

## **Section 6.00 Miscellaneous Special Policy**

### **Subsection 6.02**

#### **DEACON'S FUND**

(Discretionary Checking Account)

The purpose of this account is to better enable the deacons to respond to needs of persons in the church and community in a timely and confidential manner and to enhance the ministry of our church to those in need. This would strengthen the traditional ministry of the deacons as persons in the church who serve those in need.

The account will be funded from the Menno Memorial Fund or from direct contributions. This fund will not be audited.

Checks may be issued and signed either by the Pastor or one of the deacons.

A maximum of \$250 will be used as a guideline in assisting individuals on a one time basis. Persons who need funds on a habitual basis should be referred to other kinds of assistance. Payments will be issued directly to a business whenever possible (hospital, doctor, service station, grocery store, utility company, etc.).

An annual ceiling of \$1,250 is recommended as an initial guideline for the account.

The Pastor or a designated deacon shall oversee the administration of the account and shall give a monthly report to the church board.

The account administrator shall prepare an annual report for the congregation. This annual report will be of a general nature so as not to disclose the identity of the person or persons who have been assisted.