

POLICY: GUIDELINES FOR ARREARAGES IN APPORTIONMENTS

REVIEWED: By Executive Council

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1. Apportionments shall be deemed accepted by each congregation as set forth in the annual Budget Report to the Diocesan Convention, unless adjusted as hereinafter provided.
2. Proposed Apportionments shall be set forth in the draft Annual Budget prepared by the Executive Council. If any congregation feels that such Apportionment is impossible for the congregation to achieve, a hearing shall be held by the Executive Council prior to Diocesan Convention. Any adjustment made will become part of the Annual Budget Report to Convention.
3. If no adjustment is made before Diocesan Convention the Apportionment shall be deemed to be accepted by the congregation. Non-payment of any of the apportionment shall be an arrearage.
4. If any congregation incurs an arrearage for any year the congregation may make arrangements through the Executive Council to pay off the arrearage, in any manner mutually agreeable to the congregation and the Council.
5. Any congregation which is current in its present-year apportionment and is either not in arrears on any prior apportionment, or has made arrangements with the Executive Council to pay off the arrearage, and is current on such pay off shall be deemed to be in compliance with the canonical requirements for voting at Diocesan Convention.
6. Apportionment arrearages shall be carried from one fiscal year to the next year. Current payments will be credited to the current year apportionment first and then applied to arrearages provided that a specific plan has been presented to and approved by the Executive Council for the payment of the arrearage.
7. No Deputy shall be allowed to vote in any session of any Convention or Special Convention, if the Congregation sending such deputy has failed to pay its apportionment through the last previous completed quarter of the fiscal year unless the Deputies from such a Congregation are allowed to vote by a majority vote of the Convention. (Constitution of the Diocese of Eau Claire, Article IV Sec 5). This same standard shall be applied to arrearages from previous years and to any payment plans arranged between the congregation and the Executive Council under these guidelines.