

## Notes from the Diocesan Council Zoom meeting July 22<sup>nd</sup>

At the July meeting the Diocesan Treasurer presented a year to date budget report using the new accounting system the diocese has been transferring to for the past several months. He reported that the changeover took some time as all this year's transactions needed to be ported over manually, but that this new system should be an improvement. The report itself indicated that Mission Support from the parishes to the Diocese was lower than anticipated, while the Unit Fund and other sources were performing as anticipated. Since the Diocese received one of the PPP loans, the revenues overall were slightly above budget. That loan has been used to cover salary expenses of Mission Support personnel, so it is anticipated it will be forgiven. The Alleluia Fund has not had its annual appeal, but there have been contributions made as well as some disbursements by the Grants and Loans Committee.

Council was also presented with a draft of the 20201 Diocesan Budget and at the September meeting will deal with any updates and take action to approve the budget at the Annual Convention. The very modest increase in the budget as proposed is primarily a 1.5% cost of living increase for personnel. This is balanced by an anticipated increase in Mission Support from the congregations as well as the reduction in personnel expenses by utilizing Canticle Communications once the Communications Minister took another position. A small reserve fund is included for the establishment of a new position if funding, especially outside funding, becomes available.

Council heard a report from the Restart committee, especially a trial outdoor service held to evaluate the recommended protocols for such events. The Bishop indicated there would be a series of Listening Sessions to be held throughout the Diocese this fall as well as a stewardship event.

Due to the projections regarding the pandemic, the Diocesan Convention will be a virtual event this year. Further details will be forthcoming.