



Nothing will separate us
from the Love of God in Christ Jesus

— Romans 8:38-39

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As you look at the council's budget for 2022, we encourage you to take the time to see how the money we have is spent. We could not do any of what we do without the financial support provided by our parishes, and we thank you for being part of this work.

The first items you see in the budget are The Episcopal Church in Delaware's donations to the Episcopal Church at large and Province III – overarching organizations that connect us to one another in programs and worship. There are many resources in our umbrella organizations which individual parishes and dioceses can use to learn, grow, and stay connected to one another.

The next items fall under the banner of Mission. Mission is WHY we do what we do and includes support for Stewardship through our dues to the Episcopal Network for Stewardship; Congregational Development; Invite, Welcome, Connect; Hispanic Ministries; our vital Diaconate Program; the Curacy program; Racial Justice and Reconciliation; and Global Mission.

Support for youth and education is the next category in our budget. Here you will find support for Camp Arrowhead, Education for Ministry, Conferences, Youth Ministry and Education and the Episcopal Youth Event.

Leadership and committees/commissions are the work we do for each other to keep our connections open between diocesan conventions. New to this year's budget is financial support for our growing efforts in Stewardship, which is a priority of Bishop Brown's. This category also includes Safe Church training, transition support for parishes, clergy wellness, Standing Committee; Diocesan Council and ECW are covered in these categories.

Detailed reports are printed in the Convention Guidebook or will be given in person during the convention to help us all understand how vital our financial support for our programs is. New this year, are some narratives that provide insight into the specific budgets. These include youth, Commission on Ministry, clergy of clergy/wellness, congregational development, ECW, ESL at St. Paul's Georgetown, Primeros Pasos, the Hispanic Community at Trinity Parish, and the Racial Justice Commission. The work at the diocesan level supports the connections we share and the ability of our parishes to work toward the larger goal of being God's Kingdom in Delaware. The council and the finance committee have worked hard to provide all that is needed out of what we are given. Again, we thank you for your support for this good work.