Important Updates on Parochial Reports, Online Attendance, & Annual Meetings

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Dear friends serving as parish clergy, wardens, treasurers, and administrators:

Since mid-December, the Bishop's Office has released several communications relaying important updates related to parish administration. We distributed these through our *Grace Happens* e-newsletter and posted them on our <u>diocesan website</u>. In case you missed any of these communications, I'd like to highlight some of them for you now.



Updated Parochial Reports for 2020

The 2020 Parochial Report has been updated to reflect the changes and challenges that parishes have faced due the coronavirus pandemic. See <u>Completing Your Pandemic-Year Parochial Reports</u> for more information.

Attention treasurers!

According to the General Convention Office of the Episcopal Church, if your parish's PPP loan was converted to a grant (i.e., forgiven) in 2020, you must include the forgiven amount in the "other operating income" on your 2020 Parochial Report. For details, see "QuickTip #1: Recording PPP Loan Forgiveness" on our <u>Parochial Report QuickTips</u> page.

Note that the deadline for filing your Parochial Report is **March 1**.

Counting Online Attendance in 2021

The General Convention Office has issued guidance for how to record online attendance in 2021. This includes:

- · recording online participants separate from in-person attendance, and
- counting only online views that occur within 24 hours of the service.

For more information, see Counting Online Attendance & Donors in 2021.

Online Annual Meetings

If your parish's 2021 annual meeting is still to come, and is expected to be an online event, see <u>Holding an Annual Parish Meeting</u>, <u>Pandemic-Style</u> for guidance on its planning and facilitation.

Also, following your Annual Meeting, remember to complete a Parish Annual Meeting Report Form and submit it to the diocesan office. This form is available on our website, under Resources > Documents & Forms, or access it here: <u>PDF</u> / <u>Word</u>.

Finally, if you do not receive our Grace Happens e-newsletters, I encourage you and your parish colleagues to <u>subscribe now</u>, so as not to miss future news and updates.

Grace and peace,

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