

CONGREGATION PLEDGES FOR 2012

NO.	NAME & LOCATION	NDI - 2010	15 %	20 %	2011 PLEDGE	2012 PLEDGE	INCREASE (DECREASE)	% OF NDI	Letter of Explanation
1	CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, LOUISVILLE	347,528.00	52,129.20	69,505.60	30,000.00	52,129.20	22,129.20	15.00%	
2	ST. LUKE'S, ANCHORAGE	397,874.00	59,681.10	79,574.80	35,000.00	40,250.00	5,250.00	10.12%	Received
3	CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, BARDSTOWN	76,205.00	11,430.75	15,241.00	12,741.30	12,192.80	(648.50)	16.00%	
4	CHRIST CHURCH, BOWLING GREEN	593,131.00	88,969.65	118,626.20	85,568.55	88,969.65	3,401.10	15.00%	
5	HOLY TRINITY, BRANDENBURG	40,372.92	6,055.94	8,074.58	5,052.00	6,050.00	1,000.00	15.01%	
6	ST. THOMAS CAMPBELLSVILLE	35,622.00	5,343.30	7,124.40	4,560.00	5,343.30	783.30	15.00%	
7	CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETHTOWN	121,120.00	18,168.00	24,224.00	13,251.90	10,979.00	(2,272.90)	9.06%	Received
8	ST. ALBAN'S, FERN CREEK	209,498.00	31,424.70	41,899.60	13,332.00	13,332.00	-	6.36%	Received
9	RESURRECTION, LOUISVILLE	83,207.00	12,481.05	16,641.40	13,561.35	1,000.00	(12,561.35)	1.20%	Received
10	TRINITY, FULTON	35,652.00	5,347.80	7,130.40	5,154.65	5,347.80	183.15	15.00%	
11	ST. PETER'S, GILBERTSVILLE	45,917.96	6,887.69	9,183.59	6,324.60	6,887.69	563.09	15.00%	
12	ST. ANDREW'S, GLASGOW	38,502.00	5,775.30	7,700.40	6,647.25	5,775.30	(871.95)	15.00%	
13	ST. FRANCIS, HARRODS CREEK	1,251,587.00	187,738.05	250,317.40	90,000.00	90,000.00	-	7.19%	Received
14	ST. PAUL'S, HENDERSON	214,911.00	32,236.65	42,982.20	12,000.00	15,000.00	3,000.00	6.98%	Received
15	ST. PAUL'S, HICKMAN	7,514.00	1,127.10	1,502.80	1,461.00	1,127.10	(333.90)	15.00%	
16	GRACE, HOPKINSVILLE	230,352.00	34,552.80	46,070.40	33,963.00	34,552.80	589.80	15.00%	
17	CALVARY, LOUISVILLE	505,355.00	75,803.25	101,071.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	9.89%	Received
18	CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, LOUISVILLE	172,256.00	25,838.40	34,451.20	26,978.55	17,225.60	(9,752.95)	10.00%	Received
20*	MESSIAH TRINITY, LOUISVILLE	53,607.00	8,041.05	10,721.40	4,800.00	5,100.00	300.00	9.51%	Received
21	OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOUR, LOUISVILLE	58,124.00	8,718.60	11,624.80	5,868.00	6,372.00	504.00	10.96%	Received
22	ST. ANDREW'S, LOUISVILLE	398,270.00	59,740.50	79,654.00	47,000.00	51,000.00	4,000.00	12.81%	Received
23	ST. CLEMENT'S, LOUISVILLE	10,150.00	1,522.50	2,030.00	1,128.20	2,030.00	901.80	20.00%	
24	ST. GEORGE'S, LOUISVILLE	29,596.00	4,439.40	5,919.20	5,318.00	4,439.40	(878.60)	15.00%	
26	ST. MARK'S, LOUISVILLE	468,457.00	70,268.55	93,691.40	71,085.00	70,268.55	(816.45)	15.00%	
27	ST. MATTHEW'S, LOUISVILLE	896,877.00	134,531.55	179,375.40	128,803.80	134,531.55	5,727.75	15.00%	
28	ST. PAUL'S, LOUISVILLE	197,786.00	29,667.90	39,557.20	13,000.00	13,000.00	-	6.57%	Received
29	ST. PETER'S, LOUISVILLE	89,641.00	13,446.15	17,928.20	7,180.00	7,500.00	320.00	8.37%	No Letter
30	ST. THOMAS', LOUISVILLE	212,243.00	31,836.45	42,448.60	25,000.00	26,530.38	1,530.38	12.50%	Received
31	ST. MARY'S, MADISONVILLE	129,939.00	19,490.85	25,987.80	14,400.00	16,920.00	2,520.00	13.02%	Received
34	ST. JOHN'S, MURRAY	134,161.00	20,124.15	26,832.20	19,903.80	20,124.15	220.35	15.00%	
35	TRINITY, OWENSBORO	301,216.00	45,182.40	60,243.20	28,596.00	30,121.80	1,525.80	10.00%	Received
36	GRACE PADUCAH	382,787.00	57,418.05	76,557.40	58,670.00	57,418.05	(1,251.95)	15.00%	
37	ST. JAMES', PEWEE VALLEY	261,152.00	39,172.80	52,230.40	19,000.00	19,000.00	-	7.28%	Received
38	TRINITY, RUSSELLVILLE	34,896.21	5,234.43	6,979.24	8,081.20	8,100.00	18.80	23.21%	
39	ST. JAMES', SHELBYVILLE	89,953.00	13,492.95	17,990.60	11,260.05	13,492.95	2,232.90	15.00%	
40	ST. LUKE'S CHAPEL, LOUISVILLE	45,971.78	6,895.77	9,194.36	8,030.00	9,194.36	1,164.36	20.00%	
	TOTALS	8,201,431.87	1,230,214.78	1,640,286.37	922,730.20	951,315.43	28,585.23		
V	Verbal Commitment								
		NDI base	\$ of Giving	% of Giving					
		8,201,431.87	1,033,380.42	12.60%					
	Giving average for 2012	8,201,431.87	951,315.43	11.60%					
	Giving average for 2011	8,249,577.00	922,730.20	11.19%					
	Giving average for 2010	8,284,631.00	975,310.50	11.77%					
	Giving average for 2009	8,256,833.75	966,760.06	11.71%					
	Giving average for 2008	7,833,171.45	993,203.03	12.68%					

SAINT LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 27, 2011


Trustees and Council
Diocese of Kentucky
425 S. Second Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Greetings All:

You will find this year that once again St. Luke's has increased its giving to the Diocese though it is not the full 15%. Due to a few realities that have hit at the same time we find it impossible to give the amount of \$59,681.10 which is regarded at 15% of \$397,874.00. The two main reasons for our dilemma is the reversal in the economy for the past year. It has many people holding on to their money and has affected pledged income this year. With the convention in November and not in February we are concerned to try and make any kind of a promise of a drastic increase, not knowing how our financial scenario will play itself out in the last quarter. The other issue affecting income is the first capital campaign since 1908. People were naturally concerned and fearful out of ignorance of never having done one before; this coupled with the worst economy in 80 years has produced real financial concerns for our budget. We have held the line on increasing salaries and programs in our parish for three straight years now. Last year we gave the Diocese an increase which represented all the money that would have gone to staff cost of living increases. Yet, we did increase our giving in 2010 and the good news is that we plan to do so again in 2011.

The pledge of \$40,250 represent a pledge of 10.1% (at least we are now at the biblical tithe level). More importantly, it represents a 15% increase over last year's pledge. As the economy improves and this parish matures where handling a capital campaign is concerned, we look forward to continuing to increase our giving in the future. We look forward to working with our Bishop and the Diocese in the year's to come.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev.'d Dr. Stanley Joe Smith +
X Rector of St. Luke

Christ Episcopal Church
PO Box 1054
Elizabethtown, Kentucky 42702-1054
September 29, 2011

Rt. Rev. Terry A. White
Bishop
Diocese of Kentucky

Dear Bishop White:

We are pleased to remit our letter of commitment to the Diocese of Kentucky for this year's contribution in support of the mission and ministry of the Church in the Diocese, nation, and world. We are aware of the adopted guidelines for all Congregations in the Diocese and continue to strive towards a minimum goal of 15% of canonical income. To that end, we are further delighted to report that we are increasing this year's apportionment from 11 to 12.5 percent over last year's commitment.

Despite falling short of our projected annual operating income for the year, Christ Episcopal Church has enjoyed the blessing of being able to maintain its previously committed to pledge, equating to a higher percentage apportioned. Thus, even though we face additional budget shortfalls, transitions and associated tough decisions ahead in 2012, we are pleased to pledge at a slightly higher percentage than recent years.

As this year's pledged percentage is an increase from previous years, we hope to continue to make positive increases towards meeting and exceeding our 15% goal minimum. Furthermore, as Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabethtown is able to gain better clarity on the transitional and fiscally rough road ahead, this Vestry and congregation will periodically and steadfastly reassess our ongoing efforts to contribute to the diocesan mission and Church relief.

Sincerely,



Jesse P. Waltz
Senior Warden

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church
Fern Creek, Kentucky 40291

October 4, 2011

Trustees and Council
The Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky
425 South Second St
Louisville, KY 40202-1417

Dear *Members of the Council,*

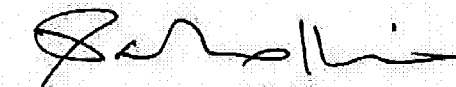
We are pleased to inform you that St. Alban's Vestry has voted to pledge the sum of \$13,332 towards the mission and ministry of the church in the Diocese of Kentucky.

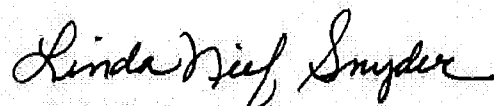
Though it is not in proportion with the Diocesan asking of 15% of the total income shown in the 2010 Parochial report, \$209,498 yet considering the present financial constraints and the uncertainty of funds to keep the doors of St. Alban's open for worship and mission, this is the maximum we could pledge.

However, please be assured as and when there is a change in our canonical income, we will certainly pay 15% of our share to the Diocese.

We are grateful to God for the joy of having our continued connection with the Diocese and immensely blessed by our Bishop's leadership and concern for the struggling parishes like ours.

With Blessings,


Rev. Aaron Paul Collins
Rector


Reid Whitacre
Senior Warden

cc: Nancy Northrop
Treasurer



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU



To members of Trustees and Council, Diocese of Kentucky
From the Vestry of Resurrection Church, Louisville
Concerning the 2012 pledge commitment to the diocese

September 30, 2011

Enclosed please find the required pledge commitment to the Diocese of Kentucky, approved by the Vestry on September 11 at our regular September meeting. I believe a cover letter is necessary due to our inability to make a pledge even close to the canonical requirement of 15%. Based on the form received that amount should be \$12,481.05.

A copy of the proposed 2012 budget for Resurrection is also enclosed. Each item is vital to continuing an active international community of faith and worship. We are still trying to find how we can reduce expenses and increase revenue. Our ministry and mission is to live and care for one another, as Christ's witnesses to the world. Given the nature of our congregation and the age and condition of our buildings and equipment, the task is not easy. Our people are giving what they are able to give, and probably more. We do not have notice of what, if any, funds will be made available for us as an aided parish. We will make appropriate adjustments on notice of financial help from the diocese. Suggestions and recommendations are gratefully accepted, assistance and prayers even more so.

You can see that the 2012 budget is bare bones. The budget is barely adequate to supply basics. If it works, it's only because clergy and congregation give above and beyond their pledges and responsibilities. They provide supplies, willing hands, and personal time to accomplish programs and projects. We have used funds from designated donations and savings to keep the doors open and programs going this year. The focus is our mutual ministry. We do the very best we can with what we have.

The pledge to the diocese of \$1000, included in the budget, is only a bit over 1.2% of the 2010 reported income. We still have a proposed budget with a deficit of \$16,074. Should we receive \$15,000 as we did last year, we will continue the ministry and worship at Resurrection with less stress and energy directed to financial concerns. If we had more money to give, we would give the diocese more.

Suzanne M. Hester +

Resurrection Episcopal Church – Draft Budget 2012

<u>Expenses</u>	
Priest	\$9000.00
Priest (Brennan)	\$12,000.00
Office administrator	\$10,800.00
Music Director/Organist	\$10,800.00
Sexton	\$5200.00
Pay Chex service fee	\$522.32
Taxes	\$1891.52
Pension	0
Banking fees	\$400.00
Insurance	\$6557.00
Workers Comp	\$500.00
Van Insurance	\$1000.00
Copier Contract	\$912.00
Office Supplies	\$1200.00
Postage	\$400.00
Publications	\$100.00
Cleaning supplies	\$240.00
Buildings and Grounds	\$4000.00
Lawn care (grass& snow)	\$640.00
Van maintenance	\$1000.00
Telephone	\$2000.00
LG&E electric	\$11,004.00
LG&E gas	\$5,484.00
Water	\$2,116.00
Fire Protection	\$100.00
ADT	\$780.00
Altar Guild (wine)	\$300.00
Sunday School	\$900.00
Music	0
Gifts	0
Hospitality	\$500.00
Van gas allowance	\$600.00
Diocesan pledge	\$1000.00
Diocesan convention	\$400.00

Expenses \$90,473.84

Deficit \$16,073.84

**The Brennan Fund money will run out in July 2012 –we will be unable to pay a regular priest at that point*

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Revenues \$74,400.00

Flowers	0
<u>Revenues</u>	
Open Plate & pledges	\$41,700.00
Rentals	\$20,700.00
Brennan Fund	\$12,000.00

St. Francis in the Fields Episcopal Church

October 21, 2011

The Rt. Rev. Terry White
Diocese of Kentucky
425 S. Second Street
Louisville, KY. 40202

Dear Terry:

In accordance with diocesan canon 16, St. Francis in the Fields is required to write a letter of explanation if we are unable to meet the full diocesan asking of 15-20% of our annual income. As we reported to Becky this morning, the Vestry met Tuesday evening, September 27, and is pleased to contribute \$90,000 towards the Diocese of Kentucky. Although this dollar amount represents the same as last and does not meet our full percentage of asking, there are several explanations:

First, we received over \$90,000 in pledges from parishioners who restrict their giving from the diocese and national church;

Secondly, nearly \$75,000 was given away this year through specified giving to many of our outreach ministries such as, Loaves and Fishes, (where we fed over 8,500 homeless last year!), Cabbage Patch, Military Care packages, emergency care needs, and various fund raisers for our several mission trips to Appalachia and the Dominican Republic. In addition we give away through our operating budget money to support such efforts as youth ministry in the inner city, Habitat for Humanity and a wide assortment of parish outreach grants that totals an additional \$75,000;

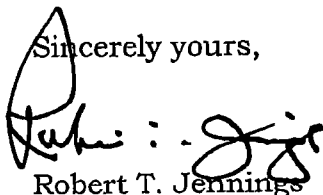
Based on our current \$1.4 million budget, (minus the \$90,000 restricted) St. Francis in the Fields is currently giving away over 20% of our income.

Third, we had in the words of our treasurer a "horrific" year in 2010 with property expenses and operations and maintenance spending of nearly \$325,000. This includes increased expenses in such categories as utilities, yard maintenance, snow removal and repairs and maintenance. These are simply not expenses that can be considered "capital" items, and it left us with a shortfall for this year.

As we look forward to 2012 we anticipate reducing some of these uncontrollable costs with our property and we are excited by the influx of new pledging households and an additional gain of parishioners transferring in. More about the statistical side to our expanded ministry--including baptisms, confirmations, and marriages--will be found in our parochial report in January.

Should you want further information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,



Robert T. Jennings
Rector

Saint Paul's Church

5 South Green Street
Henderson, Kentucky 42420-3536
A Parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky

October 6, 2011

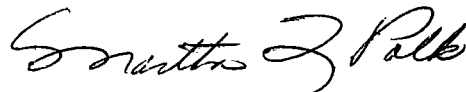
Bishop Terry White and
Trustees and Council of the
Diocese of Kentucky
425 South Second Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

Dear Bishop White, Trustees and Members of the Council

I think it unnecessary to chronicle again the financial difficulties St. Paul's has experienced since 2006. We have made great strides in repaying our debt and moving toward solvency. However, our pledged income continues to decline and return on our investments is not optimal. We are committed to calling a rector and expect to use reserves to finance the high cost of health insurance. We consider it an essential investment in the future viability of St. Paul's.

Our stewardship campaign is initiated October 31. At present we can only commit to continuing our pledge of \$15,000 for support of the diocese and hope that we can honor that from pledged income. We will do everything possible to increase our support of the diocese and continue to work toward full participation.

In faith,



Martha Q. Polk
Senior Warden



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Trustees and Council
Diocese of Kentucky

2012 Diocesan Commitment Pledge

October 21, 2011

This letter comes pursuant to Section 4 of Canon 16, Canons of the Diocese of Kentucky. Calvary Church, Louisville, has submitted a pledge that is not at least 15% of its 2010 canonical income. Our 2012 budget will include many items that will continue to be funded at reduced levels from previous years.

The structure and worship space continue to need maintenance beyond normal, and this continues to put a strain on parish funds. It has been and shall continue to be a tradition for Calvary to meet its diocesan obligations. At this time, we have little choice, and we regret that Calvary cannot give more for our 2012 pledge.

We believe that our commitment to the diocese is an essential part of our life as a parish. Because of this, we have increased our amount pledged from last year. It is our intent to continue to increase our pledge each year as we are able, in order to meet our diocesan obligation in order to support the ministries of the wider church and the Diocese of Kentucky. If our financial situation improves, we shall attempt to increase our diocesan pledge for this year.

Faithfully in Christ,

The Rev. Jonathan M. Erdman
Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church

The Church of the Advent

901 Baxter Avenue
Louisville, Kentucky 40204-2046
(502) 451-6066

October 6, 2011

Becky Meyer
Diocese of Kentucky
425 South Second Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Becky,

I am attaching the Church of the Advent's Commitment form for the 2012 Diocesan Budget. We are showing a slight increase over this year's actual payments, but of course this year is not over. However, with only \$24,000 in our savings account and no endowment we cannot budget the full 15% at this time.

We have been growing as you know and hope to be able to contribute more to the diocese in the future.

Sincerely,



Douglas Pfendler
Senior Warden

Cc: T. Mitchell, Rector
S. Dorr, Jr. Warden
R. Thomas, Treasurer

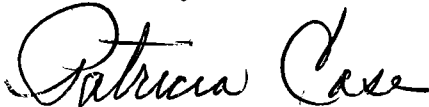
**Messiah-Trinity Church
8701 Shepherdsville Rd.
Louisville, KY 40219-1447
(502) 969-1422**

October 10, 2011

Trustees & Council
Diocese of Kentucky
425 South Second Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Our pledge was mailed September 11, 2011 but we failed to send our usual letter of explanation regarding the amount. As you are aware, we also pledge to the ELCA. Our pledge to them was for \$3400.00, which is approximately 6.5% of our income. Our pledge to the Diocese was \$5100.00, approximately 9.5% which makes the total roughly 16% of \$53,607, our income reported on the parochial report for 2010.

Yours truly,



Patricia Case
Treasurer

Church of Our Merciful Saviour
473 South 11th Street
Louisville, KY 40203
502/587-6129
September 30, 2011

Becky Myer
Controller, Diocese of Kentucky
425 South 2nd Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Re: Request for Waiver of Minimum Pledge Requirement of Canon 16, Sec. 3

The following information is provided to support the OMS Commitment to the Diocese for the 2012 Diocesan Budget:

The OMS pledge for the 2012 Diocesan budget is 11% of canonical income as reported in the OMS 2010 Parochial Report. This does not meet the minimum required by Canon, but it represents an increase of \$500+ over the annual pledge OMS pays currently.

During the current transition in OMS Vestry membership and officers and an uncertain economy, OMS has experienced reduced numbers of individuals and pledge amounts in it's most recent Stewardship campaign. However, parishioner support in giving for the first six months of 2011 has exceeded budgeted canonical income by 16%.

OMS is working to get all of these contradictory indicators moving in the correct direction. However, we feel that the 11% currently pledged for the 2012 budget is maximum commitment that OMS can make at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,



Christopher R. Redden, Sr.
Treasurer

cc: OMS Rector
OMS Senior Warden



**SAINT ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

October, 20, 2011

Trustees and Council,

First the good news:

Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church is increasing its diocesan pledge for the second straight year and is committed to making the climb to 15% by 2104. Our parish also has budgeted to comply with the canons of the national church and enroll in the diocesan health plan for the upcoming year. Additionally, we are very proud to report that all this is taking place while we are still paying for our recently completed sanctuary renovation and other capital improvements, and while giving away over \$40,000 to ministries within and beyond our diocese.

The bad news:

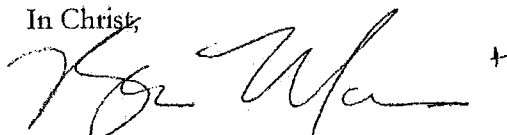
We are currently under the diocesan standard of 15%. Our current giving (\$51,000) is closer to 13%. As a member of Trustees and Council, I realize the hardships faced by the diocese and understand how critical each parish pledge is to our common mission and ministry. We are committed to that end. However, we also feel that a strong and vibrant Saint Andrew's serves the diocese not just this year, but for countless years to come. We are trying to strike that balance between these two ends.

We also are witnessing a passionate response from our congregation to our support of the food pantry partnered with Church of the Advent, our commitment to our neighborhood ministries, Cornerstone, The Academy at Saint Andrew's (and growing a scholarship fund so that those unique services can be provided to all who need them regardless of economic reality), the tutoring program for refugees at Church of the Resurrection, and much more. I can promise you that our commitment to the ministry taking place in this diocese far exceeds the 15%.

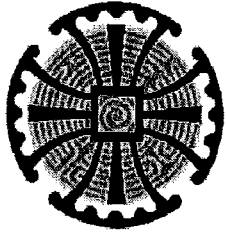
All of this generous giving and hands-on service comes from a congregation of a little over a hundred worshippers on Sunday morning (including many children). So while I am sorry we are not yet able to make our commitment for 2012, we are dedicated to getting to 15% by 2014. I could not be prouder of the people of Saint Andrew's and their growing support of our parish, ministries, and larger church.

Thank you for your understanding.

In Christ,



The Rev. Benjamin W. Maas, Rector



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Walking the Spiritual Journey

October 21, 2011

Trustees and Council
Diocese of Kentucky
425 So. 2nd Street, Suite 200
Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Trustees and Members of Council:

We are pleased to increase our pledge to \$16,000 (8.09% of 2010 NDI) for the support of the Diocese and greater Church in 2012. Unfortunately, while we remain enthusiastic about our future together, our sizable deficit budget prevents us from meeting our canonical obligation. Being aware of our collective responsibility in supporting our common mission and ministry, we note that only four parishes with smaller NDIs give more (and two of those receive some financial support from the diocese), while four parishes with larger NDIs give less on a percentage basis. We believe perhaps we should consider revising our canon on diocesan funding to reflect a more progressive approach, to recognize the reality that some smaller parishes are unable to meet their canonically required giving without receiving diocesan support, and to implement a procedure for diocesan oversight in those circumstances where parishes do not give their canonically requested amount.

We believe we continue to be faithful stewards of our resources, and welcome any questions or review of our financial records and budget.

The Rev. Mark R. Feather, Rector

Mike Sims, Senior Warden



St. Thomas Episcopal Church
9616 Westport Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40241
(502) 425-3727

The St. Thomas Vestry has voted to continue to increase our pledge to the Diocese to 12.5% this year. While this amount is less than the expected 15% , we are running a \$30,000 deficit budget this year. Due to losses in membership during the rector search in 2010 and recent losses this summer in pledge income with the deaths of six parishioners, the amount that we are pledging (\$26,530.38) is actually 14.5% of our projected income for 2012.

We hold the 15% commitment to the Diocese in high priority in our budgeting process and plan to continue to increase our pledge as much as we can each year until we are compliant with the Canons.

Yours in Christ,

The Rev. Anne Vouga, Rector

Lanier Siewertsen, Treasurer

Harvey Roberts, Senior Warden

The Rev. Anne Vouga, Rector



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September 8, 2011

Trustees and Council
The Diocese of Kentucky
425 South Second Street Suite 200
Louisville, KY 40202-1430

Dear Council:

This letter is to fulfill the Canon 16 requirement that a letter of explanation accompany our diocesan pledge that is less than the 15% expectation.

As you know, St. Mary's is a parish located in a small town in western Kentucky. We had been experiencing no growth over the past two years as any additions only equaled those who moved or passed away. Funding for our ministries has not been a critical issue, but has taken constant vigilance. We have been blessed with our vestry members, treasurer and Deacon who have kept St. Mary's in such good order, both physically and financially. With these demographics we still increased our pledge in 2011 to a bit over 12% in hope that all would be well with our income. We have experienced some unexpected growth over the last year and are even more hopeful about our future. With that in mind we are continuing our increase this year to 13%. The Vestry and the leadership here are dedicated to increasing our pledge each year until we can reach the full 15%.

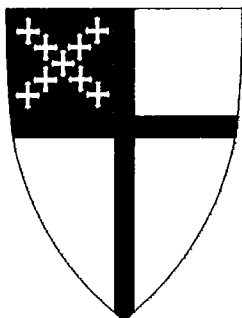
We thank you for your support and ask your prayers for our continued success in spreading the gospel to the people of Hopkins and surrounding counties.

Yours in Christ,

The Very Rev. Candyce Loescher
Rector

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October 19, 2011

Dear Trustees and Council:

Trinity Church, Owensboro has not yet completed its Every Member Canvass. When the canvass is completed we will have a clearer assessment of what we will be able to honor as our apportionment. It is our intention to give 15% of our NDI if the 2012 pledges allow. As for now, we have pledged 10% of our NDI to the 2012 diocesan budget. This is based on last year's giving.

Faithfully,

The Rev. G. Patterson Connell

cc: The Rt. Rev. Terry Allen White

Becky Meyer

From: Jim Trimble [jim.trimble@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 20, 2011 3:32 PM
To: Becky Meyer
Subject: Re: Letter of Explanation

Our letter is embedded in this email, rather than as an attachment:

Dear Trustees and Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky,

It is our pleasure and honor to provide this year's diocesan assessment to go towards the mission and ministry of the greater Church. It is with regret, however, that it could not be more towards the 15% requirement. This is something that we continue to strive towards at St. James', especially in this rough economy.

Grace and Peace,
(The Rev.) Jim Trimble
St. James' Episcopal Church
Pewee Valley, KY
20 October 2011

On Wed, Oct 19, 2011 at 12:36 PM, Becky Meyer <beckym@episcopalky.org> wrote:

Afternoon Jim,

Thanks for the 2012 Commitment Form. I did not receive the letter of explanation regarding the St. James' pledge being less than 15%.

Would you please forward me a copy of the letter so I can have it for Convention?

Thanks for your help.

Becky

Becky Meyer

Controller

10/20/2011

Ms Becky Meyer
Diocese of KY
425 S. 2nd Street Ste 200
Louisville KY 40202
November 2, 2011

Dear Becky,

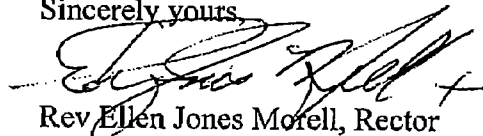
This letter is late not because I do not take seriously the responsibility of each parish to support the work of the diocese. Rather it is late because I do take this responsibility very seriously and I have had a hard time responding to your request for our commitment for 2012. The reality is that we do not have enough money to support our own local programs and ministry. For some years we have been relying on the generosity of another parish and our ability to use money from our savings. The other parish has fulfilled their commitment to us and our savings are dwindling at an alarming pace. Therefore although our pledge of \$7,500 is less than you have requested it is as much as we can prudently give to support the diocesan ministry. We have cut our expenses to the bone, reducing my position as rector to half-time, taking over the cleaning responsibilities ourselves and relying on the generosity of a member to provide the lawn care. Unfortunately I have no reason to think that our situation is going to improve dramatically in the foreseeable future.

I also understand and appreciate the fact that the diocese has taken similar cost-cutting measures. I was truly grieved to learn that it was necessary to let two wonderful people go. They are missed and although those of you left at the diocesan office are doing your best to maintain the services the reality is that it is impossible no matter how hard you try.

The next few years are going to be lean, difficult years. But often the difficult years are the years in which rebirth happens. As the Episcopal Church in the diocese of Kentucky goes forward we will find ways to expand our ministry and serve God here in this time and this place.

Even in these times of financial shortfalls we at St Peters and in the diocese of KY are richly blessed. Let us focus on our assets and with God's help we will thrive.

Sincerely yours,



Rev Ellen Jones Morell, Rector