier. Dandan and Richard, your contributions and dedication to the Upper Room have been tremendous, you will be missed.

Nominating Committee

Richard Collier
Ken Campbell
Mike MacDonald

BY-LAWS of THE UPPER ROOM HOSPITALITY MINISTRY INC.

Wholly Amended June 11, 2019

Article 1: Title

- 1.1 The legal name of this organization shall be: "The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc." (hereinafter the "Ministry").

Article 2: Objectives

- 2.1 To operate the Ministry as a volunteer supported charitable and non-profit organization on Prince Edward Island.
- 2.2 To provide some of the food requirements to people in need in PEI.
- 2.3 To operate kitchen and dining facilities.
- 2.4 To raise the awareness of appropriate persons in nongovernmental and governmental agencies to the food requirements of needy people of Prince Edward Island.

Article 3: Membership

- 3.1 "Active member" is any individual who pays the annual dues of one Canadian dollar to the Ministry just prior to the annual general meeting.
- 3.2 "Honorary membership" may be conferred on a person, in recognition of outstanding contribution rendered to the Ministry. Such recognition will be given by means of a majority vote of a quorum of the Board.
- 3.3 "Charter members" are founders of the Ministry.
- 3.4 Charter members shall participate as 'active members' do, except they shall not move or second or vote on motions.
- 3.5 The board shall have the authority to suspend or expel any member, active or honorary, for any one or more of the following grounds:
 - 3.5.1 violating any provision of the articles, by-laws, or written policies of the Ministry;
 - 3.5.2 carrying out any conduct which may be detrimental to the Ministry as determined by the board in its sole discretion; and

- 3.5.3 for any other reason that the board in its sole and absolute discretion considers to be reasonable, having regard to the purpose of the Ministry.
- 3.6 A member is in good standing if they are in compliance with Article 3.1 and not subject to discipline outlined in Article 3.5.
- 3.7 A member ceases to be a member when:
 - 3.7.1 the member dies, or, in the case of a member that is a corporation, the corporation is dissolved;
 - 3.7.2 a member fails to maintain any qualifications for membership described in Article 3.1 of these by-laws;
 - 3.7.3 the member resigns by delivering a written resignation to the chair of the board of the Ministry in which case such resignation shall be effective on the date specified in the resignation, which shall be no less than 60 days after the date of such resignation; and
 - 3.7.4 the member is expelled in accordance with Article 3.5 of these by-laws or is otherwise ceases to be a member in accordance with the articles or by-laws.
- 3.8 Upon any cessation of membership, the rights of the member automatically cease to exist.

Article 4: Meetings

- 4.1 The annual general meeting shall be held within six months of the Ministry's fiscal year end.
- 4.2 Notice of the annual general meeting shall be given by
 - 4.2.1 Placing an advertisement in the Guardian at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the annual general meeting and
 - 4.2.2 Notifying all active members by email who have provided an email address to the Ministry at least two weeks prior to the annual general meeting.
- 4.3 A special meeting of the general membership may be held as determined by the Chairperson or Board members or on the written request by the lesser of twenty (20) or fifty (50) percent of the active members in good standing.
- 4.4 Notice of a special meeting of the general membership will be given to the members at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting and will state the purpose of such a special meeting. Notice of a special meeting of the general membership shall be given by placing an advertisement in the Guardian at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting.
- 4.5 The quorum of any general meeting shall be those active members in good standing in attendance at that meeting.

- 4.6 A special meeting of the Board may be held as determined by any member of the Executive or on the written request by fifty (50) percent of the Board members.
- 4.7 Notice of a special meeting of the Board will be given to the Board members in writing (including email) at least seven (7) calendar days prior to the meeting and will state the purpose of such a special meeting. Any Board member may waive notice if such waiver is signed and appended to the minutes approving a proposed change.
- 4.8 The quorum for any Board meeting shall be fifty (50) percent.

Article 5: The Board

- 5.1 The Board is a governing body having legal and ethical responsibilities to the Ministry (see Appendix "A").
- 5.2 The members of the Board shall be active members of the Ministry as defined in Article 3.1 and in good standing as defined in Article 3.6 and new members if any shall be elected at the annual general meeting or at a special meeting of the Board, as the case may be. Each member who is elected to the Board at the annual general meeting shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. For greater certainty, a member of the Board may serve additional terms if elected in accordance with this by-law.
- 5.3 The Board shall be comprised of five (5) to twelve (12) duly elected members.
- 5.4 If a membership of the Board falls vacant, the Board may fill the vacancy for the balance of the term of office at a special meeting of the Board.
- 5.5 Termination of a membership on the Board shall occur by any of the following:
 - 5.5.1 On a Board member's written resignation communicated to the Secretary of the Board, to be effective on the date of acceptance by the Board at a regular or special meeting of the Board;
 - 5.5.2 Three (3) consecutive absences from the Board meetings without providing adequate reasons, to be effective on the date of action by the Board at a regular or special meeting of the Board. Determination concerning adequacy of absences shall be determined by a majority of the members present at a regular or special meeting of the Board in which action is taken;
 - 5.5.3 On failing to uphold legal and ethical responsibilities required of a Board member (such responsibilities described in Appendix "A" of this document) to be effective on the date of action by the Board at a regular or special meeting of the Board; or,

5.5.4 On the death or legal incapacity of a member.

Article 6: Executive Officers

- 6.1 Executive Officers shall be elected by the Board.
- 6.2 The Board shall meet within a reasonable time after the annual meeting to elect its Executive Officers for the current year.
- 6.3 The Executive Officers shall consist of the Chairperson, the Vice-chairperson, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from the Board.
- 6.4 If an Executive Officer resigns, the Board may appoint a new Board member to fill the vacancy for the remaining period of the current year.

Article 7: Duties of the Executive

- 7.1 The Chairperson shall conduct the meetings of the Ministry, including the annual general meetings and special general meetings; shall conduct meetings of the Board; and provide leadership in executing the objectives of the Ministry as listed in Article 2 of the by-laws.
- 7.2 The Vice-Chairperson shall preside over any meetings of the Ministry or the Board, in the absence of the Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, meetings may be conducted by an officer selected from among those Board members present. The Vice-Chairperson shall have such other duties and powers as the board may specify.
- 7.3 The Secretary shall give notice of all general meetings of the Board to its members. The Secretary shall attend all Board, annual general meetings and special general meetings. If the Secretary is unable to attend any Ministry meetings, or Board meetings, the chair of that particular meeting shall appoint another board member who shall act in place of the Secretary at that meeting. The Secretary shall keep a register of the members of the Ministry, be the custodian of the Corporate Seal, and also perform all other normal duties of this position. The Secretary shall have such other duties and powers as the board may specify.
- 7.4 The Treasurer shall receive, keep accounts, and make deposits in a chartered bank, trust company or credit union, of all funds of the Ministry. The Treasurer shall collect the membership dues, and other monies and revenues accruing to the Ministry, and submit financial report together with the Ministry appointed Auditor's assessment to the annual meeting. The Treasurer shall render an accounting of all financial transactions at Board meetings, at the annual meeting and shall exhibit accounting records of the Ministry whenever called upon to do

so. All documents shall be returned to the Chairperson of the Board at the end of the Treasurer's term of office. This official shall otherwise perform all duties pertaining to the treasurer.

- 7.5 Signing officers shall be any two of the following: - Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Board may by resolution assign signing duties to any member of the Ministry's staff as specified in the resolution.

Article 8: Board Meetings

- 8.1 After consultation with the other Board members, the Chairperson shall determine the time, dates and venue of the regular Board meetings.

Article 9: Board Committees.

- 9.1 The Board shall establish such committees as may be necessary to provide services and implement operations and procedures as required by the constitution and by-laws and give effect to policies and programs approved by the Board.
- 9.2 Committees shall be appointed for a period determined by the Board.
- 9.3 There shall be an Angels Program Committee consisting of the Treasurer, one other Board member, and at least one person appointed by the Board. The Chairperson of the Angels Program Committee shall be chosen by it from its members.
- 9.4 Except in the case of the Angels Program Committee, a committee shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be from the Board, and at least one other Board member.
- 9.5 The chain of authority of a committee is through the committee Chairperson to the Board.
- 9.6 The terms of reference for each committee will be prescribed by the Board.
- 9.7 The Board has the full and absolute discretion to dissolve committees.
- 9.8 The resignation of a committee member, who was appointed by the Board, shall be deemed to be effective from the date of receipt of the resignation letter by the Secretary.
- 9.9 All committee reports shall be prepared by the committee's Chairperson and presented at the annual general meeting.
- 9.10 Committees may include, but are not limited to the following: 1) Finance, 2) Fund Raising, 3) Food Drive 4) Social Media, 5) Nominating, 6) Property, and 7) Volunteer.

Article 10: Audit

- 10.1 The account books of the Ministry shall be audited annually.
- 10.2 The Auditor's report shall be submitted to the annual meeting.
- 10.3 At each annual meeting, the members of the Ministry will appoint an auditor to hold office until the next annual meeting.

Article 11: Fiscal Year

- 11.1 The fiscal year of the Ministry shall be from April 1 to the next March 31.

Article 12: Seal

- 12.1 The seal of the Ministry shall be a circular impression of the words and figures: "Incorporated 1985", surrounded by the words "The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc."

Article 13: Amendments to the by-laws

- 13.1 Amendments to these by-laws shall be voted on at a meeting of the Board. At least two-thirds majority of eligible voters, namely the Board members, shall have the authority to amend or add to the by-laws of the Ministry, provided such amendments or additions are not contrary to the objectives of the Ministry as defined in Article 2,
- 13.2 All Board members must receive at least ten (10) calendar days notice in writing (by email or post) of any meeting at which proposed changes in the by-laws are to be discussed, with details of proposed changes. Any Board member may waive notice if such waiver is signed and appended to the minutes approving a proposed change.
- 13.3 At least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the total members of the Board must be present at any meeting at which current by-laws are changed or new ones added.
- 13.4 At each regular or special annual meeting of the Ministry the Chair will present any amendments made by the Board to the by-laws in the past year. The Chair will call for any properly presented amendments, the Chair will declare the by-laws, as amended, or as is, to be the up-to-date by-laws of the Ministry, as of that date, affixing that date at the end.

Article 14: Borrowing Powers

14.1 Board members may from time to time

- 14.1.1 borrow money or otherwise obtain credit upon the credit of the Ministry in such amounts and upon such terms as may be considered advisable;
- 14.1.2 issue, reissue, sell or pledge debt obligations of the Ministry, including without limitation, bonds, debentures, debenture stock, notes or other securities or obligations of the Ministry, whether secured or unsecured for such sums, upon such terms, covenants and conditions and as such price as may be deemed expedient;
- 14.1.3 Charge, mortgage, hypothecate, pledge, assign, transfer or otherwise create a security interest in all or any currently owned or subsequently acquired real or personal, movable or immovable property of the Ministry, including among other things, book debts, and unpaid calls, rights, powers, franchises and undertaking, to secure any money borrowed or any other debt or liability of the Ministry;
- 14.1.4 guarantee to a Canadian chartered bank or credit union the indebtedness and liability of any person, firm or corporation, in either a limited or unlimited amount and either with or without security; and,
- 14.1.5 Delegate to such one or more of the Executive Officers and Board members of the Ministry as may be designated by the Board members all or any of the powers conferred by the foregoing clauses of this by-law to such an extent and in such manner as the Board shall determine at the time of each delegation.

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Date Approved: June 11, 2019.

APPENDIX “A”

The Board is a trusteeship for carrying out public trust in the Ministry. Some of the legal and ethical responsibilities of the trustees are as follows:

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- *is a fiduciary having an obligation of loyalty and duty to uphold the integrity of the Ministry;*
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- *must give unqualified support in achieving the objectives of the Ministry.*

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UPPER ROOM HOSPITALITY MINISTRY INC.

The Upper Room Hospitality Ministry Inc., hereafter referred to as the “Ministry”, has as it’s mission to fulfill some of the food requirements of needy people on Prince Edward Island.

THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES WILL BE ADHERED TO

1. Each client of the Ministry will be treated with respect and dignity.
2. Client confidentiality will be strictly maintained.
3. The Ministry shall be non-denominational and serve needy persons regardless of their age, race, religious belief or political affiliation
4. Contacts will be maintained with neighbouring churches and other benevolent organizations concerned with the food requirements of needy people for the purpose of harmonizing food aid services.
5. Affiliations will be maintained with other food banks on Prince Edward Island, the Atlantic region, and across Canada for the purpose of optimizing the distribution and utilization of donated food.

Article 1: Constitution amendments

1. The Constitution of the Ministry shall be amended only by the eligible voters at an annual meeting, or by a special meeting called for this specific purpose.
2. Proposed amendment(s) to the constitution can only be placed on the order of business at an annual meeting by
 1. The Board of Directors, hereafter referred to as the “Board”,
 2. A two-thirds majority of eligible voters who favour placing the amendment(s) on the order of business.
3. A motion to amend the constitution shall require a two-thirds majority vote of eligible members.
4. The effective date of all amendments to the constitution shall be the day following the annual meeting or special meeting.
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APPRECIATION

The Board of Directors expresses sincere appreciation to all who make it possible to meet “...some of the food needs...” of our sisters and brothers by generously sharing their food, financial resources, and their time.

**Thank you to those who serve from time to time on the Board of Directors,
including this year –**

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Jamie Larkin

Bob Steen

David Harper

Sean Bradley

Mike Sirois

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