FAQ 8 CONFLICT OF INTEREST PENALTIES FOR DIRECTORS

This is an area of provincial law governed by the <u>Charities Accounting Act</u>, administered by the office of the Public Guardian and Trustee (PGT). The extent of liability depends on whether only the director or the directors together knew of the conflict of interest when it occurred.

If only the director know about the conflict. The likely corrective action required by the PGT will be that the director returns the funds that constitute the conflict of interest to the church.

If all the directors knew, or ought to have known, that a benefit was received by one or more directors, the PGT might take any number of actions open to it under the <u>Charities Accounting Act</u>. This could become very expensive for the church and the directors personally.