

## CANON TREASURER

Responsibilities include overseeing the diocesan accounting system, serving as financial liaison to the Trustees, Council, Property Committee, Growth Fund Committee, Audit Committee, Budget and Assessments Working Group, and Compensation Committee, providing financial and employee benefit assistance to parishes and diocesan staff, overseeing of employee benefits for the diocese, and overseeing returned properties with assistance and guidance from the Trustee Property Committee.

2020 has been quite a year. I've been inspired by the faithful giving of our parishioners and the energy and proficiency of our parish Treasurers, Financial Administrators, and Senior Wardens in setting up and managing online donation software and submitting successful applications for Payroll Protection Plan (PPP) loans to enable parishes to survive the loss in giving, tuition, and rental income. I'm most grateful for each and every one of you!

Updates since the 2019 Convention include:

- The 2019 audit was completed and an unqualified opinion rendered by Maher Duessel. (See Appendix section of this Preconvention Journal.)
- Based on the 2018 agreement with nine Anglican Church of North America parishes, annual payments totaling \$164k were received for 2019. The parishes are also up-to-date on 2020 payments, with \$88k received for the first half of 2020.
- Assisted 19 parishes in securing \$740k in PPP loans, which should be eligible for full forgiveness once the Small Business Association begins accepting loan forgiveness applications.
- Assisted 4 parishes in obtaining \$21k in grants from The Advancement Society to defray costs for various ministries/projects (St. Peter's-Blairsville various repairs \$5k, All Saints-Brighton Heights pipe repairs \$6k, St. David's musical production \$6k, and St. Stephen's-Wilksburg "MaryMags" ministry \$4k).
- Provided payroll processing through ADP Payroll Services to 8 parishes at significantly-reduced rates. (Contact Financial Administrator Marlene Rihn for information.)
- Organized volunteer audit teams to assist numerous parishes with their annual audits.
- 32% of clergy/lay employees (11 of 34) enrolled in Episcopal Church Medical Trust health plans for 2020 selected Consumer Directed Health Plans (CDHPs) with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Bishop McConnell donated \$500 to the HSA of each of these employees. Annual enrollment period for 2021 health insurance runs from October 28 through November 18. Cost of medical insurance plans provided by CPG increased by average of 7.5% for 2021. (See 2021 Medical Benefits Guide in the Appendix section of this Preconvention Journal.)
- Properties sold in 2020 included the following: Trinity-Beaver for \$425k (net sale proceeds of \$389k deposited in Pool 1 fund for Episcopal/Anglican ministry in Beaver Co.); St. Andrew's-New Kensington for \$250k (sale proceeds of \$233k were deposited in Pool 1 fund for New Mission/Ministries – East); vacant property in Allegheny Twp. for \$61k (\$15k used for Good Shepherd property repairs and remaining \$46k deposited to Pool 1 Trustee unrestricted funds; and coal rights (.1 acre) in Greene Co. for \$30k (used for various returned property repairs).

- Received final \$30k of \$60k grant from Clergy Assurance Fund (formerly Widows Corp.) to fund The Rev. Canon Jay Geisler's Recovery Chaplaincy to the five dioceses in PA.
- Approved Growth Fund grants of \$102k to 10 parishes with urgent building maintenance projects. Approved Growth Fund loan totaling \$50k to St. Paul's-Monongahela for Recovery House ministry.
- 2020 Operating Budget provided \$152k in financial support to reopened parishes/parishes in need of financial assistance and \$23k in Community Outreach Grants to Coal Country Youth Hangout, Neighborhood Youth Outreach Project (NYOP), Shepherd's Wellness, and Sheldon Calvary Camp.
- Funding of \$9k for Parish Mission/Technology Grants and \$9k for Formation for Mission Grants remains available for grants to parishes. Both applications are available on the diocesan website.
- 2020 Trustee grants provided \$20.4k to Sheldon Calvary Camp towards operating expenses during the pandemic, and \$119.3k to Trinity Cathedral for additional staffing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Canon Treasurer