

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF MAINE**  
**CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY**  
**CHURCH AND DIOCESE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**WHAT WE KNOW:**

**WE KNOW** that this emergency is fast-moving and unpredictable.

**WE KNOW** that we are all in this together.

**WE KNOW** that God is with us throughout this time.

**WE KNOW** that working together is God's plan for dealing with this emergency.

**WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER:**

**WE CAN** communicate with our parishes and missions and by doing so strengthen our sense of community.

**WE CAN** ask our members to continue to financially support their church to the extent they are able, especially those among us who have pledged support for this year.

**WE CAN** honor our commitments to our employees, both lay and clergy, by making the payment of their wages and salaries our highest priority.

**WE CAN** use our financial resources, whether held as cash or as invested funds, and not hold them back "for a rainy day". The rainy day is here and it is incumbent on us to honor the spirit in which these funds were originally provided to us – out of a spirit of abundance and not out of a spirit of scarcity.

**WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO US FROM THE LARGER CHURCH:**

**CHURCHES OF THE DIOCESE OF MAINE AND THE DIOCESE** have been provided a 90-day payment extension by the Church Pension Fund and its affiliated entities. The Episcopal Church Medical Trust is providing the extension on employee benefit premiums for health insurance. The Church Pension Fund is providing the extension on pension assessments. And the Church Insurance Company is providing the extension on employee life insurance premiums, disability insurance premiums, commercial insurance package premiums and workers' compensation insurance premiums.

**WHAT WE CAN EXPECT FROM THE DIOCESE AND THE TRUSTEES OF DIOCESAN FUNDS:**

**WE CAN EXPECT THE DIOCESE** to cover payroll costs, in the form of loans, for those parishes and missions unable to do so after having used their financial resources, both operating funds and invested funds.

**WE CAN EXPECT THE DIOCESE** to provide flexibility in the payment of Diocesan Assessment for those parishes and missions unable to do so after having used their financial resources, both operating funds and invested funds.

**WE CAN EXPECT THE TRUSTEES OF DIOCESAN FUNDS** to provide authorization for draws from or borrowings against invested funds owned by the Bishop, Diocese or Trustees benefiting parishes and missions.

**WE CAN EXPECT THE TRUSTEES OF DIOCESAN FUNDS** to provide facilities for parishes and missions to borrow against donor-restricted invested funds benefiting those parishes and missions.

**LASTLY:**

**LASTLY – NO – FIRST!!!!** We can pray, together and individually, to our God and Savior. And, worship in whatever forms are safe in today's health-threatened environment to our God and Savior, thanking the Creator of all of us that we have each other and the spirit to carry forward.

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