

Resolution 2020-001(R) **15% Asking**

Whereas, Historically, the Diocesan Asking of General Convention for contributions to the budget of The Episcopal Church(TEC) by a diocese has been at 19%. General Convention Resolution 2015-D013 was a compromise that lowered the Diocesan Asking to 15% along with a change to **TEC Title I Canon I.4.6(f)** which now reads “Full payment of the diocesan assessment(asking) shall be required of all Dioceses, effective January 1, 2019” The idea was that if all dioceses paid the 15% Asking then TEC Budget would be met. The diocesan asking percentage is set by General Convention.

2018 General Convention Resolution A225 (Adopt the Budget of The Episcopal Church) asks the following: “The funding policy for the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 is adopted based on a single Asking of the dioceses. After a \$140,000 exemption from total income, a single Asking shall be applied at a flat rate of 15%, in each year 2019, 2020 and 2021 of the balance of income to the diocese, reported in the diocesan financial statements for the year two years prior to the year to which the pledge is applied.”

The Episcopal Diocese of Florida is 1 of 6 out of 103 domestic dioceses of TEC that does not pay the full 15% Asking. The Diocese of Florida currently pays 10.7%. The Finance Committee of the Executive Council of TEC has graciously allowed dioceses not currently at the 15% Asking level to request a waiver if the diocese makes a commitment to move towards the full asking. Failure to receive such a waiver shall render the diocese ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society (The Episcopal Church) unless approved by Executive Council. This would include UTO grants.

Resolved, The Episcopal Diocese of Florida shall move towards the required 15% Asking to The Episcopal Church as follows:

11% 2020
12% 2021
13% 2022
14% 2023
15% 2024 and future years.

Resolved, Resolved, In support and furtherance of the purpose of this resolution, the parishes and missions of the Diocese of Florida shall move towards a 11.25% Asking to the Diocese of Florida as follows:

10.25% 2020
10.50% 2021
10.75% 2022
11.00% 2023
11.25% 2024 and future years.

Rationale: Parish giving to the diocese does not match diocesan giving to The Episcopal Church dollar for dollar. This is a giving on a percentage of a percentage basis. Acknowledging and understanding that money is most effective in ministry at the local level, and still wanting to make sure diocesan ministries are not the only ministries adversely affected by the change in canonical giving requirements, the churches will support the diocesan budget in a way that makes upstream giving revenue neutral.

Resolved, The Bishop of Florida will appoint a representative(s) to work with The Rev. Mally Ewing Lloyd, Chair of Executive Council's Finance and Assessment Review Committee to submit the required paperwork to grant a waiver to the Diocese of Florida for the 2019-2021 and 2022-2024 triennials. The appointment will remain in effect as needed until the full asking is being paid by the Diocese of Florida.