

Highlights from the December Bishop's Committee meeting

The December meeting was held jointly on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Gary Dozier opened the meeting with a meditation on the history and meaning of Advent. After reviewing celebrations and pastoral concerns and approving minutes of the November meetings, the group tackled shared concerns. Here are some key highlights:

- We reviewed plans for Christmas and Epiphany, including our first live-streamed service, the Epiphany Feast of Lights, planned for Jan. 3 at 5 p.m.
- We heard a final report from our Stewardship Team. Christ Church had a slight increase in pledges over 2020, with 7 increased pledges vs. 1 decreased. There was one lost pledge and no new pledges. At Trinity Church, the total was down from 2020 due to six households moving away or declining to pledge for the new year. There were 8 increases and 4 decreases – plus one new pledge.
- The “broad brush strokes” of our 2021 budgets show a desire to break those into two half-year segments for each church: one for Jan.-June reflecting current projected expenditures; the other for July-Dec. reflecting search costs and other expenses related to our clergy transition after Fr. Chip's retirement.
- It was agreed that our “in lieu of poinsettias” outreach drive would fund local outreach that has been affected by the pandemic. This will be accomplished by way of the Vicar's Discretionary Fund.
- We heard an update on our upcoming clergy transition. A joint meeting of the two Bishop's Committees was to be held earlier in Dec. to move this into its next phase.
- Bishop +Rob has announced his visitation date: the weekend of May 15/16. God willing, this will be “live and in person,” but if the pandemic has not abated by then, virtual services and events may be needed.

At **Christ Church**, plans for a virtual Annual Meeting were refined. We now have a “punch list” of maintenance items in the Rectory. A capital fund drive is anticipated in 2021 to fund these and help us repay our ceiling loan. Little Blessings continues to cope as best they can with reduced enrollments and staff limitations to meet safety standards for COVID-19. Thanks to the PPP program and two other grants, they will financially end the year “in the black.” A financial review of our 2019 books has now been completed, and our financial procedures passed muster as being sound.

At **Trinity Church**, results of the virtual Holly Berry Fair were shared, as well as steps needed in preparation for a virtual Annual Meeting in January. We are continuing to look at ideas for a columbarium at Trinity Church, and Trinity is likely to have its own capital drive in 2021 for this and other purposes. Due to our clergy transition, we operate under two half-year budgets in 2021: one for Jan.-June while Fr. Chip is still with us; the other for July-Dec., after he retires. The Wardens and Treasurers of both churches will meet jointly in early Jan. to hammer out details. Trinity will undergo its own financial review within the coming week.

See over for November financial statements.

November financial reports

Christ Church					
	November	2020	Year-to- Date	2020 Budget	% YTD
Pledge Income	\$2,927		\$30,845	\$36,452	85%
Other Income	\$3,126		\$26,159*	\$38,902	67%
Total Income	\$6,053		\$57,004*	\$75,354	76%
Total Expenses	\$6,988		\$56,994	\$75,352	76%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$935)		\$ 10	\$ 2	
Trinity Church					
	November	2020	Year-to- Date	2020 Budget	% YTD
Pledge Income	\$ 6,230		\$ 75,386	\$76,868	92%
Other Income	\$ 1,996		\$42,966*	\$47,332	91%
Total Income	\$ 8,226		\$113,643*	\$124,200	92%
Church Exp.	\$ 3,263		\$ 75,385	\$85,703	88%
Hobbs H. Exp.	\$ 1,222		\$ 16,043	\$19,985	80%
Dio. Fair Share	\$ 1,548		\$ 13,060	\$14,728*	89%
Total Expenses	\$ 6,033		\$104,488	\$120,416	87%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$2,193		\$ 9,155	\$ 3,784	

*includes PPP proceeds