

ALUUC Benevolence Fund Policy

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The ALUUC Benevolence Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Fund”) is created for the purposes of receiving charitable donations from which assistance may be provided to persons with special needs that cannot otherwise be met through other means.

The collection and distribution of such donations shall be conducted in accordance with requirements of the federal Internal Revenue Service regarding the operations of charitable organizations and the qualifications of donations to the Fund for tax deductible charitable purposes.

Distributions from the Fund shall be authorized only by the Chair or Co-Chair of the Pastoral Care Committee in consultation with the Minister. The Pastoral Care Committee shall promulgate standards and procedures for determining eligibility, the types and amounts of assistance that may be provided.

Assistance may only be provided to needy individuals or families, which must be documented and recorded indicating the name, address, amount and type of assistance provided each time and in the aggregate for any given year. Documentation must be provided in a form and manner sufficient for purposes of the annual audit of all church funds. Personal identifying information of individuals or families provided assistance shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure except for audit purposes.

Priority shall be given to Members and Friends of the ALUUC in the distribution of assistance from the Fund.

Distributions shall be for goods and services, rather than cash assistance.

Distributions shall not be provided for the individual benefit of the Minister, staff or the elected officers of the ALUUC.