

Episcopal Church Women of Delaware

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To: Judith Gregory - Canon for Finance and Administration
Frank Daniels - Treasurer
Finance Committee of Diocesan Council

Re: Budget Request for 2022 - 2024

Historical Background.

Support to the ECW - Delaware from Diocesan Council has only one purpose: to enable our officers/delegates to attend required meetings. These meetings include the Province III ECW Annual Meeting, Province III Synod meeting in the year of the General Convention and Triennial, and the Triennial Meeting held concurrently with General Convention. We are very conservative in our expenses. Our women share hotel rooms, are on a strict budget for meals, and we always search for a budget friendly airline reservation.

Diocesan Council has supported our participation in these required meetings with a yearly amount of \$2500, which is used for transportation, room and board, and registration costs. The expenses at Triennial Meeting/General Convention are by far the most costly. We set the amount aside for the three years of the Triennium, and use it for that meeting. Because the Triennial Meeting and General Convention were pushed back a year, we did not request the \$2500 amount last year. The Province III Annual meetings for 2020 and 2021 were held by Zoom, so we had only modest registration expenses for those years.

All of our other expenses for our own Annual Meeting and Luncheon, held each October, and for our outreach projects and yearly donations to various charitable organizations are self-funded. For instance, this year we needed to replace the Book of Remembrance, where we record yearly the names of all women from the Diocese who have died. That project has been funded through donations. We charge attendees for Annual Meeting and Luncheon.

Our Request.

We have set aside the \$7500 given to us for the Baltimore Triennial and General Convention. Transportation costs for this meeting will be modest. The 2024 General Convention and Triennial is being held in Louisville, Kentucky, so our expenses will again include a higher amount for transportation. Our request to the Diocesan Council for the budget years 2022 - 2024 is for \$2500 each year.