

## **18-3: Photography in Sanctuary**

### **1. Responsibility Centre:** Worship and Christian Education (W/CE) Committee

### **2. Rationale or Purpose**

BCUC encourages a peaceful, respectful worship atmosphere. A policy on the use of photography and videography during worship services is useful to support this intention.

### **3. Policy Statement**

Flash photography shall not be used during worship services at BCUC.

Non-flash photography or videography may be used during special occasions in worship services, with discretion. Moving about the sanctuary to obtain a “better shot” is strongly discouraged and will only be permitted with the permission of the worship leader before the service commences.

### **4. Scope**

This policy applies to all worship services, including weddings, in the sanctuary of BCUC.

### **5. Procedures**

The worship leader or assistant worship leader will notify the congregation of this policy during the Announcements portion of the service when there is the likelihood of photography or videography during the service.

### **6. Roles/Responsibilities**

W/CE Committee is responsible for the maintenance of this policy.

### **7. Definitions**

### **8. References**

- a) *BCUC Handbook*, Terms of Reference of the Worship Committee:  
“The Committee...keeps closely in touch with other committees on matters concerning worship.”

### **9. Approval authority:** Church Board

**10. Reviewed:** Worship and Christian Education Committee: April 8, 2015

**Approved:** Church Board: May 20, 2015

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