

TREASURER & DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
Report to Diocesan Convention 2024

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

I am especially grateful this year for the everyday support of Marlene Rihn, who not only ensures that invoices are paid, and deposits are made, but helps our parishes in numerous ways including processing of payroll. She is a trusted sounding board for many of our smaller parishes and an advisor to me.

Updates in 2024 through August 31:

- Based on the 2018 agreement with nine Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) parishes, annual payments totaling \$183k were received for 2023. All parishes except one, are also up to date on 2024 payments, with \$393k received for the first half of 2024. ACNA funds which remain undesignated from prior year payments include \$63k in 2020 payments, \$162k in 2021 payments, \$217k in 2022 payments, and \$90k in 2023 payments.
- Assisted 4 parishes in obtaining \$31k in grants from The Advancement Society to defray costs (St. Thomas, Oakmont, St. Andrew's, Highland Park, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, Trinity Cathedral).
- Provided payroll processing through ADP Episcopal Payroll Services to 8 parishes at significantly reduced rates. (Contact Financial Administrator Marlene Rihn for information.)
- About 20% of the clergy/lay employees enrolled in Episcopal Church Medical Trust health plans for 2024 selected Consumer Directed Health Plans (CDHPs) with Health Savings Accounts (HSAs). Bishop Ketlen donated \$500 to each HSA. Annual enrollment period for 2025 health insurance runs from October 16 through November 15. Cost of most medical insurance plans provided by CPG increased by 4% for 2025. The PPO 90 plans increased by 12%. (See 2025 Medical Benefits Guide in the Appendix section of this Preconvention Journal.)
- Approved Growth Fund grants of \$89k to 8 parishes with urgent building maintenance projects.
- 2024 Operating Budget provided \$399k in financial support to reopened parishes/parishes in need of financial assistance and \$5.5k in Community Outreach Grants to Shepherd Wellness and Sheldon Calvary Camp.
- Trustee grants provided \$23k to Sheldon Calvary Camp for summer scholarships and \$130k to Trinity Cathedral for staffing.
- The sale of St. Paul's, Monongahela to Monongahela Heritage Trust for \$75,000.
- Shared Stewardship Resources are now available on the diocesan website.
- As Treasurer of the reorganized Episcopal Church Women, supported the awarding of two scholarships and 13 grants for a total of \$25k.

Faithfully,
Elaine Zevkovich