

Instructions for Godly Share (from Canon XIV: Budget and Financial Administration)

Section 3.

In approving the budget for the ensuing year, the Convention shall also adopt an estimate of what will be received from the Congregations in their Godly Share, based on a tithe of the total operating income of each Congregation, using the total operating income of the most recent year on which the books of each has been closed.

Section 4. Godly Share

a. A tithe of the total operating income of each congregation shall be considered that congregation's financial responsibility to the Diocese, its "Godly Share" given for the work of the Diocese of which it is a participating member. The Godly Share is an offering and not a debt.

b. It shall be the duty of the Rector, or Minister-in-Charge, and Vestry of each congregation to regularly advise the Director of Administration and Diocesan Council about any anticipated difficulty in meeting the Godly Share to the Diocese, or about a rightful recalculation.

c. Each Congregation is asked to send to the Treasurer of the Diocese one-twelfth (1/12) of its annual Godly Share before the end of each month, starting in January and concluding in December; provided, however, that with the agreement of the Treasurer, a Congregation may adopt a different schedule, with offerings no less frequent than quarter-annually.

d. Offerings which are more than three months past due, according to the approved schedule as provided in Section 3 of this Canon, shall be considered delinquent. Delinquent Congregations are ineligible to be considered for any Council programmatic grants or Board of Trustees developmental loans for grants, unless Council and Trustees, respectively, consent to the request for consideration, and to the aid itself, by separate majority votes.

e. When a Congregation is unable to fulfill its Godly Share, the Bishop and Council, may assign an officer or member to work with the Congregation to help it identify and focus on the problems it is encountering. Findings and recommendations shall be reported back to the Bishop and Council.

f. When a Congregation is unable to meet its Godly Share the Diocesan Council must determine how either the current or the following year's Budget and Assessment Schedule shall be adjusted to compensate for such reduction, and Council may also recommend to the Bishop and Standing Committee that such Congregation be designated a Stressed Congregation, in accordance with Canon XVI, Section 6. Should a congregation increase its Godly Share the Diocesan Council shall adjust the Diocesan budget accordingly.

Growth Fund Objectives (from Growth Fund Declaration of Trust)

- A. To assist in the establishment of new churches in The Diocese.
- B. To revitalize existing churches in The Diocese.
- C. To alleviate emergencies in The Diocese or elsewhere.

Contributions from parishes may be distributed as loans or grants for the above objectives to parishes that apply for assistance from this fund. Applications require approval from the Board of Trustees.