



Episcopal Church in Idaho Diocesan Assessment Policy

Policy Title: Payment of Diocesan Assessments

Purpose:

This policy outlines the requirements and procedures for parishes within the Episcopal Church in Idaho regarding the timely payment of diocesan assessments. The purpose of these assessments is to provide essential financial support for the operations of the Bishop's office, ministry oversight by the Bishop's staff, fulfillment of canonical charges, and to meet the Diocese's obligations to the wider Episcopal Church and various local ministries throughout Idaho.

Scope:

This policy applies to all congregations canonically resident within the Diocese of Idaho.

Policy Statements:

1. Obligation for Assessment Payment:

All parishes are required to pay their diocesan assessment in full and on time, according to the percentages and directions stipulated by the canons of the Diocese and the instructions issued by the Diocesan Treasurer.

2. Purpose of Assessments:

The assessments collected by the Diocese are critical for sustaining its vital ministries and operations, which include, but are not limited to:

- Supporting the office and ministry of the Bishop.
- Providing oversight and support for clergy and congregational ministries.

- Fulfilling canonical charges and responsibilities of the Diocese as per the Constitutions and canons of the Episcopal Church.
- Meeting financial obligations to the wider Episcopal Church (e.g., General Convention assessments).
- Funding various local diocesan programs and initiatives that benefit all parishes.

3. Responsibility of Clergy and Vestries:

The clergy in charge of a parish and the Vestry are jointly responsible for ensuring adherence to this assessment policy and for making the required monthly payments to the Diocesan Office.

4. Procedure for Delayed or Incomplete Payments:

If, for any reason, a church is unable to send its assessment in full or on time, the Vestry, through its clergy or Senior Warden, must obtain a written excuse from the office of the Bishop prior to the due date.

- Failure to follow the assessment policy stipulated in the canons of the Diocese will be followed up by the actions stipulated in the canons.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Diocesan Council and the Bishop to ensure its continued effectiveness and alignment with the financial needs and canonical responsibilities of the Diocese.