



Instructions for Godly Share

Canon XIV, *Budget and Financial Administration*

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 (3) 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 the Standing Committee that such Congregation be designated a Stressed Congregation, in accordance with Canon XVII, Section 7. Should a congregation increase its Godly Share the Diocesan Council shall adjust the Diocesan budget accordingly.

Objectives of Growth Fund

There is no obligation for congregations to give to the Growth Fund. Such giving is encouraged as a way for each congregation to offer assistance to their sister congregations as need arises.

- 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 this fund may be distributed as loans or grants according to the objectives above. Congregations may apply for assistance [here](#). Grant applications are reviewed by the Board of Trustees.

When you are prepared to make your Godly Share (and Growth Fund) pledge, use the form found [here](#).