

DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY

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Subject: Clergy Contributory Moving Fund

The moving fund was established by action of Synod in May, 1972. Its purpose is to aid parishes, especially small ones, in the high cost of clergy moves. It is funded by assessments paid by parishes, such funds held by Synod, until disbursed to parishes as aid to moving costs.

The amount of the assessment and the amount of grants are adjusted from time to time by the Diocesan Council.

The monthly assessment is due continuously, including periods of clergy vacancy.

In Shared Ministries, Anglican congregations are responsible for the assessment (perhaps with negotiated portions covered by United congregations) where the Incumbent is (or will be) a United Church pastor. Benefits of the fund are available if contributions on behalf of the position have been paid.

SUBJECT: Moving Fund

The parish contributions to the Moving Fund were originally \$10.00 per month and remained that rate for several years. During that period the grant available to parishes to assist with the cost of moving in a new incumbent increased to \$1500.00. This meant that it would be 12.5 years before a parish had contributed \$1500.00 to the fund. Because the majority of moves were on the average of every five years, the moving fund had been in a deficit position for a number of years and the deficit was increasing.

For this reason the Diocesan Administration Committee increased the monthly parish contributions to \$25.00 per month effective June 1, 1990.

With moving costs rising, the Diocesan Council increased the parish contributions to \$50.00 per month effective January 1, 1997 and increased the moving grant to \$3000.00.

In June 2004, the Diocesan Council increased the Moving Grant to \$5000.00 effective June 2004 and decreased the parish monthly contribution to \$25.00 per month effective January 1, 2005.