

ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA

Diocesan Assessments Since 2016

For the triennium 2025-2027, the Executive committee is proposing a budget that reflects an assessment “holiday”. That is, as in-person meetings of the Synod and its Council are unlikely, we are proposing a budget that would cover the ordinary expenses of the Province out of an existing financial reserve established to meet the cost of hypothetical in-person meetings. What follows is a document prepared in 2023 that gives some history of assessments in the Province from 2016 onwards.

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In 2015 Synod approved Assessments totalling \$55,000 per year for the 2016-18 Triennium.

2018 Synod gave responsibility for Ministry to the Dioceses, thus removing \$54,000 from the proposed budget for 2019-21.

Assessments for the 2019-21 Triennium were reduced to \$38,000 per year.

2018 Synod also said (Motion 14) if no in-person Synod was planned for 2021, then the unspent part of the \$60,000 budgeted for an in-person Synod was to be refunded to the Dioceses “in proportion to their contributions”.

Then-Treasurer Peter Irish calculated \$40,447 as the refundable amount, including arrears. Peter Irish and Mark Kingsbury proposed to the 2021 Synod (Motion 10) that this amount be retained and that Diocesan assessments be cancelled for the 2022-24 triennium. This motion was defeated. Later in 2021, \$53,184 was reimbursed to Dioceses, with arrears paid off.

Assessments for the 2022-24 Triennium were then set at \$9255 per year.

The Diocesan Assessments, plus \$1500 in Investment Income, are our only budgeted revenue sources. They cover the following annual budgeted expenses:

ACPO Conference	\$5000
Insurance (Property, Liability, Directors)	2000
Professional Services (Auditor)	1725
Conferencing Services (Zoom)	230
Office Supplies	150
Computer Software (Sage Accounting)	600
Bank Charges	50
Contingency/Other	<u>1000</u>
Total Annual Budget	\$10,755

Nothing was included in the 2021-2024 budget for Synod, Provincial Council, or Executive in-person meetings. nor for Elections, Consecrations, and Installations. Formerly, these had added about \$29,000 to expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Taylor, Treasurer

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